Lincoln County Fire Chiefs Association
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2017
Lincoln County Communications Center

We opened the night with a very lengthy and informative presentation by Tammy Gross from the Maine Bureau of Labor standards at 18:30 hrs.

Call to Order: President Neal Kimball called the meeting to order, with the pledge of allegiance. We had a moment of silence for Don Meakin a firefighter from Bristol

The Association Thanked Casey & Ken for hosting tonight’s meeting and for the wonderful Lobster Stew.

Roll Call: Alna, Boothbay Harbor, Boothbay, Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Jefferson, Newcastle, Somerville, South Bristol, Westport, Waldoboro, Whitefield


Guest: Tammy Gross Maine Bureau of Labor Standards

Secretary’s Report: Chief Huntley made the motion to accept the secretary’s report as written, Chief Roberts seconded, all in favor

Treasurers Report: Lynn presented the treasurers report, Chief Roberts made the motion to accept, Chief Huntley seconded, all in favor.

Chief Huntley suggested that we should “dedicate some money” to a specific item, so there won’t be any issue’s to keep our non profit status.

Fire Academy: Dave Pratt stated there is a class starting soon, get your RSVP’s in to Dave ASAP so he can plan.

Retention/Recruitment: Tim Dostie stated they’re in the process of gathering information from organizations. Anyone is welcome to attend their meetings, they meet on the “off wednesday” of the LCFCA meetings. 18:30hrs.

Mutual Aid: Chief Roberts has finally finished the Resource guide, needs to be kept current & updated, please confirm any corrections and get back to John within 2-3 weeks.

Fund Raising: 50/50 winner Bruce Poland from Bremen Fire
Mike Martin conducted nominations for the upcoming new slate of officers:

President: Wally Morris  
Vice President: Roger Whitney  
Treasurer: Lynn Martin  
Secretary: Leah Puckey-cowan

Chief Huntley made the motion to cease nominations, Chieff Carrothers seconded. No discussion. All were in favor.

Neal made the announcement that Todd Hartug has resigned from EMA effective January 31st. He suggested that the secretary send a Thank-you to Todd for all that he has done for us. Chief Roberts amended that by adding that we should invite him to our next meeting, and present him with a plaque. Chief Huntley seconded, all were in favor. Neal will spend up to $100.00 on the plaque and a Thank-you will be sent on LCFCA letterhead.

Applications for Membership: EMS Toby Martin director of Wiscasset Ambulance has submitted an application as an Associate member.

Bruce Poland asked if a previous member of the Association, who was a Chief Officer and left the fire service, but has now returned and has the rank of Captain needs to re-apply. Mike Martin read the bylaws out loud stating since this person left the department in good standing, No he doesn’t need to re-apply. Bruce Poland made the motion of Donnie Leeman, Chief Huntley seconded, all were in favor. The Association welcomes back Donnie Leeman from Bremen.

Unfinished Business: Neal stated he has found the 4 missing plaques. They haven’t been updated since 2006. Neal is updating. Instead of keeping the plaques at the courthouse, Neal suggested whoever wins the particular award, keeps the plaque at their station for the year.

Chief Huntley has offered the LCFCA a locked cabinet and space to store it at the Newcastle Fire Station. Keys will be with the Board of Directors and officers. Bruce Poland stated that the Co-op has a cabinet he can donate too.

Chief Roberts stated he can help with digitizing the records for us!

Neal stated the bills for classes should be coming from the Treasurer and money should be going to the Treasurer. Dave Pratt stated that the signups are the bills.

Chief Huntley suggested that we not send the minutes of the meetings to the press, and we should clean up the list as minutes are going to non members. Lynn reassured everyone that she doesn’t email any treasurer report.
New Business: Assistant Chief Pendleton gave a presentation on an idea he has for large fires i.e., structure fires and mutual aide. It consists of towns outside of the “1st. alarm” send 1-2 SCBA trained guys from each town to assist in anything and everything. From interior attack to rolling hose. After much discussion Jared made the motion to start a committee and begin planning and organizing this. Casey Stevens seconded. All were in favor. Members who showed interest tonight, Chair, Jared Pendleton, Mark Carrothers, John Roberts, Casey Stevens and Bob Mooney.

Chief Roberts made a motion we should disburse our mileage reimbursements, 50% training facility 25% Academy 25% LCFCA
Chief Huntley seconded, all were in favor. Casey will investigate

911: Casey stated he has received a request from Commissioner Mary Trescott, wanting support from the LCFCA getting 911 numbers up for residents. As mentioned most all of the fire depts. and even CLC have programs currently in place to make these signs for people.

Casey updated us on Simulcast. Towers are done, waiting on software equipment. The IAR is going well. Currently the town will pay the subscription, they will need to submit the bill to EMA for reimbursement. The pager programing is not formalized yet. Dresden, Nobleboro towers will be first. Casey will give everyone a schedule when he gets it.

EMA: Ken stated the Hazmat class in Bremen is finished. There’s an upcoming ICS 100 & 700 class coming soon. If interested see Ken. He also stated that NIHMS 402 is for town elected officials

S & R: Breck reported that they have been put on stand by a couple of times, they are holding off on their next meeting due to a new EMA director

Maine Federation of FF: If you need any help w/ membership forms, please call. The death benefit is $500.00 the yearbook funds this benefit

Maine Fire Institute: Wally stated that classes have been cancelled due to Maine hasn’t conformed w/ the federal government. Will need passports and NO Maine State ID’s.

Maine Fire Chiefs Assoc: Chief Spofford reminded us on the conference at Sunday River March 29, 30 and 31st.

This year’s convention in September will be in Boothbay, needs lots of participation.

Ken stated per Roger Audette chief of Augusta Fire, they have had to withdraw from hosting the 2018 fire convention, if any town is interested, see Ken
**Fire Service Compliancy**: Lynn spoke about the SHAPE Program, and that Lincoln County has the highest number of participating towns than any other county in the state!

Chief Carrothers introduced Nick Wright, training officer from South Bristol, who wanted to give a brief overview of his new business venture of installing lights on vehicles.

There was a discussion on where to hold next month's meeting. Normally held at Wiscasset Fire, however no one from the dept. is in attendance to confirm this. Neal will make contact with Chief Merry. If Wiscasset doesn't want to host the meeting, Chief Spofford offered his station. Neal will let the secretary know where the meeting will be held and an announcement will be made via email.

Casey made a motion to adjourn at 21:20hrs. Everyone seconded.

Leah Puckey
Secretary