

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
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Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Weesaw Township Fire Department

Meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by President Rob Gruener.

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

Roll call of departments indicated 14 departments represented with 34 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$79.00 and 50/50 was \$80.00.

March and April minutes were presented. A motion was made by Gerry Kabelman with support from Dennis Graham to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was verbally presented. A motion was made by Craig Brent with support from Dan Cronin to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried.

COMUNICATIONS:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth-

- None

Emergency Management: Corey Burks-

- Corey reported that the annual exercise with DC Cook is coming in June. FEMA will be specifically evaluating I/C and Staging evolutions.
- Reminded everyone that we are in the festival/event season. Please send schedules to the EOC so necessary pre-planning can be completed.
- Storm season is also upon us. Corey encouraged everyone to pass on the importance of the NOAA battery back-up receivers. A great source of information in the darkness of night.

DNR:

- None

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-

- None

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- Denny reported that the last person to train for dispatch is in training making them fully staffed.
- Encouraged everyone to get out into their coverage area and find areas that are dead spots for radio transmission.

Training Committee: Corey Burks-

- Corey reported that the FFI & II class is complete. Only had a total of four failures (3 test, 1 practical). Corey wanted to thank all departments and personnel who assisted throughout the class and with the practical exam testing. Corey will inform everyone when graduation ceremony will take place.

Resource Directory/Webmaster: Gerry Kabelman-

- Nothing to report.

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- Nothing to report.

Sherriff: Paul Bailey-

- Sherriff informed everyone of the upcoming County Commissioners' Meeting tomorrow night in Galien.
- The new addition in the jail receiving area will soon be going out for bid.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Gerry Kableman reported that on a recent incident they were assisted by the Red Cross who did a great job. He advised if you will need them to call them as soon as possible into the incident as it takes them a little bit of time to arrive on scene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sodus Township Fire will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary May 19th from 1-3 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.
- It was reported that both Buchanan and Lincoln Fire departments are having pancake breakfasts. The dates were not known.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Berrien & Cass have a new program called "Bigs in Uniform". If anyone would like to assist contact Erin Grishaber 269-684-1100 ext. 2# or Wendy Mangelsdorf ext. 1#.

Host Assistant Chief Jack Hojara thanked everyone for coming. He was also the winner of the 50/50.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gerry Kabelman with support from Craig Brent. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1955 hours to a presentation by Jim Cassidy from the Sherriff Departments Victim Services Unit (VSU). Should you need their assistance you can call 269-983-7141 ext. 7242.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Long

**The next meeting will be held on June 3, 2013
At Baroda Fire Department
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**

