

BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Tuesday, December 01, 2009 – UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY – 8:00 A.M.
WEBSITE: www.brucemineschamber.com
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Present:

- *Brian Torrance – Torrance Custom Interiors
- *Jean Hershey – Rydal Bank Historical Society & the Library
- *Rick Klazinga – Algoma Kitchen & Bath
- *Larry Peterson – Peterson & Peterson Law Firm
- *Merin Smith – Special Projects Co-ordinator
- *Bill Gunn – Fine Pine Things
- *Carol Gunn – Agricultural Society
- *Carol Rickard – Huron Horizons
- *Marla McPhee – M & J Hair Boutique
- *Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse
- *Phil Rouleau – Royal Bank of Canada

Guests: n/a

Regrets: Cheryl O'Hara
Jeff Morehouse

Call to Order: Brian Torrance called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Past Minutes :

Amendments – the Motion for the Legion was for \$35.00 – not \$25.00. A follow-up cheque will be issued for the difference.

Motion: Larry Peterson + Bill Gunn - that the minutes of November 03, 2009 – be adopted as amended– carried

Treasurer's Report: - Larry Peterson reported that the Chamber is still in the black. Motion Larry Peterson + Marla McPhee that the Treasurer's Report be adopted as presented.

Insurance: - no report

French Fryer: - no report

Web Site: Web Marketing Committee: - no report

Algoma Sno-Plan – no report

Membership: no report

Chamber Brochure & Advertising: - [old report]

Brian Torrance , Bill Gunn, Cheryl O'Hara (Township) and Sara Swain (Town) – review brochure for 2010.

Four & Friends Art Show & Sale: -

Brian reported that they are meeting this week to chose guest artists for 2010 - 4 & Friends Art Show & Sale.

Rydal Bank Historical Society:

Jean Hershey reported that the Hunters Ball was a success. Congratulations to the B.M. Historical Society on the completion of the roof at the museum.

Library : Jean Hershey reported on the following:

Words of appreciation go to Fosters Freshmart and Friends of the Library for the shopping spree . The ticket draw is set for Friday Dec. 18th .

Town Master Plan: - Larry Peterson reported that he had a meeting with Patrick Lee and Mayor Foster last week about the location gateways, tree planting, lighting along the highway and improved parking.

Town Improvements – no report

Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association: - no report

Trade Fair: - no report

- Elaine Switzman is to put together her final report. Brian will check with Elaine on this project.

Bruce Mines and District Historical Society :

Larry Peterson reported that the roof is now on which is a relief to everyone.

The Historical Society is applying for Trillium Grant for repairs to the interior of the museum. There is a tremendous amount of hours that has to go into this application and very few projects are awarded. A representative from the Trillium Office has been in touch with President, Ron Smith and there is some talk that the Trillium representative may be interested in visiting the museum as part of their research.

The Town has given the Society notice – discontinue insurance coverage and maintenance on Dec. 31st . The Town's assistance is truly appreciated and steps are being taken to apply for and obtain appropriate fire and liability insurance through the Ontario Historical Society.

Carol Gunn reported about the nice article of the museum in the Sault Star

Lions Club:

Carol Rickard reported Ham and Scallop Potato Dinner was a success.

Dec. 7, 2009 – Seniors Dinner – invitation only and not open to the general public.

Dec. 12, 2009 – skating party with the Legion at the arena.

New Businesses: - no report

Royal Canadian Legion:

Bill Gunn reported that Sgt. Wilson Army Show was sold out and a real success for the Legion.

Jean Hershey requested that the Chamber be added to their list of contacts for 2010.

SnoGlyders – no report

Community In Action [old report]

Brian Torrance, Merin Smith and Carol Rickard are representing the Chamber. Brian reported that the round committee has completed its work.

Dec. 7th presentation to the Town and Dec. 9th to the Township

If the report is accepted then there could be an application for further funding.

Cruisin Car Show: - no report

Sylvan Circle: - no report

Chamber Link with Elliot Lake – no report

Alison Cragg reported that we have added as a link Elliot Lake to the Bruce Mines site. Elliot Lake has not yet linked us to their website.

Agricultural Society:

Carol Gunn reported that the annual meeting is in January 2009 and 2009 appears to have been a good year.

Tonight they hope Agreement will be signed with the Town & Township concerning the Buildings and Fair Grounds

Craft Sale – Nov. 21, 2009:

Marla McPhee reported it was successful and many have signed up for 2010. There is some thought of expanding into the basement as well

Christmas Mix & Mingle – Dec. 01, 2009

Marla McPhee reported that everything is ready to go for tonight - Tuesday, December 01 - mix and mingle at Lighthouse Lounge. Information tables will be set up. Refreshments will be offered Time 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Door Prize of one year membership.

Thessalon Rod and Gun Club

Bill Gunn reported that Thessalon Rod and Gun Club – wild game dinner on November 28th at the Bruce Station Community Hall went very well. There was a profit and it is expected that this will be a repeat for 2010.

Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce:

Pat Peterson reported that the Soo Chamber has not gotten back to her – will follow up on this.

Copper Country Christmas –

Carol Gunn stated that a flyer went out on Friday Nov. 27th. The Town will be celebrating Christmas on Friday Dec. 04, 2009

Correspondence:

East Algoma has sent in their monthly report.

Tim Hudak – Ontario Progressive Conservative – presented their small business agenda. They are available to meet with the Chamber to discuss their program

New Business

Dave Paterson spoke with Brian Torrance – July 23, 24, and 25, 2010 – Country Music Jamboree.

Larry Peterson reported that the Country Hall of Fame is looking for (1) a permanent home and (2) a venue for the month of July 2010. Dave Paterson is favouring Bruce Mines over other venues.

Motion: Bill Gunn + Phil Rouleau that the Chamber support the possible initiative of moving the Hall of Fame to Bruce Mines and Area. - carried

Sno-Gylders are having their dinner dance this Sat. Dec. 5th at the Bruce Mines Community Hall – Midway is the Band. Silent Auction open for Friday Dec. 4th from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Community Hall.

Fri. Dec.4th – Royal Bank will be holding draws for a Christmas Turkey + tickets to the SnoGylders Dinner Dance.

Next Meeting: Tuesday Jan. 05, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

Adjournment: at 8:50 a.m.

