

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, February 1st, 2012

Michicana Shores Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19.20 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll call of officers indicated officers present, President Gerry Kabelman, 1st Vice President Denny Sexton, and 2nd Vice President Rob Gruener. Absent Sec/Treasurer Bill Long.

Roll call of departments indicated 12 departments represented with 21 members present.

The donations received for dinner was in the amount of \$63.93, 50/50 total being \$66 with \$33 to winner Jerry Sirk.

January minutes were presented. Motion by Mike Moran with support from Mike Davidison to approve the minutes. Motion Carried

Treasurers Report was presented for review. Motion by Mike Davidison with support from Mike Chastian the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

There were no bills submitted for payment

COMMUNICATIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth – Mike Davidison

- Simulcast dead line is March 1st, a lot has to be done before then. See Chiefs' Association notes.

Emergency Management: Corey Burks – Rocky Adams.

- Corey has injured his leg and may be bedridden for 3 weeks. Contact Mike Bradley if need someth

DNR: Paul Rogers

- New contact 269-673-5819 Office 269-355-0309 Cell rogersp5@michigan.gov

Chiefs' Association: Mike Davidison –

- Burn training trailer activity continues. The trailer has been ordered and should be on display this coming April at FDIC. Need list of names to become the trainers, get them to Mike by March 17th as training will happen once trailer is delivered.
- Reminder the chief's meetings are being held monthly. **Next meeting on Feb. 15th at 6:30 PM.**

Dispatch: Denny Sexton –

- Training for dispatcher for Simulcast is started.

Training Committee: Tom Hall/Skip Munson) –

- No Report.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman –

- A few updates have just come in, also Gerry will be working Karen Klug, Ron Bush and Corey Burks to include the equipment typing into the Resource Directory, which will allow one list of equipment to meet both needs. This will take some time and effort to complete.

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- Rocky summarized the annual report in that they had 16 calls in 2011, the detailed report will be posted in early March on the Sheriff's web site.

Sheriff: Paul Bailey-

- No Report, sheriff not available.

OLD BUSINESS: -

- Annual Audit is due, but with Bill Long out of town due to family death, it has not been done yet.

NEW BUSINESS: -

- Jerry Sirk and Connie Kepner from Red Cross were in attendance and reminded everyone about the Emergency Disaster Relief phone numbers 269-556-6919 or 269-683-3180 (8:30 AM to 5:00 PM) or any other hours 800-936-3705. **“When help can't wait, the Red Cross is here.”**
- Ken Nemes from Medflight offered training on the services that Medflight has available, call Ken at 574-647-3473. Ken also provided hat as a door prize, won by Jeff Moses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pancake breakfast this Sunday at Bertrand Township Fire Department 8 AM to 11 AM.

Host Chief Jim Imes thanked everyone for coming and all of those involved in the evening's dinner.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Craig Brett and supported by Mike Moran. Motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 19:55 hours with a demonstration of low cost hose nozzles by TFT and Vehicle Stabilizers from Paratech presented by Tom Steindler of Fire Service, Inc., they also have training staff available for extrication equipment call him at 219-405-0521.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Kabelman

**The next meeting will be held on March 7th, 2012
at New Buffalo City Fire Department
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**