

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, August 5th, 2015

Berrien Springs Fair Grounds

Meeting called to order at 1928 hours by President Rob Gruener.

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

Roll call of departments indicated 25 departments represented with 93 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$168. The 50/50 was \$86/\$43.

The July minutes were presented. A motion was made by Robin Sanders with support from Keith Swain to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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

Bills submitted for payment:

- Corn dog meal – Bruce Stover
A bill was submitted for the corn dog meal for the total of \$213.14. A motion was made by Dale Stover with support from Denny Sexton to approve payment. Motion carried. Payment made.
- BCYF Fire Education Center-Doug Odell
Supply list and cost quote were presented for the remodel of fair fire station. A motion was made by Gerry Kabelman with support from Ron Koebel to pay \$500 matching dollars to support the remodel. Motion carried. Payment made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth-

- No Report

Emergency Management: Rockey Adams-

- EOC Cook Drill will be coming up. The first one is next month.
- School will be starting soon. A list of the drills will be put out soon.

DNR: Steve Schrader-

- No Report

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-

- Chief's meeting will be on August 15th, 2015 at 6:30pm at Lincoln Township Fire Station.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- No Report

Training Committee: Corey Burks-

- Holding a driver training course in December.
- 13 instructors are now at the state level.
- The registration for the new class starts August 6th 2015, you can get the form on line.
- *The High School Class has 22 students signed up so far and Tom Hall will be the instructor.*
- *Woody Munson and his family were presented an appreciation award.*
- *Applying to get Elwood (Skip) Munson's name on the wall at Ross Common.*

- An Award of Excellence will be given in Skip's name to a student from each graduating class.
- Chief Ron Koebel from Royalton Township presented a donation from his department to the Training Committee.
- You can make donations to the Training Committee on our web site.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman-

- Changes have been made to the Directory. Keep those updates coming.
- More pictures of the funeral have been added to the web site. Share any pictures you may have.
- Still have slots open for helping out at the fair.
- Get in contact with Jonathon Mitchell if you can help with the burn trailer during fair week.

HazMat: Rockey Adams-

- The team was called out to the Benton Harbor water treatment plant for a hydrofluoric acid leak which was contained.
- Each Fire Department is assigned a Hazmat Leader. Know who those leaders are.

Sheriff: Paul Bailey-

- Sheriff Bailey requested that we write letters to Al Pscholka asking for his support of the Public Safety Officers Benefit act for Fire, Police, EMS in the line of duty deaths. This bill has been stalled between the Senate and the House.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- BCYF Fire station remodel will be in progress August 8th-9th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- North Berrien Auxiliary holding is holding a quarter auction October 15th at 6:30. It will be held at the FOP Lodge 3470 Angling Rd in Coloma. Cost \$5 to participate.
- Sodus Fire Department 5K Run/Walk Saturday August 15th. 7-8:15 a.m. is sign in. The race starts at 8:30am.
- Fire Grants are being handed out. Three of them so far have been local.

Host Chief Bruce Stover thanked everyone for coming and went over the Fair sign up list regarding who is working and who will have a truck there. He also handed out a hydrant location map for the new ones that was added this year.

A motion was made by Frank DeLaTorre with support from Craig Brent to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30 hours.

Mike Adams won the 50/50 and donated it to the Firefighters Association. Thank you Mike!

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

**The next meeting will be held on September 2nd, 2015
Sodus Fire Department
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**