

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Serving Berrien County Firefighters Since 1950

July 6th, 2022

Sodus Township Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:10 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

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

Donations collected at the meal totaled \$87.

Roll call of departments indicate 10 departments represented with 22 members present .

Minutes for the month of June were presented . A motion made by Everett Steinke with support from Denny Sexton to approve the June minutes. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of June was presented. The current balance in checking is \$2,114.64 and the money market balance is \$14,510.28, for a combined total of \$16,624.92. The balance for the car show account is \$10,064.79. A motion was made by Denny Sexton with support from Dale Stover to approve the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Bills:

Waiting on the bill from Pride on the portable toilets used at the car show. This is the last known expense that will be deducted form the car show account.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Car Show update; Great weather and turn out with over 350+ cars and 12 fire trucks attending. There have been a few more sponsor donations coming in after the show and will be added towards this show till August 1st. The funds will then be divided between BCFA and BCSD. We will then start new totals in the car show account towards the June 24th, 2023 car show.

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.

Emergency Management:

- Ron Bush has retired after 25+ years with the Sherriff Department. Hiring to fill patrol, jail, and dispatch positions. The selections then have to take time for training before the are assigned to the position.

Chief's Association:

- Next Meeting July 20th
- August 17th meeting at the Berrien County Youth Fair, meet at the Fire Education Center.

Landing Zones:

- Landing Zone a Training are available.

Training Committee:

- FF 1 & 2 Graduation was held, and we welcome the new firefighters!

Resource Directory/Web: Gerry Kabelman

- Review the Directory for any updates and submit them in.
- Few changes on contacts have been added to Resource Directory.
- 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.
- Available for Awareness OPPS Trainings.

New Business:

- Fair time coming up and planning on the schedule for the Fire Education Center.

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 soon please.

Host Chief Everett Steinke thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The program for the evening was hosted by BHPS Fire Marshall Brian Kazmierzak on The Modern Fire Department 10 Rules of success.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dale Stover and supported by Will Martindale. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 20:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham
Sec / Treas

**The next meeting on August 3rd
Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds**

**6:30 KORN DOGS
7:00 meeting**