

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
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Wednesday, Sep 3, 2014

Lincoln Twp. Fire Department

Meeting was called to order at 1937 hours by President Rob Gruener.

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

Roll call of departments indicated 14 departments represented with 40 members present.

Copies of the August minutes were distributed. Minutes approved by Frank DeLatorre with support from Denny Graham. Motion carried.

Donations for dinner were \$96. 50/50 was \$34 with a \$17 split

Treasurer's report was not presented.

There were no bills presented for payment

COMMUNICATIONS:

Red Cross is holding a blood drive Sept 11 at the Berrien County office

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth-

- Nothing

Emergency Management: Rocky Adams-

- Emergency Management has a new email of BCOEM@berriencounty
- Sept 7th- ride to remember motorcycle ride
- Emergency response guidebooks are open for suggestions
- Marathon pipeline class Sept 9th at 1830
- Deputy Klugg retired
- Tower trunking is being worked on if towers go down

DNR:

- None

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-

- Ongoing VHF radio problems
- Meetings will be the 17th of Sept. at Lincoln Twp. Fire

Dispatch: Denny Sexton -

- Radio transmitting issues were discussed

Training Committee: -

- FF 1&2 class is taking applications

Resource Directory/Webmaster: Gerry Kabelman-

Gerry states that an update is in the works

Fair:

Fair coloring contest entries are on the web. \$199 was donated to the Association at the fair, including a \$100 bill. 3000+ people visited the booth, with positive feedback. Gerry to take advice/suggestions/donations/help for next year. It was mentioned that the total cost of the fair materials came to \$1417, with \$896 of that already covered by the Association, and the rest covered by Gerry personally. Motion made by Dale Stover to reimburse Gerry \$500 of the \$521 he spent out of pocket. Motion seconded by Harold Heyn, Motion voted on and motion carries. Gerry to turn in receipts to Sec/Tres. Bill Long, at which point Bill to make out check for \$500.

HazMat: Corey Burks-

- One incident to report: Barn fire in Bertrand. CAMEO class Sept 16,17,18.

Sherriff: Sheriff Bailey-

- Fair fire prevention went well and was well received. Sheriff complimented BCFA and Gerry on job well done. Also Michigan to beat ND on Saturday.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None reported

NEW BUSINESS:

- None reported

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- AFG class Sept 15 7-9pm BSOTFD

Host Ron Burkett thanked everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dale Stover with support from Denny Graham. Motion carried. Mick Oldenburg from CTFD presented class on line launching gun. Next meeting Michiana Shores FD on Oct 1st.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Moran

**The next meeting will be held on October 1st, 2014
At Michiana Shores
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours**