

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, July 11, 2011

North Berrien Fire Department Station 1

Meeting called to order at 19.30 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, Sec/Treasurer Bill Long.

Roll call of departments indicated 15 departments represented with 47 members present.

The donations received for dinner is in the amount of \$127 and 50/50 was \$86.

June minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mike Moran with support from Bill Martindale to approve the minutes. Motion Carried

Treasurers Report was submitted for review. A motion was made by Skip Munson with support from Tom Wicker to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

There were no bills submitted for payment.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth –

- None

Emergency Management: Corey Burks –

- Reminded everyone with the hot, dry weather to use caution issuing burn permits. Keep your firefighters hydrated. Remember that the Red Cross is available to help with rehab.
- The “Lest We Forget” Event went very well and was received well by the public. The Red Bud Motocross Event went very well; much better than last year; with heat exhaustion the main concern.

DNR:

- None

Chiefs' Association: Mike Davidson –

- The first burn training trailer has arrived. The second trailer should arrive within the next week or so. Training of the individuals who signed up to run the trailers will be July 27/28. A public viewing will take place August 4th from 1000-1400 hours at the Meijer in Stevensville. All departments are encouraged to bring a truck. Chiefs need to get their donor names to Chief Burkett or Chief Stover so they can be included in the Herald Palladium Thank You ad.
- Simulcast grant moving forward and could be completed as early as the end of August.
- A motion was made by Mike Davidson with support from Mike Moran to split the cost of purchasing 10 Bibles with the Chiefs Association. Motion carried.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton –

- Handed out the proposed Berrien County Narrowband VHF Fire System spreadsheet.

- Reminded everyone to be conscientious about being on scene for hours at a time in this current heat wave. Remember to think about sun screen and other hot weather factors.

Training Committee: Skip Munson –

- Skip handed out the applications for FFI & II. He reminded everyone that they need to be filled out correctly and checks need to be sent with the applications. If they are not filled out correctly they will be returned. Schedules will come later. Class limited to 35 students.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman –

- The directory was updated last week. Any updates please get to Gerry for posting.

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- The past month was quiet. The 2012 Emergency Response Guide Books have been distributed to the departments.
- There will be Hazmat IQ Training on July 30th. See the BCFA website for more information.

SHERIFF: Paul Bailey-

- Let everyone know that Tim Gaines is retiring and a potluck has been planned for Friday at noon.

OLD BUSINESS: -

- None

NEW BUSINESS: -

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Tom Wicker reminded everyone that he needs a patch for the Fair Grounds Board. He will be signing firefighters up for volunteering during the fair at the August BCFA meeting.
- Corey stated that Bridgman is bringing their Smoke Trailer to the fair this year in place of Little Squirt. They will be needing help with presentations. There will be a pancake breakfast Saturday Morning to raise award monies for the exhibitors in Bldg. 34.
- The Bridgman Street Dance is this weekend from 1900-0100 hours (or so).
- Steve Woolay spoke about the Glad Peach Festival Aug. 3rd-5th in Coloma. He reminded everyone they will be having a pancake breakfast and water ball tournament.
- A reminder of the Niles Burn Run July 14th-15th.

Host Assistant Chief Dave Woodward thanked the ladies auxiliary and everyone for coming. They have a few tables with extra equipment for sale. Place a bid if anyone is interested.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Moran and supported by Chad Berkholder. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 20.03 hours.

Program: Water Safety & Rescue; **FLIP-FLOAT-FOLLOW**; presented by Bob Pratt and Dave Benjamin

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Long

The next meeting will be held on August 1, 2012

at Berrien Springs-Fairgrounds

Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.