

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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June 1st, 2022

Weesaw Township Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:08 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, 1st Vice President Craig Brent, 2nd Vice President Donnie Johnson, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Donations collected at the meal totaled \$131.

Roll call of departments indicate 14 departments represented with 26 members present .

Minutes for the month of May were presented . A motion made by Denny Sexto with support from Ted Nitz to approve the May minutes. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of May was presented. The balance in checking is \$1,957.64 and the money market balance is \$14,509. for a combined total of \$16,466.72. The balance for the car show account is \$10,064.79. A motion was made by Jim Jonatzke with support from Cory Burks to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Bills:

A bill for \$1,449.00 was submitted by President Kabelman toward the purchase of the challenge coins.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Car Show update; Many sponsor donations are coming in and there are some operational costs that are going to be submitted. Would like staff to be there at 6 am for help with set-up and parking. Front parking for fire apparatus and firefighters will be in front by the entrance. Royalton Twp. will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast during morning hours. Show starts at 9 am.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911/Dispatch:

- Dispatch is operating short staffed and hiring, but this takes time for training. Asking fire departments to use full unit numbers when talking to dispatch. Very helpful to the dispatcher when multiple departments are responding with different trucks and when operating multiple calls.

Chief's Association:

- Next Meeting June 15th.
- There will be a November meeting this year.

Training Committee:

- 39 tested and waiting from the State for the results. Be patient, may take a few weeks.
- Make sure you are checking out Smoke for a lot of trainings offered.
- Turn in those Annual Surveys, so far, a very low turnout.

Resource Directory/Web: Gerry Kabelman

- Review the Directory for any updates and submit them in.
- Check Web page for car show information and the donation page.

Hazmat:

- Revisions/updates to add operations level members to help the team with decon and other duties.

Old Business:

- Starting a list of how many smoke detectors and CO detectors each department needs so we can get them ordered. Contact Gerry with those request.

Host Chief Ted Nitz thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the Association thanked the Chief and his crew for sponsoring our meeting on a short notice! The program for the evening was on grass fires.

Announcements:

- Benefit Car Show June 18th, 9 am – 4 pm. at Maiden Lane Park
- Lest We forget taking place at the airport starting on June 17th, 18th, and 19th.
- Golf Outing, Chuck Heit for Sherriff, June 24th, Indian Lake Golf Course.
- Open house at EOC for SGT Ron Bush for 25 years of service on June 30th at noon. Must RSVP to Ashley at her email.
- Baroda **FIREWORKS** June 3rd ... Expecting a large turnout and in need of additional manpower and equipment to help with this event.
- Pancake Breakfast-Berrien Springs/Oronoko-July 3rd – 7:30 – 11:30 am.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ryan Klaer and supported by Doug Wise. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 19:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

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**The next meeting on June 1st
Sodus Twp. Fire Department**

**6:30 meal
7:00 meeting**