

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

Serving Berrien County Firefighters Since 1950

Berrien County Firefighters Information Website: [mi-bcfa.org](http://mi-bcfa.org)

August 4th, 2021

Berrien County Youth Fair Grounds

Meeting called to order at 19:11 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

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

Roll call indicated 46 members present representing 16 departments. Donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$162.00 and \$80.00 was collected towards the sale of challenge coins at the meeting.

The minutes for July were presented. A motion was made by Doug deBest with support from Frank DeLatorre to approve the July minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of July was presented. The balance in checking is \$8,023.10 and the money market balance is \$8,754.33. Check in the amount of \$25 was written to the State of Michigan for nonprofit annual fee has cleared. A motion was made by Jim Jonatzke with support Frank DeLatorre to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

## **Communications:**

- North Berrien Fire Sta. 1 Pancake breakfast August 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 a.m. - 12 noon.
- Weesaw Twp. Pancake Breakfast August 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Three Oaks Pancake Breakfast Sept.26<sup>th</sup>.
- Car show planned for June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Saint Joseph Twp. soccer field. A one-day show. Proceeds going towards Berrien County Sherriff Department and Berrien County Firefighters Association. Swap meet, Food, and pancake breakfast in planning stages.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **911/Dispatch: Kris Burks**

- The only remaining fire department not on 800 mhz paging is Sodus Twp.
- Watervliet tower is up and running.
- A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Denny Sexton for his retirement after 35 years of service with Berrien County Dispatch.
- D.C. Cook exercise still in the works.

### **Chief's Association:**

- Next Chief's meeting is August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Education Center Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds at 8:30 am.
- Radio grant allows 16K per station with 7% match, accessories for portables can still be ordered.

### **Training Committee:**

- Registration for FF1&2 open. High School class enrollment has also started.
- RIT training coming up in September.
- Check SMOKE for updated trainings and make sure your registered in the site.

**Resource Directory/Web:**

- No new changes have been made.
- Please check your department in the Directory to see if any updates need to be added.

**New Business\Old Business:**

- Sign up sheet for Fair Education Center during fair week available. Help is needed for daily activities each day. Contact Gerry Kabelman for more information.
- Sign up sheets for Fair Fire Protection coverage with crews for each day were filled out with openings still available. Contact Chief Myers for more information.
- The Bill for the Korn Dog meal supplies totaled \$244.07. A motion to pay the bill was made by Dan Cronin with the support of Travis Munday, the motion carried.
- A check for \$300 was presented to the BCFA from The Friends for Berrien Springs towards the Korn Dog Meal. A request for any charitable groups that would like to help with shifts at the Korn Dog Booth through fair week.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:54 with a motion by Don Wise and supported by Keith Lehman.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

*Sec / Treas*

**The next meeting on September 1st at 6:30 pm  
New Buffalo City**