

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION**

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Wednesday, APRIL 1, 2015

Royalton Township Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 1930 hours by President Rob Gruener

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

Roll call of departments indicated 15 departments represented with 43 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$98. The 50/50 was \$60.

The March minutes were presented. A motion was made by Craig Brent with support from Rick Smiedendorf to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for March was presented. A motion was made by Denny Sexton with support from Chris Houghton to approve the treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

## **Bills submitted for payment:**

- None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Dispatcher of the year awarded to Gail Hagenbarth.

### **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. 300 has 28 students and 400 still has seats open .
- Weather Spotter Training held in March at Andrews University had 101 participants!
- Free CERT Training, 8 sessions beginning 2/26/2015 and ending 4/30/2015. 6:30 PM - 9:00 pm and has 32 participants!
- EOC Cook drill schedule has the Planning Meeting on Fri 8/28, 9-1130am. Drill 1 on Mon 9/28, 8-13:30pm. Drill 2 on Wed 10/14, 8-13:30pm. Anyone wanting to observe these two drills at the EOC can contact Rocky for more information. The graded exercise will be on Tue 10/27, 8-13:30 pm, and this is closed to public.
- Weather Radio Programing  
Wed April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5p-7p Niles Walgreens on S 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Wed April 29<sup>th</sup>, 5p-7p St. Joe Twp. Walgreens on Hilltop.  
Sat May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7am-noon, Stevensville Walgreens on W John Beers.

### **DNR:**

- No Report

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

- Chief's meeting April 15<sup>th</sup> at 18:30 at the Lincoln Township Fire Station.
- Still looking into pager options from different companies and brands.

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

- Announced the retirement of Gail Hagenbarth with 25 years .

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

- Practical being held on Sat , April 18<sup>th</sup> . Request made for help, manpower, apparatus, and equipment. This will allow for more stations to be set up.
- Career Pathways, time to recruit those High School students for the next class>
- Planning a Driver Training Coarse sometime in June or July for those interested.
- Instructor Orientation Class being held April 30<sup>th</sup>,at 18:00pm. This class is for those who planning on being a instructor.

**Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman-**

- Check that all your listings are up to date in the Directory.
- BCYF Fire Education Center budget was presented.
- Request made to purchase two table cloths with association logo on them, and also a the purchase of a frame for the burn trailer pictures at the total of \$420.00.
- A motion was made by Denny Sexton with the support from Craig Brunt to approve the purchase. Motion carried.

**HazMat: Rocky Adams-**

- No Report

**Sheriff: Paul Bailey-**

- Stay safe, its grass fire season!

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Berrien Springs Pancake breakfast, being held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30a-11:30a.
- North Berrien holding a Spring Chili Cook Off and Spring Bling Craft Show, April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10a – 3p. Judging on the chili starts at noon!
- Buchanan Twp. is holding a Fish Fry on April 11<sup>th</sup>, from - .

Host Chief Ron Koebel thanked everyone for coming , and also thanked his crew for their help with the meal and preparations. He introduced Chief Larry Lamb of Niles City Fire Department. Chief Lamb demonstrated their department's insulation vacuum .

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Leo Rodriguez and supported by Cory Fister . Motion carried.

Mike Moran was the 50/50 winner.

Meeting adjourned at 20:26 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

**The next meeting will be held on May 6th, 2015  
At the St. Joseph Charter Township Fire Department Sta. 2  
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**