

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
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Wednesday, April 03, 2013

Watervliet Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 1943 hours by President Rob Gruener.

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

Roll call of departments indicated 14 departments represented with 26 members present.

The donations received for dinner is in the amount of \$75 and 50/50 was \$25.

March minutes were not available. A motion was made by Gerry Kabelman with support from Craig Brent to table approval of the minutes until the May 2013 meeting. Motion Carried

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

With the treasurer's audit from 2012 complete and approved, a motion was made by Mike Davidson with support from Robin Sanders to pay the treasurer the annual sum of \$365. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Rocky Adams handed out the 2013 Community Recycling Events Flyer.
- First Due Fire Supply is hosting an Open House and Extrication Competition July 20th at the Fair Grounds in Berrien Springs.
- A flyer to support the American Red Cross April 23, 2013 from 4:00 – 8:00 pm at your local Pizza Hut was handed out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth –

- Mike Davidson reported that the New Buffalo Tower is up and running. Now radios and pagers from New Buffalo City and Township can be reprogrammed.

Emergency Management: Corey Burks –

- No report

DNR:

- No report

Chiefs' Association: Mike Davidson –

- Nothing to report

Dispatch: Denny Sexton –

- No report

Training Committee: Corey Burks –

- Skip Munson reported that April 20th is the testing date for FFI & II. They need more help and five engines for the testing at the Berrien Springs Fair Grounds. April 14th is the practical review.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman –

- Nothing to report

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- Reported one incident at Coloma Frozen Foods where bad chemicals were mixed with unfavorable results. They were assisted by Niles HazMat, Watervliet Fire and North Berrien Fire.

Sheriff: Paul Bailey-

- No report

OLD BUSINESS: -

- President Rob Gruener read through the proposed changes to the BCFA Constitution that has been before the body for the last few months for discussion. A motion was made by Frank DeLaTorre with support by Craig Brent to approve the changes as presented. By a show of hands 21 yeah and 5 opposed the motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS: -

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chief Jones reported that the Watervliet Fire Department is again hosting a waterball tournament the weekend of July 13th.

Host Chief Jones thanked everyone for coming.

Program: Chief Mike Davidson gave a handout; Live Burn Trailers Information and Schedule; to everyone and spoke about the upcoming fire simulator training.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Skip Munson with support by Craig Brent. Motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2055 hours.

Frank DeLaTorre won the 50/50 of \$12.50.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Long

**The next meeting will be held on May 6, 2013
at Weesaw Twp. Fire Department
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**