

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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May 5th, 2021

Online Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order at 19:06 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll call of officers present online: President Gerry Kabelman, 2nd Vice President Craig Brent, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Roll call indicated 19 members present online representing 10 departments.

The minutes for March and notes for April were presented online. A motion was made by Corey Burks with support from Tim Jesswein to approve the March minutes and the April notes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of April was presented. The balance in checking is \$8,383.10 and the money market balance is \$8,753.23. A motion was made by Matt Remmo with support from Donnie Johnson to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Communications

- Jeff Gaul named Chief for Baroda Fire Department
- Ashley Guether has been added to the Emergency Management team. After training she will be handling public education.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911/Dispatch:

- Making progress on getting the few remaining departments to switch to 800 mhz paging.

Emergency Management:

- LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) has planned a seminar for June 22nd.
- The Tier 2 reports for the BCLEPC are entered in by Homeland Security Planner Dave Albers at tier2@berriencounty.org
- Updated information on the Sharefile emailed out to those who have access.
- Ashley Guether has been added to the Emergency Management team. She will be handling public education.

Chief's Association:

- Next Chief's meeting is May 19th.

Landing Zone: Mark Berger

- Available for those LZ trainings

Training Committee:

- The Firefighter 1&2 classes are in the review sessions and practical's for preparing for the May 20th and 22nd, testing. Helping hands will be much appreciated. Encouragement to those departments with students in the classes. Contact Corey Burks for information on helping.

MITRT5:

- Received new funding to have training classes for members in August and September.

Resource Directory/Web:

- Red Cross has a new director.
- Keep sending in any information on your department changes so the Directory can be updated.
- Watch the B.C.Y.F. web site for events being held at the fairgrounds in May 2021.

Hazmat:

- New team members from the Sheriff Department are being trained.
- Available for any HAZMAT refresher classes. One at S.J.D.P.S. in November.

New Business\Old Business

- 2020 BCFA audit has been completed by Dennis Graham and was presented to audit committee for review.
- Denny Sexton and Matt Remmo represent the 2020 audit committee.
- Audit committee reviewed the 2020 audit and found no errors and sighted that a note ledger be presented for a month when there's no quorum at the meeting for future references such as a audit. (See the April 2021 zoom meeting notes is an example of how the notes will look.)
- The motion to accept the audit report was presented by Doug DeBest with support by Ryan Klaer the motion carried.
- A motion to pay Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham \$365.00 for the 2020 year was presented by President Gerry Kabelman. A motion by Ryan Klear with the support of Andy Adkin to approve the payment was presented and the motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:40 with a motion by Donnie Johnson and supported by Andy Adkin.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

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The next meeting on June 2nd at 7 pm

This will be a zoom online meeting

WE WILL SEND OUT A E-MAIL ON THE INFORMATION