

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

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August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## **Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds**

Meeting called to order at 19:21 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

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

Roll calls of departments indicate 19 departments represented with 55 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$132.56. No 50/50.

The July minutes were presented. A motion was made by Donnie Johnson with support from Jim Jonatzke to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of July was presented by Sec/Treas Dennis Graham. The balance in checking is \$6,437.40 and the money market balance is \$8,744.34 for a combined total of \$15,181.74. Note last month's check for stick on badges and Smokey Banner was 152.95 not \$152 as noted in last month's minutes, check was not cut until 8/7/2019. A motion was made by Denny Sexton with support from Jim Jonatzke to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Bills submitted for payment:** A bill for \$799.96 was presented by Gerry Kabelman for the purchase of two 55" TV's for the Fire Education Center at the Fair (\$800 was donated by AEP for the monitors) and a bill for \$42 for signs for the use with the Lake Township Fire Truck at the Fire Education Center. Also a correction check of \$7.00 for last month's check that should have been \$245.38 not \$238.38 for prizes for the Fire Education Center. A motion made by Jim Jonatzke and supported by Frank DeLaTorre to pay the amount. Motion carried.

A bill for \$326.81 was also presented by Bruce Stover for the Korn Dog meal. A motion made by Denny Sexton and supported by Frank DeLaTorre to pay the amount. Motion carried.

### **Communications:**

- Chief Mike Davidson thanked everyone present for their Dedication and reminded everyone that Traumatic Stress is real, and that help is available! Reach out, don't hold it in, and don't take it home to family.
- Fair Director Les Smith thanked the fire service for their dedicated support during the fair.
- Tom Wicker presented the Association a check in the amount of \$300 towards the Korn Dog meal from The Friends for Berrien Springs.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **911 / Dispatch: Denny Sexton**

- Found simulcast problem with pagers and addressed phone line problems.

#### **Emergency Management: Rocky Adams.**

- 3 Rescue Task Force Training classes are planned in Aug.- Sept. Watch for dates.
- A drill with EPA and Coast Guard is planned in September.
- D.C. Cook Exercises with EOC started July 30<sup>th</sup> with drill 1, August 13<sup>th</sup> for drill 2, and the evaluated exercise on August 27<sup>th</sup> which is invitation only.

#### **DNR: Ben Osterland**

- Will be present with Smokey Bear on Tue. (Kids Day) at the Fair

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

- Next Chief's meeting is August 21<sup>st</sup> at 08:30 am and the possibility of all meetings being held mornings in the coming future.
- No news on the radio/pager grant.

**Mi-TRT5: Allen Weich**

- Putting together an awareness class. Starting Box Cards

**Landing Zone- Mark Berger**

- LZ training is available and to like on Facebook to check out updates and news.

**EMS: Frank DeLaTorre**

- Take the Rescue Task Force Training class. Being prepared not if but when it happens.

**Training Committee: Cory Burks**

- Send in those fire marshal training surveys.
- September Propane classes sign up on Smoke
- Fireground Survival & RIT class Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration deadline is Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. More information on web site.
- Advanced Vehicle Stabilization-Rescheduled-August 31<sup>st</sup> (0800-1500)

**Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman**

- Check your department listings and send in the updates

**HazMat: Cory Burks**

- Take advantage of the trainings being offered.
- Team was called out to Spectrum Lakeland Hospital Saint Joseph.

**Sheriff: Paul Bailey**

- No Report

**Old Business:**

- 501C submitted to the state to solicit funds and still awaiting approval.
- Second reading of the \$1000 to burn trailer seed fund.
- New garage door has been installed on Fire Education Center and payments have been sent.

**New Business:**

- None

**Announcements:**

- Chikaming Twp.- Car Wash August 10<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>, both 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Michigan Propane Assoc. Classroom training are Bertrand Sept.4<sup>th</sup>. Berrien Springs Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. Lawton Sept.17<sup>th</sup>. Baroda Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. St. Joseph Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Outdoor Training at St. Joe Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. Register on BFS SMOKE To receive certificate you must attend one classroom and the outdoor trainings.

Host Chief Bruce Stover thanked everyone for coming and went over the fair schedule for the week. Still have a few gaps that need to be filled to cover the fair events and the trucks & crews that are being brought each day.

H.A.R.T. of Berrien County gave a brief description of their services that are offered.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pat Corteville and supported by Tom Wicker. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 20:12.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

*Sec/Treas*

**The next meeting will be held on September 4<sup>th</sup>  
Berrien County EOC on Empire Ave  
Meal at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours**