

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION**

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Wednesday, March 4, 2015

North Berrien (Station#1) Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 1945 hours by President Rob Gruener.

Roll call of officers indicated officers present: President Rob Gruener, 1st Vice President Mike Moran, Secretary /Treasurer Dennis Graham. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Patty Mattson was excused.

Roll call of departments indicated 15 departments represented with 35 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$90. The 50/50 was \$68 (\$34).

The February minutes were presented. A motion was made by Frank DeLaTorre with support from Denny Sexton, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for January and February were presented. A motion was made by Tom Wicker with support from Rob Harper to approve the treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

### **Bills submitted for payment:**

- None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **911 Committee: Rich Knuth-**

- None

#### **Emergency Management: Rocky Adams-**

- ICS 300 & 400 Training 3/31-4/2/2015 (2.5 Days), 4/14-4/15/2015 (2 Days). No cost, free lunch.
- Weather spotter training is scheduled for March 10, 2016, 6:00 PM at Andrews University.
- Free CERT Training, 8 sessions beginning 2/26/2015 and ending 4/30/2015. 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM.

#### **DNR:**

- No Report

#### **Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-**

- When a High Accident Protocol is initiated, each jurisdiction is responsible for their own response. The pagers will be open for all county dispatch.
- Still looking into pager options from different companies and brands.

#### **Dispatch: Denny Sexton-**

- Enjoying the break in the weather.

#### **Training Committee: Corey Burks-**

- No report

#### **Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman-**

- Check that all your listings are up to date in the Directory.
- Keep coming up with ideas for Fair. Would like to purchase two table cloths at a onetime expense.

#### **HazMat: Rocky Adams-**

- No Report

#### **Sheriff: Paul Bailey-**

- The Sheriff sends his regards and to be safe out there.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- The audit report was completed and was presented to the Treasurer by Gerry Kabelman.
- Mentioned to list the 50/50 drawings total with the total amount/half amount on the deposit.
- Motion was made by Jeff Krolzick and supported by Frank DeLaTorre to accept the audit report. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Bertrand is hosting a pancake breakfast March 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9-12AM
- Medic 1 Ambulance has announced that a different protocol has been put into place about accident victims being back boarded.

Host Chief Rob Ruff thanked the Lady's Auxiliary for the excellent food and everyone for coming. He introduced FF Jay Pendergrass of the Warren Township Fire Department/St. Joseph Charter Township Fire Department Station#1. FF Pendergrass gave a presentation on the events of the fire in New Carlisle which took the life of Asst. Chief Jamie Middlebrook. He addressed the importance of seeking help when dealing with a loss as well as all traumatic experiences.

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

Denny Sexton was the 50/50 winner.

Meeting adjourned at 2040 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

**The next meeting will be held on April 1, 2015  
At the Royalton Township Fire Department  
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**