

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, September 5th, 2018

Baroda Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:22 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

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

Roll calls of departments indicate 16 departments represented with 44 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$123.00. The total for the 50/50 was \$50/\$25.

The August minutes were presented. Two spelling corrections were noted. A motion was made by Frank DeLaTorre with support from Chris Burks to approve the minutes with the corrected notations. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of August was presented by Sec/Treas Dennis Graham. The balance in checking is \$3,356.86 and the money market is \$8,740.34 for a combined total of \$12,097.20. On August 17th, an incorrect analysis fee \$15.15 was spotted on our account and on August 22nd, the fee was reversed and credited back to the account. A motion was made by Chief Davidson with support from Frank DeLaTorre to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Bills submitted for payment:

- The BSOFD submitted a bill for the Korn Dog meal from the August meeting totaled \$222.41. Reminder that The Friends for Berrien Springs donated \$300.00 towards this meal. A motion to pay the \$222.41 bill was made by Chris Burks with the support of Chief Jonatzke. Motion carried. Payment presented by Sec/Treas Graham.
- BCFA President Gerry Kabelman submitted receipt's totaling \$96.64 for supplies used for the Fire Education Center at the 2018 BCYF. A motion to pay \$96.64 was made by Chief Jonatzke and supported by Chris Burks. Motion carried. Payment presented by Sec/Treas Graham.

Communications:

- Red Cross Ride to Remember Sept. 9th.
- 9/11 Memorial service at Resiliency Plaza in Benton Harbor Sept. 11th at 12:15 p.m.
- North Berrien Quarter Auction Oct. 4th.
- Raffle tickets for John Rydwelski.
- The Pink Heals Fire truck visited our county recently. Thank you to all the local fire departments that helped escort them and help spread LOVE in our local communities!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911Committee:

- No Report

Emergency Management: Rockey Adams

- PFAS testing at 84 sites have been completed and waiting on the test results.
- IPAWS-Test on Sept. 20th at 2:20 p.m. This is a nationwide test. Encouraged to take the short survey after receiving this test to show your location at the time of the test.

DNR: Steve Schrader

- No Report

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson

- Next Chief's meeting is Sept. 19th at 6:30 p.m.
- 800 MHz Pager/Radio grant timeline
- Medical strike teams

Landing Zones: Steve Shedd

- No report

EMS: Frank DeLaTorre SMCAS

Red Bud Motocross of Nations in October 30th. Over 30,000 tickets have been sold!

Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- No Report

Training Committee: Chris Burks

- FF I-II class starts Oct. 6th. Text book handout Sept. 25th, 7 p.m. at BSOFD.
- Training surveys have been turned in. Only 7 departments did turn any in. They have been looked at and turned in to the state.
- NFRS class being held in Van Buren County
- The BCFFTC website is now active. Training calendar, Upcoming trainings, Contact info, and the meeting minutes can be found on this site.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman

- Updates and pictures of those new trucks are needed.
- The website at mi-bcfa.org has a lot of information on trainings and announcements.

HazMat: Dave Albers

- Training with the National Guard at BC fairgrounds

Sheriff: Paul Bailey-Rockey Adams:

- Sheriff's in Washington D.C. on the Immigration Reform.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

Announcements:

- Baroda Fire hosting a fire officer class entitled Best Practices in community Risk Reduction on Sept. 22-23. This is a two day course. Cost \$75.

Host Chief Larry Klug welcomed and thanked everyone for coming for coming. Chief Klug introduced retired firefighter Chuck Trapp who was inducted into the 2018 Lakeshore High School Athletic Hall of Fame. The class of 1951 graduate earned 10 varsity letters. The Program was presented by Asst. Chief Brad Brown from the Grand Rapids Fire Department on the fire department accreditation process and ISO evaluations.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doug Wise and supported by Chris Burks. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 19:53 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham
Sec/Treas

**The next meeting will be held on October 3rd, 2018
Benton Township Fire Department Sta. 1
Meal at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours**