

Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Coalition
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Minutes for - Wednesday October 12, 2016
10:00 General Meeting
Location: District 5 Fire & Medic One, at
10222 Bujacich Road NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98332

PEP-C Meeting / Attendees:

Abby Schofield – Board Member, FICRA/ Treasurer

Angela Lindsay - Member

Cordell Vail – Web Master / etc.

Curt Scott - Chair

Dave Allen - MRC

David Haycock – dahaycock@gmail.com

Dave Watson - PEP-C Vice-Chair, Board Member

Don Lee – Chapel Hill

Elizabeth Haycock, eahaycock@gmail.com, (510)846--0074

Eric Watson – Pierce Fire Dept

Guy Allen – gallen@piercefire.org

Hugh McMillan - Gateway

Jane Olive – nvjane@earthlink.net , (253)858-8369

Jim Nicolet – N57YD, jim@nicolet.org, (360)874-0180

Joan Hymas – St. VDePaul, etc

Julia Bell – jjbell51@gmail.com (253)432-9080

Kathy Weymiller - School district

Mike Hancock – hubcap07@comcast.net, (253)851-8244

Mike Maroney – Salvation Army

Ronni Wight – SVDP

Steve Rees

Tom Morris – tllmorris@hotmail.com

Wayne Williams – KF7SOU, wwayne@centurytel.net, (253)377-3041

Next Meeting:
November 9, 2016
General Meeting: 10:00 a.m.
Location: District 5 Fire & Medic One, at
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Conference Room – follow the signs

General Meeting: Convened at 10:05 am by Curt.

PRESENTATION: The guest speaker was Jim Nicolet with Amateur Radio, licensed in Kitsap County with a “Extra License”. Jim commented that there are a number of Licensed HAM operators, but they do not all keep their equipment in good, running order.

People rely on different methods of communication, Internet, smart phone, land line, sneaker net (floppy disc), semaphors, smoke signals and HAM radios, which becomes the backup when everything else fails. Some of the myths regarding HAM radios are; you need to know Morse code – False, You must have lots of expensive equipment- False, you need to be a certain age – False.

How to get started; there are on-line classes (some are free and some cost), there are classes offered by local HAM organizations. Upon completing training, each person is given a call sign.

The equipment needed, starts at about \$35 and goes up from there. Baofang is a Chinese radio that is inexpensive and reliable. They fulfill the demand placed on them. Jim stated that if we have 5 or more people who wish to take the training, he will put together a class for us. Several members in attendance are interested. Tacoma has a class once a month.

How to get involved: ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) for Pierce county is piercecountyares.net or ARRL.net.

ARES: Prepare for disaster i.e. flooding, earthquake, volcanoes, storms and more. Their members participate in drills and exercises on a regular basis.

www.Goldernailbox.com click on HAM radio. For continued radio use during a disaster members use batteries, solar power and generators.

Skywarn.org = program for weather polling.

REPORTS:

PEP-C Treasury Report for September 2016:

Balance as of 9/1/2016	\$1320.39
Income from Barrel Sales	<u>110.00</u>
Balance as of 9/30/2016	\$1430.39

HAM Info: 2 books available; 1 by ARRL, theory and questions for the 8 hour class. Class is also available on websites.

Minutes from previous meeting approved, seconded and accepted by all in attendance.

Disaster phone list: is being reviewed by DEM .

Peninsula area shelters list will refer to the words in red noting **When Opened!** On the list to note that all shelters may not be open. When completed, the list will be on the web site.

Kathy Weymiller reported that the

- Greater Tacoma Foundation may be open for a grant possibly for the Emergency Preparedness Fair. Grant due Jan 13, 2017.
- 2nd the Sparks grants due the 2nd Friday of March may support a subcommittee for the fair.

Joan Hymas reported that the Facebook Training was interesting and she learned a lot from it.

Speakers: A person is needed to organize speakers for upcoming meetings. Areas like backup generators and solar energy could be possibly be handled by Penn Light.

Virginia had cards printed up with the websites. The board approved money for additional cards to be ordered.

Note; The bank balance needs to be above \$900 for a barrel order.

EMERGENCY PREPARDNESS FAIR scheduled for September 30, 2017, an organization meeting is being held on Tuesday, October 18th, at 9:00am at the Fire Station.

All interested, Please Attend!