

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

Serving Berrien County Firefighters Since 1950

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

Berrien County Youth Fair Grounds

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

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

Donations collected at the meal totaled \$80.

Roll call of departments indicate 13 departments represented with 45 members present .

Minutes for the month of July were presented . A motion made by Jim Jonatzke with support from Tom Wicker to approve the July minutes. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of July was presented. The current balance in checking is \$2,147.14 and the money market balance is \$14,511.52, for a combined total of \$16,658.66. The balance for the car show account is \$8,620.93. A motion was made by Tom Holland with support from Jim Jonatzke to approve the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

## **Bills:**

- A bill for \$20 Renewal fee for 501C was submitted.
- Bills in the totaled amount of \$362.76 were submitted by Gerry Kabelman for supplies for the Fire Education Center during the 2022 fair.
- The Berrien County Sheriff Department was presented \$4,003.25 from the 2022 benefit car show. Sheriff Bailey accepted the donation and donated it back to the Berrien County Firefighters Association.
- A motion was made by Jim Jonatzke with supported by Dale Stover to pay the presented bills and to Thank and accept the Sheriff Department donation. Motion carried.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A moment of silence was taken in honor of Danny Cronin from Bertrand Twp. Dan passed away June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and a celebration of will be held on a later date.
- North Berrien Pancake Breakfast during Glad Peach Festival will be held from 6am-2pm on both Sat. and Sun August 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The Berrien County Fire Chiefs Association paid half towards the Challenge coins that were purchased earlier this year.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **911/Dispatch:**

- New hires in training and rely on the 800mhz paging system not the active 911 system for calls especially when the call volume is very high with multiple departments out.

### **Emergency Management:**

- No Report.

**Chief's Association:**

- Next Meeting 8:30 am August 17<sup>th</sup>, at the fair grounds in the Fire Education Center.

**Training Committee:**

- BCFTC meeting Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup>.
- RIT class in September with open spots to be filled, contact Matt Wedde.
- Make sure you are checking out Smoke for upcoming Trainings.

**Resource Directory/Web: Gerry Kabelman**

- Review the Directory for any updates and submit them in.

**Hazmat:**

- Team members sent to Colorado for training.
- Available for Awareness OPPS Trainings.

**Sherriff:**

- Sent 6 new deputies to class in Oakland County academy.
- Experiencing staff shortages at the juvenile center with 8 job openings posted.

**New Business:**

- Friends for Berrien Springs donated \$300 towards the Korn Dog meal served. They are in need of help during fair at Korn Dog building.

**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.
- Constitution by laws suggestions is 1)officer term of 2yrs, 2)allow a virtual meeting when needed, and possible certificates for attending members during a presentation.

Host Chief Doug Myers thanked everyone for their support fair and went over the operation guidelines during the 2022 fair. Sign-up sheets were available at meeting to fill time slots for crews, trucks, and volunteers for the Fire Education Center.

Cory Burks, representing the Fair Board, thanked everyone for their participation in years past and towards this year's fair. He reminded everyone to take time to enjoy the fair and not just work.

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*

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**The next meeting on September 7th, 2022**  
**Three Oaks Fire Department**  
**6:30 Meal**  
**7:00 meeting**