

LWC Safety Committee Minutes for 12-Jul-2025

(Note: This is the Zoom "Summary")

Called to Order: 0930 PDT

Attendees: Bill Albright, Anne Bradley (Committee Chair), Molly Dumas (BoD Liaison), Don Foot, Randy Kollars, Patricia Koonce, Cheryl Meece, Shirley Pease, Ken William, Shirley Williams

Quick recap

The meeting focused on reviewing and approving previous meeting minutes while discussing facility upgrades, including new antennas and communication systems that would require board approval and funding. The group addressed various emergency preparedness topics, including storage facilities, water filtration systems, and the revitalization of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), while also discussing upcoming exercises and communication challenges. They concluded by planning future presentations and workshops, discussing relationships with emergency communication organizations, and scheduling the next radio poll and meeting.

Action Items

- Anne to contact John Penrod to check if the ham antennas are inventoried as assets.
- Anne to set up a meeting with Molly, Paul, Bill, and Mike to discuss upgrading the Crow's Nest facility and equipment.
- Bill to test the ham antenna at the gatehouse to see if it still works.
- Shirley to work with Don on compiling information and inventory of personal and group manual water filtration systems.
- Cheryl to contact John Davison about potentially being the Safety Committee's liaison to the Sheriff's Auxiliary Communication system.
- Michael to provide information about the Cascadia CoPes Hub and its connection to other emergency communication groups.

Summary

Crow's Nest Facility Discussion

The meeting began with a discussion about reviewing and approving the minutes from the April 26th meeting, which were confirmed to be accurate after Bill's approval. Anne suggested that a conversation with Molly and Paul Banus would be more appropriate for discussing the action items related to upgrading the Crow's Nest facility and equipment, rather than handling it through email.

Communication System Upgrade Planning

The group discussed updating and installing new antennas and power lines for communication systems. Bill explained the need for new wiring and antennas, including a ham radio antenna and a GMRS antenna, with estimated costs in the range of \$3,000-\$3,500. Anne suggested having a face-to-face conversation with the LWC Board to discuss the importance of these upgrades for residents and to explore funding options, potentially using reserve funds. Molly suggested checking if the existing antennas are already accounted for in reserve funds and could be replaced or moved using those funds. The group agreed to gather old cost estimates, contact John Penrod about inventorying the antennas, and schedule a meeting to present the concept to the LWC Board.

Technical Issues and Supply Storage

The group discussed several technical issues, including Randy's audio problems which were eventually resolved. They reviewed the status of two antennas, with Bill offering to test the one at the gatehouse. Bill reported that a DMR radio obtained from the Cascadia Coastal Coalition was working, though it requires internet connectivity. The group also discussed emergency supply storage options, considering Connex containers and tough sheds to address condensation concerns.

Emergency Storage and Preparedness Planning

The group discussed emergency preparedness and storage facilities. Randy explained that while their current space works for now, they are still in the process of securing additional storage locations, with two already planned and more in development. They discussed a new storage unit in Anchor Storage (Depoe Bay) that could be used for caching supplies. Anne mentioned that various communication groups and ICS units had met before the last tabletop exercise, which was successful. They also discussed the potential need for a water filtration system, with Anne suggesting a community water filtration system that could cost around \$350, though Randy pointed out they already have some water filtration systems in their cache.

Filtration and Wastewater System Updates

Anne and Randy discussed the filtration systems, noting their manual and physical nature compared to larger, more efficient systems. They also talked about the city's wastewater treatment system, including its backup generator and the process for reporting issues. Randy provided an update on the Depoe Bay emergency barrels, mentioning that they are still seeking hosts for community barrels.

Depot Bay Emergency Preparedness Update

The meeting focused on emergency preparedness efforts in Depoe Bay, including the revitalization of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) group, which has been inactive since COVID-19. Randy discussed inventorying emergency supplies and plans for upcoming workshops with the county FEMA organization to enhance emergency preparedness awareness. Bill reported on a successful radio communication test, noting some areas with poor reception, and suggested further testing with specific individuals to improve communication. The group also discussed the upcoming wildfire tabletop exercise on July 23rd, which will address issues such as resource limitations and communication challenges during emergencies.

Michael's Presentation Planning Discussion

The group discussed organizing a presentation for Michael, similar to the seminars done for LWC residents, to include visual elements and resident feedback on communication methods. Anne and Bill agreed this was a good idea, noting Michael's passion and animation in his presentations. Patricia mentioned she would miss the upcoming tabletop exercise due to travel on the July 23rd, but would try to join virtually if possible.

Emergency Animal Shelter Water Planning

The group discussed pet and large animal sheltering during emergencies, with Anne noting that Echo Mountain's report addressed horse evacuation to Newport. They agreed to compile information on personal and group water filtration systems, with Shirley offering to work with Don on this task. Bill inquired about water filtration recommendations on their website, which Anne confirmed were available under the equipment section.

Emergency Communication Organizations Network

The group discussed various emergency communication organizations and their connections. Bill raised questions about the relationships between Cascadia CoPes Hub, Cascadia Coastal Coalition, and ACS (Amateur Radio Emergency Service). Anne noted that while they have some connection through Michael Dane, they should explore further links. Cheryl suggested contacting John Davisson for a potential connection to ACS. Molly emphasized the importance of building relationships with multiple agencies and having representatives connected to different organizations. The group agreed to have their next radio poll on August 2nd and their next meeting on September 6th.

Adjourned: ____ PDT