

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
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Wednesday, August 7, 2013

Berrien County Youth Fair

Meeting was called to order at 1940 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 22 departments represented with 81 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$181.00 and 50/50 was \$72.00.

July minutes were presented. A motion was made by Frank DeLaTorre with support from Paul Rainwater to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was verbally presented. A motion was made by Gerry Kableman with support from Mike Davidson to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried.

There was one bill submitted for payment, corndog dinner for \$216.33. A motion was made by Denny Sexton and supported by Frank DeLaTorre to pay bill. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Rob reported that Benton Harbor Fire Department is facing some serious budgetary issues and will not be able to host next month's meeting. Therefore it was decided to move each department on the list up a month to fill the void.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth-

- No report

Emergency Management: Chris Corteville-

- Chris reported that he has been working on the updates for the TIC Plan and would appreciate everyone getting their updates to him as soon as possible. Please call with any questions 269-519-0011.

DNR:

- None

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-

- Mike reported normal day to day business. Still having receiver transmitting issues in South County. Waiting on the grounding cable for south county tower.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- The simulcast grant has been fulfilled still waiting on afore mentioned grounding cable.
- They will be doing site trunking the week of August 12th.

Training Committee: Skip Munson / Corey Burks-

- Skip handed out the FFI&II packages and reminded everyone to register their candidates with the state. The class schedule can be found online.
- Corey reported that there are currently 11 students for the High School Class. Please pass the word.

Resource Directory/Webmaster: Gerry Kabelman-

- Gerry reported that he updated the LINKS pages on the BCFA website.

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- No Hazmat calls to report.

Sherriff: Paul Bailey-

- Reported that the department has been busy over the summer with extra patrols in Benton Harbor and the gas line in Niles.
- The Sherriff thanked Corey Burks for his years of service in managing Emergency Management. Corey will be moving to supervision of the Jail. Mike Bradley will assume the Emergency Management duties until a replacement can be found.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- American Red Cross 9/11 Ride to Remember September 8th. Please see flyer.
- Baroda Fest is September 7th.
- October 5th Lincoln Twp. Fire is hosting an Extrication Class. Please contact Scott Wiederwax for more information.
- Dale Stover reported that he is back in the area working and is available to assist anyone with information on the various grants and funding.

Host Chief Bruce Stover thanked everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Corey Burks with support from Don Johnson. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2010 hours. Corey Burks thanked everyone for the many years of volunteer service everyone has provided in helping out at the Fairgrounds. Chief Stover reported that the procedures Tom Wicker has put into place with regard to the fire protection at the fairgrounds will remain in place. The main station will be located this year at the south station; fire ground 5 will be used. Once again Board-Up has graciously donated 18 cases of water, Thank You!

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Long

**The next meeting will be held on September 4, 2013
At Berrien Springs Oronoko Fire Department
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**