

## **Volcano CERT**

### **Oct. 7, 2017 meeting minutes**

Team Leader Nancy Lakin convened the monthly meeting shortly after 9 a.m. at Cooper Center. Also present: Claudia Ziroli Coyl, Patti Pinto, Teresa Evangelista, Sher Glass, Hank Schultz, Bob Becker, Sharon McCartin, Dennis McCartin, Paul Lakin, Doug Wilson, Debra Chaffin, Chris Corley and Leigh Critchlow.

Nancy announced, and congratulated Sher on, the brand new ham radio call sign assigned by the FCC to our webmistress: KH7SG.

Nancy and Patti reminded everyone to sign up for the Nov. 3-4 overnight Hawaii County CERT conference at the national guard armory next to Hilo Airport.

Doug reported that the Volcano Emergency Plan planners are “making good progress” and have received support from Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency Administrator Talmadge Magno. Under development right now is the organizational structure, which will include an Emergency Response Group made up of stakeholders. One of the members has prepared an article for the November edition of the Volcano Community News.

“We’re very, very happy with our progress so far,” said Doug, one of the founding members of the community planning group.

Our educational program for this month was a continuance of the Table Topics exercise we started at the August meeting. It involves a multi-faceted practice drill, on paper, to give us experience in responding to a disaster scenario. We did “windshield assessments” on our drive in to report for duty, filled out forms, assigned tasks and learned tips for assessing damages and priorities. Table Topics will continue at our December meeting, which also will be our annual Christmas potluck party. Our CERT Jeopardy game, usually enjoyed in December, instead will be presented by Bob, with assistance from Nancy and Leigh, at the evening session Friday, Nov. 3, at the conference in Hilo.

Meeting concluded shortly after 10:30 a.m. No meeting in November, due to countywide conference in Hilo. See everyone in December.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Leigh Critchlow, secretary*