

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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February 5th, 2020

Lincoln Township Fire Department

Meeting called to order early at 19:26 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

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

Roll calls of departments indicate 18 departments represented with 43 members present.

Donations received for the dinner were in the amount of \$128 and the 50/50 was \$76/38.

The January minutes were presented. A motion was made by Cory Burks with support from Denny Sexton to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of January was presented by Sec/Treas Dennis Graham. The balance in checking is \$8,318.39 and the money market balance is \$8,746.54 for a combined total of \$17,064.93. A motion was made by Chris Burks with support from Tom Wicker to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

There were no bills submitted for the month of January.

Communications:

- A moment of silence was observed to honor John Harner of Baroda. John lived in Baroda all his life and served the Berrien County Sherriff Department for 28 years. A memorial service is planned for April 18th at Baroda American Legion from 11-16

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 / Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- Waiting on talk groups from the State.

Emergency Management: Sherriff Bailey:

- Security Program's for Schools and Churches going very well.
- Continuing Shoreline reports and updating as information becomes available.

DNR: Ben Osterson

- Presenting Wildfire Refresher as our evening program after this meeting.

Chief's Association: Chief Davidson

- Next Chief's meeting is on February 19th at 08:30 am.
- Chief Stover is Starting to write a new radio/pager grant and all the information needed must be in by Feb. 10th
- Keep up to date on filing your Reports with NFIRS. (This very important information is needed for many area programs, grants, and trainings!)

Mi-TRT5: Allen Weich

- New member from North Berrien added to the team.

Landing Zone- Mark Berger

- Offering LZ classes
- Opening the ride along program starting March 2nd – May 29th.

EMS: Frank DeLaTorre

- No Report

Training Committee: Cory Burks

- Check out the SMOKE site for classes being offered and check and update your information.
- Ice Rescue classes held last weekend had a good turnout.
- High School class down to 8.
- Next Meeting Sunday Feb. 23rd from 2-4. Would like to see a member from each department.

Resource Directory/Web: Gerry Kabelman

- Look over your department listings and send in your changes. Would like to complete a full update by the end of February.

HazMat: Cory Burks

- Michigan Hazmat Responder Conference April 16th-18th.

Sheriff Bailey:

- County Commission Meeting being held on Thursday Feb. 6th at 10:30 am on declaring Berrien County a Second Amendment sanctuary county. This resolution represents gun control.

Old Business:

- The Serve Pro smoke detectors and CO detectors program is being tabled at this time.
- A donation of \$500 was donated to the BCFA in support of replacing the front brick on the Fire Education Center at the BCYF. We are looking for someone willing to help make this project possible. These plans are needed to move forward so we can present our plans to the Fair board for approval of the renovation.

New Business:

- The 2019 Audit Committee is represented by Mike Davidson and Harold Heyn.

Announcements:

- Paradigm 2020 MI Pipeline Safety Training February 10th at Mendel Center, 17:30 reg.-18:00 dinner.
- MABAS Division 3501 Engine Strike Team Drill will be held on Wed. Feb. 12th at 19:00 hr. This Exercise consists of moving the engine strike team to the POD (point of departure) which will be the Chickaming Fire Department. Instructed responding units are to communicate on 11SPEV1 800mhz. An active 911 will also be sent out by the county to the departments on the box card.

Host Chief Brandon Chiarello thanked everyone for coming and his crew for their help in preparation's for our meeting. The program was presented by DNR Forest Fire Officer Ben Osterland on a wildfire refresher. Understanding the wildfire and what terms are used to communicate to each other upon responding and arrival.

Sheriff Bailey was our 50/50 drawing winner and he donated it to the Berrien County Firefighter Training Committee. Thank you!

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cory Burks and supported by Cory Thompson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 20:41.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham
Sec/Treas

The next meeting will be held on March 4th
Michiana Shores Fire Department
Meal at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours