

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, March 7th, 2018

Sister Lakes Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:30 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

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

Roll calls of departments indicate 11 departments represented with 35 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$75.00 and for 50/50 was \$40/\$20

The February minutes were presented. A motion was made by Robin Sanders with support from Chris Burks to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The February treasurer's report was presented. A motion was made by Kevin Burkhort with support from Chris Burks to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Bills submitted for payment:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee:

- No Report

Emergency Management: Rockey Adams

- SKYWARN SPOTTER training-New location-Berrien RESA - March 14th from 17:30-19:30. Pre-register by March 12th at <http://berrienmispotter.eventzilla.net>.
- Tornado Awareness Course-March 5th, 8a.m. - 5p.m.-at Berrien County Conference Center- Register on mi.train.org – Course ID 1056574 – Deadline Feb. 28th.
- Palisades Ex. - EOC Drill 1-March 28th. – EOC Drill 2 April 11th – EOC Drill 3 April 24th Contact RADAMS1@BERRIENCOUNTY.ORG to observe the EOC. Special Note: Be running an ICP during these EOC Ex's. We are looking for anyone (Command OFC. Preferred); that will help run this simulated Resource Management group to test the EOC/IPC Interface. This is a huge learning opportunity. This will not be evaluated by FEMA. Only ask those doing the April 24th date please attend one of the practice dates.

DNR: Steve Schrader

- No Report

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson

- Next Chief's meeting is March 21st, at 08:30 a.m. and will be held at the EOC Dispatch Center.

Landing Zones: Steve Shedd

- No Report

Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- 800 MHz pagers have been purchased by Benton Harbor Public Safety and are awaiting programming.

Training Committee: Corey Burks

- 11 students in the adult class and 12 in the high school class.
- NFPA Fire Inspector 1 course starting March 10th. See mi-bcfa.org for dates and times.
- Human Trafficking Awareness Training at Baroda Fire Dept. April 16th.
- Basic Strategies for farm Emergencies at Baroda Fire Dept. April 23rd.
- Crisis Leadership & Decision Making at Baroda Fire Dept. April 30th.
- Michigan NFA weekend is July 21-22, 2018.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman

- New updates to be added.
- Check the website at mi-bcfa.org for listed local trainings that are being offered!

HazMat: Corey Burks-Dave Albers

- Welcome two new members who will be going to CDP.

Sheriff: Paul Bailey

- No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2017 Audit records handed over to the Audit Committee for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

Announcements:

- None

Host Chief Anthony Lozado thanked everyone for coming and all were invited to check out the department's new rescue pumper and 3000 gal. tanker.

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

Meeting adjourned at 20:45 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

**The next meeting will be held on April 4th, 2018
Sodus Fire Department
Meal at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours**