Call to order: The meeting was opened at 18:30 hrs. By President Walter Morris with a pledge of Allegiance.

The Association Thanked Chief Leeman and his crew for hosting the amazing chowder.

Roll call: Alna, Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Jefferson, Newcastle, Nobleboro, Somerville, South Bristol, Westport, Wiscasset and Waldoboro


Guests: Daryl Leeman from Jefferson Fire Dept. and Vanessa Jordan from Wiscasset Speedway

Chief Trask introduced Vanessa Jordan from the Wiscasset Speedway. The Wiscasset Speedway is looking to “hire” firefighters to stand bye at the race track during races for the 2017 season. Looking for a crew of 2 per race, need to provide your own gear. Compensation of $18.00 per hr. normally a 6 hr. shift. If you’re interested in scheduling or have questions call Vanessa at the track 491-3720

Secretaries Report: Jared made the motion to accept as written Chief Roberts seconded. All were in favor

Treasurers Report: Chief Huntley made the motion to accept the Treasurers Report, Chief Trask seconded. All were in favor. Please note: there was an error in the report that was discovered after the meeting. The total amount deposited for February is stated to be $ 901.50 should read $ 901.51 Thank you Gary for pointing this out. This will be amended at the next meeting.

Lynn spoke on the importance of any and all checks for the Association be made out to “The Lincoln County Fire Chiefs Association”. Bank is hesitant to accept them. Chief Huntley stated he has spoken to our accountant since our 501(3)C status could be in jeopardy. The accountant stated we should be ok. There was some discussion on how to correct this. Neal Kimball suggested to bill the students/ Departments from a roster at the 1st night of a class. The roster/attendance will be given to the Treasurer, she will then submit an invoice to the department.

Fire Academy: John Long reported on the class that is current on going. There’s 33 students, going well and is almost finished.
Radio Comm: Chief Dostie stated he hasn’t received any complaints, all is going well. Chief Trask stated he’s found that The Egypt Rd is a bad spot for reception and is unable to get reception in the Town of Bath.

Strike Team: Jared spoke on the progress this new committee has made, they have developed policies/standards and an application form. Everything will go thru the I Am Responding w/little to no radio traffic. Their goal is to have this up and running in 1-2 months. Meetings are open to everyone. The secretary will distribute copies to everyone.

New Site Comm: Chief Huntley would like to send out a donation letter to residents, looking for land donation along the route 1 corridor and of course financial donations would be accepted as well. Jared made the motion to send out a letter, Chief Roberts seconded, all were in favor.

Mutual Aide Comm: Chief Roberts reported that he has some information from the county to add into the reference guide they’ve been working on. He has one department that has promised information, once he receives it he can put the guide together.

Recruitment/Retention: Tim Dostie would like to do another “Open House” again this year. It was decided that we would do the County wide open house in October which is Fire Safety month. The VIP program is still in progress. Meetings are open.

Website: Daniel highly encourages everyone to get hooked up to the “I am Responding” and gave a lengthy demonstration of our LCFCA website.

Fund Raising: 50/50 winner Dick Spofford who donated his winnings to the Academy to buy donuts & coffee for the class.

Applications for membership: The applications of Tyler Cray and Todd Clark were brought up for a vote. Chief Dostie made the motion to accept them, Dick Spofford seconded the motion. All were in favor to accept both.

Chief Morris nominated Daryl Leeman a Lt from Jefferson Fire for membership. Mike Martin has his application, will vote next month.

New Business: President Morris suggested that we send a letter from the Association to the County officials to add the IAR to the county budget for all departments to have. Dick Spofford made the motion to proceed, Chief Dostie seconded. Wally will work w/ Casey (EMA) and Joe (911) on this.

President Morris announced that the annual lobster bake & awards banquet is coming up in August. Would like to get things started now, please be thinking about nominations. Secretary will send out a list of awards & the criteria’s.
**L.C EMA:** Casey introduced his assistant director Melissa Temple. He discussed some projects they are doing in EMA. He’s updating the website, forms will be available on the website, working on educating the public via the website and social media. He will have a reimbursement check for us for $2000.00 at the next meeting for the Association. Ken spoke of current classes and up coming classes.

**L.C 911:** Joe thanked everyone for calling in on National Dispatcher Day. Simulcast is coming going well. Explained some of the features it has, i.e they will now be able to tell what dept an open mic belongs to.

**Decon Strike Team:** Ken reported next meeting is next week.

**Maine Federation of Firefighters:** Please get your packets in ASAP. Ken’s been to a conference in Washington DC met w/ Susan Collins, doing a lot with grants for the state. He’s held a meeting in New Hampshire for the New England Volunteer FF’s to begin brain storming ideas to help volunteer dept’s. He has new NFPA 1410 standards tonight, handed them out to each chief.

**Maine Fire Service Inst:** President Morris reported that they have been providing props for the academy.

**Maine Fire Chiefs:** Chief Spofford talked about LD 1243 at the state house, making slow improvements.

Next meeting will be held June 21, 2017 at the **Somerville Fire Station.**

Adjourned at 20:45

Leah Puckey
Secretary