

Seaside CERT Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2021 via Zoom, Written by Su Coddington

Attendance: Anne McBride, Lora Van Nortwick, Joyce Hunt, Su Coddington, Joey Daniels

Su called meeting to order at 4pm. Reflection: Don't Quit. Minutes from November 2020 accepted.

Introductions included meeting Joey, Seaside's Fire Chief: welcome

Meeting date/time: think about it, date is changed to third Tuesday of the month, time remains 4-5pm. If anyone is interested in a later hour, 5pm or 6pm, please comment. Next month's meeting time is 4pm, but future time is negotiable. Please comment or the time remains 4pm.

No new members so no badge issues today

Happenings in Clatsop County: Please read agenda. There are no updates due to COVID, keep informed, watch for updates. No CERT training date yet, but resources are working on attempting to provide virtual training. Stay tuned.

Cannon Beach CERT offered a zoom class on wound care. It was good information geared to treating wounds in an emergency room setting. Nehalem offered a 2-hour class from the Red Cross on Psychological First Aid, done via Zoom, offering a lot of information about how to address citizens and even CERT volunteers enduring trauma. Keep alert to information available from local CERTs for information. Share if you can.

DART received a grant and needs to spend it. A planning meeting was done via Zoom on 1/26. Su attends but could not make it that evening.

Drive-up mask distribution will be offered in each community CERT area on Thursday from 2-4pm. Make sure you have your mask supply, even with vaccination, mask wearing needs to continue.

Anne, Su, and Steve are attending a FEMA class on Thursday via Zoom at 10 am

Wide Area Search class is April 9-11 and requires pre-requisites required before registration. Class limit is 30, via Zoom; it may be full by now.

Keep safe and warm in the winter weather. Be aware of flood potential/tide issues.

Fill out the on-line Vaccine Survey. The vaccines are arriving. If you want to volunteer to help contact Su. Filling out the survey will get you on a list to be contacted about receiving the vaccine. Joey mentioned that Columbia Memorial Hospital (CMH) has a video and he will try to send it to us. Su mentioned that she is aware that more vaccines are in this community because she was asked to help prepare them for administration.

February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm is the next Citizen Corps Meeting. Note Zoom change to get in. Clatsop County Citizen Corps Website update: Fill in logo, pictures, and "about" statement (no CERT groups have done this yet). This means finally ironing out a mission statement. Su reminded the group of the list of words Steve sent to help us write our statements. Let's get this done for February. Send statements to Su.

Upcoming educational opportunity: Anne introduced a copy of the yearly published book, Oregon Coast Quests, which is a treasure hunt family activity guidebook. Lora and Anne wondered if CERT could put something together to promote Tsunami awareness. With the Prom celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, Seaside might be able to promote its history and CERT might be able to promote itself by addressing safe evacuation routes in an

emergency. Making leaning fun and informative, a positive outcome for all. It was suggested that we consider working with the Seaside Chamber of Commerce for this task.

Ham updates: Lora has joined Auxcomm. Mike Brumfield is the coordinator. Camp Rilea has an EOC (Emergency Operations Center) and there will be one up by the new school in Seaside. There has been work over the last two years to update the EOC in Seaside, due to be completed February 1<sup>st</sup>. There was discussion of the opportunities for hams which include every Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday evening check-ins and the monthly Simplex nets that Aux Comm is orchestrating. WHO (Women Ham Operators) had their first Zoom meeting. Sunset Empire Amateur Radio Club (SEARC) in Astoria is working on offering a crossband repeat class for hams. Contact Lora for details. Joey mentioned that the Fire Station has a big antenna and the Convention Center has had an antenna. Talk of a tour once COVID safe, was mentioned.

Recruitment ideas: Su is still interested in a Safety Fair when COVID safe. Don't forget the idea of a flag for leading tourists to safety in an emergency. This will require presenting to the community groups, such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Seaside Downtown District Association. CERT needs to present to these groups anyway. Lora added that recruitment is difficult in COVID times because there are no trainings. We want to increase attendance and it is difficult in a pandemic. Su wants to be ready when the restrictions lift, so that we can move quickly to get back to a normal training schedule.

Joey asked questions about what CERT wants to accomplish and what our goals are, indicating that we need to have one direction. He continued that we need to have our list of priorities and to make sure our goals are attainable. He mentioned that we need to be direct and simple in our outreach to get people on board to move forward. He pointed out that our "ham work" is a strength and a real benefit in emergencies.

CPR update is on hold still. Su and Dwayne are playing phone tag. Joey mentioned that he has employees who can teach. For now, we are tabled because of Covid and restrictions on location for a large group.

Emergency preparedness: Don't forget the "4" parts: This has been reviewed in previous meetings. Contact Su if any questions. Jason is not here. Su got an email from him and he is out of the county 6 days a week, working hard and staying safe.

January continues to be a time of winter fire safety. Su re-sent the USFA/FEMA flyer on generators. Joey cautioned that the most important thing about generators is being sure that adequate ventilation is present, keeping them away from doors, windows, and vents. Su was unsuccessful sending the other flyer, Put a Freeze on Winter Fires. It can be downloaded from [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter). Lesson: be fire smart.

Next meeting: Note: February 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm-5pm, via Zoom. Bob Chisholm Community Center is our back-up go to place once safe to do so. Plan Zoom for now. Contact Su about your thoughts on what hour to meet. We will cement this next month. Contact me, please to let me know your wishes.

Meeting adjourned at 1705.

Fun factoid: Note the date of our meeting because history states that on this date in 1700 at 5pm (how did they figure all this detail?) marks the anniversary (321 years!) of the last major Cascadia earthquake! Tick Tock....