

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, April 12th, 2017

Lincoln Township Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:28 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll call of officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham. 1st Vice President Dave Albers and 2nd Vice President Craig Brent were absent.

Roll calls of departments indicate 17 departments represented with 33 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$88. The 50/50 was \$44/22.

The March minutes were presented. A motion was made by Tom Wicker with support from Frank DeLaTorre to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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

Bills submitted for payment:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth-

- Voting for a replacement for Rich.

Emergency Management: Rocky Adams-

- D.C. Cook drills begin

DNR: Paul Rogers-

- No Report

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson:

- Communications - Grants for pagers

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- No Report

Training Committee: Corey Burks- Mike Davidson:

- Rail Car Incident Response Training- Baroda Fire Department-Saturday, May 20th. 08:00am-17:00pm. Register to Doug DeBest at debestfire@hotmail.com
- Fireground Survival & RIT Train-the-Trainer course June 5th-8th in Indy. The training committee wants to send trainers to this course and asking the Association to split the \$5,800 cost.
- A motion was made by Rich Knuth for the Association to pay \$2,900 towards sending the trainers to the RIT course. With the support from Bob Adams and the attending body the motion carried.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman:

- Updates for new chiefs
- Page of Honor updates
- New fire truck pictures

HazMat: Cory Burks-

- Training Updates on members

Sheriff: Paul Bailey-

- Be safe out there

OLD BUSINESS:

- President Kabelman asked for opinions and gave options on the purchase of association flags.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Mike Davidson to split the cost of \$120.69 with the Chiefs Association for the dispatcher's appreciation trays. With the support of Brian Gist and the attending body the motion carried to pay out the sum of \$60.34 toward the cost.

Announcements:

- Pancake Breakfast at Bertrand Fire Department Saturday Sta.1 on April 15th from 8:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
- Pancake Breakfast at Sodus Fire Department on Sunday April 23rd from 7:00a.m.-12:30p.m.
- Fish Fry at Buchanan Township Fire Department Saturday May 6th from 3:00p.m-8:00p.m.
- Pancake Breakfast at Lincoln Township Fire Department Saturday May 13th from 8:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
- St. Joseph City Fire Department will be hosting the Berrien County Burn Trailers from May 15th-20th. Those interested in the training are asked to contact Pete Fister.

Host Chief Bob Tutko thanked everyone for attending and also gave our evening presentation on Restaurant fires and MABAS.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brian Gist and supported by Doug Wise. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 21:18 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham

**The next meeting will be held on May 3rd, 2017
Michiana Shores Fire Department
Dinner will be at 18:30 hours, followed by the meeting at 19:30 hours.**