

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, August 1, 2011

Berrien County Youth Fair

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. Absent Sec/Treasurer Bill Long.

Roll call of departments indicated 20 departments represented with 47 members present.

The donations received for dinner is in the amount of \$120 and 50/50 was \$90 (\$45).

June minutes were presented. A motion was made by John Bowman with support from Ron Koebel to approve the minutes. Motion Carried

Treasurers Report was submitted for review. A motion was made by Ron Burkett with support from Robin Sanders to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

One bill submitted for the Korn Dogs \$300.23, approved to pay, motion by Dan Cronin and with support by Donnie Johnson, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fair manager, Lana Stover Henderson talked about improvements and changes to the fair this year. Note, fuel tanks have been moved out of the grand stand area.

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.
- Palisades testing will be coming the fall and DC Cook next summer.

DNR:

- None

Chiefs' Association: Mike Davidson –

- The both burn trailer trailers are here and setup and training of the trainers has started. 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.
- Simulcast grant moving forward, testing should start soon and could be completed in September.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton –

- 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: Tom Hall/Skip Munson –

- Tom 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 are out. Class limited to 35 students. First come first served. Classes start Sept. 25th.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman –

- No new updates. Any updates please get to Gerry for posting.

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- The past month was quiet.

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 after tonight's meeting. Also please view the updates to the BCYF fire station, a thank you to Tom and his family for the much needed improvements. Also think about possible new landscaping around the fire station.
- 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.
- The Glad Peach Festival Aug. 3rd-5th in Coloma.
- Run for Wellness with August 25th at 9:00 AM, go to www.active.com for information and registration.
- Weesaw to host pancake breakfast August 26th.
- Ride to Remember to support the Red Cross will be September 9th, 2012.
- Pancake breakfast Saturday after the fair to thank the volunteers.
- Buchanan City will be dedicating the Fire Bell on September 29th.

Host Chief Bruce Stover left on rescue call, Tom Wicker Berrien County Youth Fair thanked everyone for coming and those that help make the Korn Dogs.

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

Meeting adjourned at 20.10 hours.

Program: Berrien County Youth Fair Update as discussed throughout the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Kabelman/Denny Sexton (as Bill Long was working a double to allow him to be at the burn trailers on August 4th).

**The next meeting will be held on September 5th, 2012
at Royalton Township (subject will be Elevators as in people movers)
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**