

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
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Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Lake Township Fire Department

Meeting was called to order at 1934 hours by Vice President Denny Sexton.

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

Roll call of departments indicated 14 departments represented with 37 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$85.00 and 50/50 was \$42.00.

The June 2014 minutes were presented. Motion was made by Mike Davidson with support from Rich Knuth to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's reports for May and June were verbally presented. Motion was made by Frank DeLaTorre with support from Mike Moran to approve treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

There were no bills presented for payment

COMUNICATIONS:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth-

- Nothing to report

Emergency Management: Rocky Adams-

- EOC staff has been working with the county schools on supplying them with updated lock-down drill forms.
- Working with Coloma and Berrien Springs High Schools for emergency preparedness shelters, decontamination centers, etc.
- Interviews for Dep. Karen Klug's position have concluded. Dep. Dave Alvers has been chosen.
- They have been holding weekly meetings in Van Buren County to prepare for inter-agency Hostile Actions Training.
- Working on LEPC Plans for the various chemical facilities in the county.
- Trying to stay up to date with storm damage assessments.
- IPAD alerts

DNR:

- None

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-

- Mike reminded everyone that he current helicopter protocol that was put on hold is back in operation until further notice.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- Denny reported that they had issues with VHS radio's and there inadequacies at long distances. Chief Stover reminded everyone that they can use the tactical communication channel on the 800 radios. Denny asked that during high call volume times that radio traffic is kept to a minimum.

Training Committee: Corey Burks-

- Corey reported that they are preparing for this year's FF I & II Class. They will be returning back to the IFSTA Curriculum. Packets will be handed out at the next BCFA meeting in August. Please get the word out for the high school class. Currently have approximately 15 students signed up.
- The Farm Medic class was a great class.
- Upcoming free CAMEO (hazmat) class coming September 16, 17, and 18. More info to follow.

Resource Directory/Webmaster: Gerry Kabelman-

- Gerry reported that the web page is updated and current.

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- Rockey reported that they received a call informing them of a small diesel spill into the St. Joseph River.
- Corey Burks has been named Rocky's Replacement for heading up Haz-Mat. Congratulations Corey.

Sherriff: Paul Bailey-

- Sherriff Bailey is spending time with his father who is ill. Please keep them in your prayers.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The motion tabled from the previous month's meeting allowing Gerry to use the \$200 donation from Board-Up and an additional \$300 to purchase supplies for the set-up of the fair fire station was reopened. A motion was made by Corey Burks (BSOFD) with support from Larry Klug to have Gerry proceed. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Steve Smith who is running for District Court Judge introduced himself to the body.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Glad Peach Festival water ball tournament August 3, 2014 and annual pancake breakfast.
- A motion was made by Corey Burks with support from Mick Oldenburg to purchase tickets for those individuals who assist with manning the fair fire station. Motion carried.
- Corey Burks (BCYF) has fair flyers available.
- Rich Knuth reported that Bridgman will be having their annual street dance July 11, and 12.

Host Chief Harold Heyn thanked everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Frank DeLaTorre with support from Dennis Graham. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2050 hours to a presentation by Gerry Kabelman "BCFA Web Overview".

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Long

**The next meeting will be held on August 6, 2014
At Berrien Springs - Fair Grounds
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours**