

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, August 6, 2014

Berrien County Youth Fair

Meeting called to order at 19:38 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 Secretary/Treasurer Bill Long.

Roll call of departments indicated 24 departments represented with 69 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$184.10 and 50/50 was \$100.

The July minutes were presented. A motion was made by Dennis Graham with support from Corey Burks to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for July was presented. Motion was made by Tom Wicker with support from Dan Cronin to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

There were three bills submitted for payment. Meal bill \$271.94, sign and banner for BCYF Public Education Bldg. \$473.49, total \$745.43. Motion was made by Dale Stover with support from Jeff Krolsik to pay the bills presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Jon Vollman from BCYF expressed his gratitude to all Fire and Police Personnel who have helped throughout the years and who continue to support the BCYF.
- Corey Burks reiterated Mr. Vollman's sentiments.
- A moment of silence was observed for New Carlisle Assistant Chief Jamie Middlebrook and Lake Township FF/EMT Mike Cason.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth-

- None

Emergency Management: Rocky Adams-

- Dave Alberts has been chosen to replace Deputy Karen Klug
- Still working with Van Buren County EMS on upcoming drills at Palisades
- Rocky reminded everyone of the reroute of Red Arrow Hwy at Beach Road
- The communications trailer is in for antenna repairs

DNR:

- None

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-

- The next Chief's meeting will be August 20, 2014 at 1830 hours Lincoln Twp FD

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- Still working on issues in New Buffalo with paging, etc.
- Reminded everyone to keep radio traffic to a minimum especially during dayshift (short staffed) .

Training Committee: Corey Burks-

- Handed out FFI&II information. He will be emailing all chiefs with additional information. Don't forget to register online.
- The last training trailer opportunities were cancelled due to lack of participation.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman-

- No resource directory news.
- Still need more volunteers to help out with the BCYF Public Education Building during fair week
- Motion was made by Denny Sexton with support from Austin Carlson to approve paying for 13 BCYF passes @ \$20 each to give to the volunteers of the BCYF Pub Ed Bldg. Motion carried.

HazMat: Corey Burk-

- No calls for service were needed.

Sheriff: Paul Bailey-

- Things are going well. Thanked everyone for their help and continued support.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mutual Aid Tanker Shuttle Class August 21 and August 25, 2014, 1830-2200 hours.
- Company Officer I & II Classes at Eau Claire Fire starting September 7, 2014.
- Company Officer III Class at South Haven Fire starting December 6, 2014.
- Cass County Firemen's Association presents Chief Lasky. September 27, 2014 8am-5pm, @ the Edwardsburg Performing Arts Center.
- American Red Cross "Ride to Remember" September 7, 2014. Registration 10am-Noon.

Host Chief Bruce Stover thanked everyone for coming. He also addressed the upcoming workings of the BCYF. Corey Burks reminded everyone of the volunteer breakfast August 23, 2014. Ron Koebel spoke about the Bridgman Smoke House that will also be at the BCYF Pub Ed Bldg.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tim Williams and supported by Frank DeLaTorre. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2030 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Long

**The next meeting will be held on September 3rd, 2014
at the Lincoln Township Fire Department
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**