Call to Order: Meeting was opened by President Morris at 19:00 hrs. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Association gave a heartfelt Thank You to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens for hosting our dinner & meeting.

Roll Call: Alna, Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Dresden Edgecomb, Jefferson, Newcastle, Nobleboro, Somerville, Westport, Waldoboro

Associate members: LC EMA, LC 911, Maine Federation of Firefighters, Fire Service Compliancy, Maine Fire Marshal

Secretaries Report: Chief Huntley made a motion to accept the secretary’s report as written, Chief Trask seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Treasurers Report: Lynn presented Aug. & Sept. 2018 report. Paul Huber made the motion to accept the treasurer’s report. Chief Trask seconded. All were in favor.

LC Fire Academy: Dave Pratt stated he’s working on a spring class. He will be getting emails out with information and soliciting help. Chief Morris stated hoping to get a Basic Fire Officer class possibly in Damariscotta beginning in mid-January, finishing in March.

Firefighter Strike Team: Jared would like to have an annual meeting in November, as a refresher and possibly accept new members. Date & time to be announced.

New Site Comm: Chief Huntley reported that the Damariscotta Selectmen are in the process of writing up an agreement for a 99 year lease at $1.00 per year on a 4.4 acre parcel of land. DEP and a surveyor are coming. President Morris thanked Chief Huntley for all of his efforts in this project

Website: Daniel would like to redesign the website in January. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact him.

Fundraising: Tonight’s 50/50 winner of $71.00 was Dave Pratt who donated it to the association
Applications for Membership: Mike Martin has an application for membership from Roland Abbott, a Captain with Edgecomb Fire. Chief Potter spoke on Roland’s behalf. We will vote next meeting.

Unfinished Business: President Morris announced that the new Communications Center director is Thomas Nelson of Damariscotta.

New Business: President Morris spoke on Lincoln Academy’s “Eagle Term” that Chiefs Huntley, Roberts, Morris and others instructed. Lincoln Academy has done away with this program. President Morris suggested we continue this program ourselves as it helps get young people interested in the fire service. He suggested we rename it “Lincoln County Youth Academy” open to any high school aged student. Chief Potter made the motion to accept this. Brad Pendleton seconded, all were in favor.

Bruce Poland announced that the Damariscotta American Legion is once again collecting nonperishable supplies to send to Florida. Yankee Pride is supplying a truck. However the cost of fuel is estimated at $2500.00 if anyone is interested in making supplies/nonperishable food or cash donations please drop off at the American Legion. Chief Huntley made the motion to donate $250.00 to the American Legion to go towards fuel. Chief Roberts seconded. All were in favor. Lynn will get a check to them.

Chief Roberts announced the Parade of Lights parade on Saturday, Nov. 24th in Newcastle/Damariscotta. There is an award for “best lit truck”. He stated “No thrown candy”.

Chief Huntley brought up Wreaths Across America. There is some question whether or not the convoy will be coming down the Rt 1 corridor. More info to follow as it becomes available.

A lengthy discussion on the Wiscasset Training Facility, whether we terminate our agreement now or later. President Morris stated all that it requires is a letter from the President to the Town of Wiscasset Selectmen 60 days prior to leaving. The burn building has been condemned. From 2016 to date we have spent $1154.50 to Colby & Gale and $1279.58 to CMP. Yarmouth has a facility that is “legal/safe” we can use for classes. We also can move the trailer to Damariscotta to use for the Academy. Chief Potter made the motion to move the trailer to Damariscotta. Breck Holiday seconded. All were in favor.

Chief P. Leeman made the motion for President Morris to send a termination letter to the Town of Wiscasset giving them 60 day notice of termination. Chief Trask seconded the motion. All were in favor.

EMA: The EMA office is working on a new system called IPOS it’s a messaging system via text of life threatening situations. They are working with an AM radio to alert the public of disasters. Per Ken, State NEMA disaster recovery training November 1st at Newcastle fire station at 1800 hrs. Please sign up on the EMA website.
**Comm. Center:** Rob announced the new comm. center director is now Tom Nelson and that they have a few new dispatchers

**Decon. Strike Team:** Completed training last month, got a few new members. Lincoln Health has joined the team. Next training is April 2019.

**Search & Rescue:** New Director of the LC Search & Rescue team is Roger David from Dresden

**ME Federation of Firefighters:** Scott spoke on the convention. Next year’s venue will be the Fryeburg fairgrounds. There will be a “round table training” of the National Volunteer firefighters coming to Maine April 6, 2019. The program is very informative and the cost is $50.00 per person, which does include lunch!

**ME Fire Service Institute:** Chief Morris spoke on the new Firefighter I & II curriculum and changes in relation to haz-mat training requirements. The final decision will be up to the Bureau of Labor Standards

**Items for the Good of the Order:**
Jared asked if we could look into possibly having a CMP rep. in each town during an event. Casey stated we do have a rep at the county level during an event. President Morris will make contact w/ Greg Thompson of CMP.

Chief Dostie announced that Somerville is hosting an EVOC class in Nov. If interested, chiefs please get your registration forms in.

Ken updated us on the LOSAP Committee. Meetings are the 1st Monday of the month. The NVFC obtained a recruitment/retention grant.

Casey brought in extra “Electrical Danger” signs tonight for anyone who needs some. He’s also giving away amplified antennas and a 2011 NFPA code book.

Casey has been in contact with the U.S Coast Guard Station in Boothbay Harbor, trying to improve communications between the two organizations. Possibly having them host our January 2019 meeting? More info on this will be forth coming.

We wish Chief Spofford a speedy recovery!

Meeting adjourned at 20:55 hrs.

Leah Puckey
 Secretary