Lincoln County Fire Chiefs Association

April 17, 2019
Damariscotta Fire Station

Call to Order: Meeting was opened by President Whitney at 18:40 hrs. With a pledge of Allegiance

We observed a moment of silence for fallen FF Capt. Joel Barnes, Chief Gary Sacco and Det Ben Campbell

The Association thanked Chief Roberts and his team for the Easter Dinner

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

Associate Members: CLC Ambulance, L.C EMA, L.C 911, Maine Federation of Firefighters
Maine Chiefs Association, Lincoln County News, Fire Service Compliancy

Guests: Mark Webber of the Chapter 4 of the Red Knights

Secretaries Report: Chief Huntley made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Chief Dostie. All were in favor

Treasurers Report: Lynn presented the Feb & March 2019 financial report, Lynn has sent letters to Colby & Gale, CMP and the Town of Wiscasset advising them that the Association is no longer contributing financially to the Wiscasset Training Center effective May 1, 2019. A motion was made by Tim Dostie to accept the Treasurers report, Chief Huntley seconded. All were in favor

Fire Academy: Dave spoke on how well the class is going. The end burn is in May, if anyone has a member who needs ICS 100 & 700 or pump training, see Dave Pratt as they are welcome to attend his classes. The integrity of the Wiscasset burn building is in question. It was condemned in 2016 however it’s possible the facility has been repaired and an engineer’s report is available. Dave Gagnon stated he can get the Engineers report to President Whitney. If the class has to travel to Waldo County for the end of the class live burn, it will add to the expenses. Chief Huntley made the motion for Dave Pratt, President Whitney & Chief Morris investigate these documents, Chief Morris seconded. Chief Morris highly recommended that we don’t use this facility until The State Training Agency looks at this. Mike Martin amended Chiefs Huntley’s motion, making a motion the Board of Directors should be involved investigating this report. Chief Huntley seconded Mike Martins motion. 14 were in Favor, 0 against 1 abstained

Radio Committee: Chief Dostie stated he’s been working with Tom Nelson director of the Communications Center on problem areas of Somerville, Jefferson & Dresden. He has RCM working on this. The Communications center is still striving on making faster paging out time a top priority. IAR is still not working well. He has been consulting w/the IMC Co. on this matter, appears to possibly being a connection problem? President Whitney suggests to either fix it or get rid of it, as this has been a lengthy & costly process.
**Strike Team:** Chief P. Leeman was pleased with the results of the team at the latest large structure fire in Jefferson. He stated that Knox County has voted to create a strike team, Jared is assisting them

**New Site Committee:** Chief Huntley states he’s still waiting to meet w/ the DEP to go over the property, then we will sign the agreement w/ the Town of Damariscotta.

Discussion on available training facility grants, deadline could be in May. Chief Huntley made the motion for he (Chief Huntley), Chief Morris and Chief Roberts begin applying for this grant, Chief Spofford seconded. All were in favor. Chief Roberts reminded everyone that this project is not a Damariscotta Fire Dept. project. The Dept. doesn’t have anything to do with this, it’s strictly a Lincoln County Fire Chiefs Association project.

**Recruitment/Retention:** Tim Dostie announced their next meeting is Wed 15th. At the Damariscotta fire sta. All are welcome to attend.

**Mutual Aide:** Chief Roberts reminded everyone if you get new equipment, let him know so he can update the file.

**Web Site:** is temporarily on hold

**Fund Raising:** 50/50 $55.00 winner is Scott Sutter from Bristol

Chief P. Leeman announced that there is a new “team” being created in the county comprised of Fire, EMS & Law enforcement for scenes of violence/ mass casualty. It hasn’t been named yet, will have an application process. More information forth coming

**Applications for new membership:** Mike Martin presented the following:

Kaitlyn Sheppard- Capt. Southport
Chris Hilton- Capt. Damariscotta
Chad Cowan- LT Damariscotta
Jonathan Knoff- Capt. & Safety Damariscotta

We will vote on these members in June

**New Business:** Mark Webber President of the Chapter 4 of the Red Knights is in attendance tonight, he explained they are an international group of active/retired firefighters, they generate funds to help fallen firefighters and are recruiting new members, if you’re a firefighter and ride motorcycles and are interested in joining their group please see Mark.

On behalf of the Roberts family, Chief Roberts presented a memorial bell to the Association in memory of the late Samuel Roberts. This will be stored at the Damariscotta Fire Dept., however will be available for any dept. needing it for services.

President Whitney has been approached by the LCTV, they have expressed interest in doing a segment on recruitment & retention and some of the associated issues the fire service faces. It will be two- thirty minute segments. Chief P. Leeman, CLC’s director Nick Bryant & Chief Dostie have volunteered to do this show.

Chief Trask made the motion for this presentation, Dave Pratt seconded, and all were in favor
**EMA:** Casey stated there is a Maine Preparedness conference in Augusta on Tuesday. He announced a new program the county is getting involved with to help with locating “wanderers” called “Project Life Saver”. He has passed out flyers on this program. NEMA is sponsoring a Hazmat IQ class for propane on May 25th. Information on this class has been passed out. The state has sponsored the Portland Fire Dept. to develop an urban Search & Rescue training of all types. They have 3 members on call 24/7 to activate this service notify the Comm Ctr and they will call NEMA.

**Decon Strike Team:** Ken stated that the MADATORY refresher is May 2nd 1800 hrs. At the Boothbay Fire Station, if you can’t be there you must call Ken. Applications for membership are on the EMA website

**Me. Federation of Firefighters:** This year marks the conventions 70th. Anniversary Sept 13, 14 & 15th. In Fryeburg, Scott has commemorative coins selling for $ 5.00 stickers $2.00. June 22nd, is firefighter day at Hadlock field. The federation will get a percentage of the proceeds that day. Scott has announced his retirement from the State federation effective in September as VP. If anyone is interested, please let him know. Ken & Fred discussed the progress LOSAP is making, it’s now going into appropriations. Call your legislators to express the importance of this bill. The website is mainelosap.gov Roger & Ken spoke in Augusta in support of LD 1349. Ken spoke on a seminar he attended at the New England Coalition on Rural Fire chiefs, he highly recommends it. May 17th at 9: pm there will be recognition of mental health in the fire service. Please pull out your apparatus’s onto the apron w/ lights flashing. Ken will pass this info onto the press

**Maine Fire Institute:** the last meeting was dedicated to Gary Sacco and the institute has a new admin

**Fire Service Compliancy:** Bureau of Labor Standards have announced that forestry hose must be a part of your hose testing! Review your safety policies annually w/ your members, sign & date it each year. SHAPE members, be advised that the Bureau of Labor Standards will be reaching out to random individual members of your dept. to quiz them of department safety.

**For the good of the order:** In early June, Lynn, Mike & Chief P. Leeman will be going out to Mohegan Island to help them get compliant. If anyone has extra gear to donate to them let Lynn know

Damariscotta will be putting two trucks out to bid soon.

Chief Morris thanked everyone who helped with Jefferson’s largest structure fire in history. He’s estimating they used approximately 240- 250,000 gallons of water.

Next meeting will be held June 19th. At the Alna Fire Station

President Whitney made a motion to adjourn at 20:45 hrs. Chief Huntley seconded, all were in favor

Leah Puckey
Secretary