

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, January 5, 2011

Berrien Springs / Oronoko Township Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 1924 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll call of officers indicated officers present, President Gerry Kabelman, 1st Vice President Denny Sexton, and 2nd Vice President Rob Gruener, Sec/Treasurer Richard Wing.

Roll call of departments indicated 16 departments represented with 41 members present.

The donations received for dinner is in the amount of \$81.00 and 50/50 was \$63.00.

November minutes were presented. Motion by Dale Stover with support from Steve Farrell to approve the minutes. Motion Carried.

There was no Treasurers Report

There were no bills submitted for payment

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth – No Report.

Emergency Management: Corey Burks –

- Sgt Ron Bush will be going back out on the road soon but is still the primary contact for school lock down drills
- There will be a severe weather / storm spotter course at Lake Township Hall on March 24th at 1800
- There will be a NWS Rip Current Seminar at Michigan Works on January 12 from 12.30 to 14.30
- The DC Cook exercise has been scheduled for March 1st.

DNR: Mike Pine – No report. To be replaced by Danny Laux.

Chiefs' Association: Mike Davidson – No Report

Dispatch: Denny Sexton – The old tower has been dismantled and today marked the switchover where Benton Harbor Fire is now dispatched by the Berrien County 911 Center.

Training Committee: Tom Hall – No Report

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman – Still waiting for pictures from some departments. They can be sent to Gerry Kabelman at gerrykabelman@mail.com.

HazMat: Chris Corteville No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: -

- Dale Stover gave a brief report on Little Squirt and how they still need some assistance with some of the presentations. If you are interested in helping with shows or sitting on the executive board, please call Tim Gowen @ 269-591-1836
- Dan Cronin brought us up to date on the Scholarship Committee and plans to have more information for the association next month

NEW BUSINESS: -

- Chief Spiegel, North Berrien Fire & Rescue, will be submitting a near miss report regarding the last structure they had. There was a pancake collapse of the second floor onto the first floor and could have resulted in the entrapment or loss of firefighters
- Chief Burkett, Lincoln Township, gave a report on his last structure fire where two police officers were able to rescue a subject from the house prior to the fire departments arrival.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Marlene Beach, Bridgman Fire, announced that Bridgman Fire is hosting a MFR class from January 18 through March 20. The class will be every Tuesday and Thursday evening and 3 Sundays
- Asst. Chief Wicker announced that Berrien Springs Fire will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday January 9 from 07.30 to 11.30
- Chief Koebel, Royalton Township, announced that they will be hosting an Open House on April 24 from 14.00 to 17.00

Host Chief Bruce Stover thanked everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doug Wise and supported by Dale Stover.

Motion was carried

Meeting adjourned at 1953 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Wing

**The next meeting will be held on February 2nd, 2011
at Bertrand Township Fire Department
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**