

Seaside CERT Meeting Minutes from November 24, 2020 via Zoom. Written by Su Coddington

Attendance: Anne McBride, Joyce Hunt, Lora Van Nortwick, Su Coddington, Dennis Munhall

Su called meeting to order at 1600. Reflection: Don't Quit.

Review of October minutes. No changes.

New Members: Dennis Munhall: We will meet him in person eventually. I will let him introduce himself at a later meeting. Su asked Lora about two new CERT members who are also Ham operators, Pat and Greg. She will help get contact information so they can be included in our meetings.

Badges: postponed for now. We will re-coordinate in the new year for pictures and badges.

Happenings in Clatsop County CERT Calendar: keep in touch to be informed. It is still not up to date. There are no scheduled trainings at this time. Watch for weather concerns such as king tides, wind, rain, cold, and act accordingly. Be prepared. Be safe.

Next County Meeting: December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pooka led a video presentation on how to consider getting ready for next year's trainings in a virtual way. Su facilitated the meeting. Generally, many activities are on hold. The next meeting is January 7<sup>th</sup>, time change to 6pm via Zoom. Mary Beth from Cannon Beach CERT will facilitate.

Clatsop County Citizen Corps Website update: Pooka has not received any completed forms at this time. Our Seaside group needs group activity pictures, an 'about' statement, and logo. We need to work on this.

Equipment Flags for 'Follow Me' to safety: Anne suggested finding a way for such an item to be purchased by individual businesses so that there is not a city expense. We will take this up at our next meeting.

Mask update: Su still has boxes of KN95 masks and even aluminum nose pieces for those who might want to make a mask. Cannon Beach CERT will have a mask give away on December 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm at City Hall.

Ham update: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Sundays are check-in dates. On Wednesdays, every two weeks there is a Seaside Simplex check-in at 7:30 pm. For more information contact Lora. Robin is in charge.

Turkey Trot opportunities for CERT and Ham involvement were cancelled due to the pandemic, maybe next year.

CPR training will also wait for 2021. Su will have more at our next meeting. Anne has some ideas.

Emergency preparedness: Keep working on the 4 parts. A go-bag is still a good holiday gift.

November was "Put a Freeze on Holiday Fires" month and December is "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires" month. Handouts for each were given/ emailed to each member. Please visit [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter) for more detail. Take a look at the smoke alarm information sheets on the website. Su will attach one on this email.

Discussion about how to promote CERT awareness and recruitment occurred. A Safety Fair in the Spring; Oregon Coast Quests Book was mentioned by Lora. Joyce mentioned several Gearhart CERT learning opportunities such as a lecture in January on Disaster Psychology. Joyce can keep us abreast of the detail. Anne will get Beat the Wave maps. It is encouraged that we not just know our Tsunami route, but walk it to time ourselves. Walk it from various city locations. What would you do if you were in Warrenton's Costco when an earthquake it? Let's write a Mission/Vision statement.

Next meeting: Since our county can't meet in person, our next meeting was to be December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm and would be via Zoom. It is suggested to re-start in January. At this time, I have been asked to change our meeting dates from the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday to the third Tuesday of the month. This would be a February meeting date change. For now, I will suspend a December meeting and wish all a happy and safe holiday. We will meet at our usual time in January: 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm via Zoom. Please consider the week change for February. Email Su with your opinion. Happy New Year!

Meeting adjourned at 1700. Thank you, Anne for our Zoom meeting.