

BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Tuesday, October 05, 2010 – UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY – 8:00 A.M.
WEBSITE: www.brucemineschamber.com
Email: info@brucemineschamber.com

Present:

Brian Torrance – Torrance Custom Interiors
Merin Smith – Special Projects Co-Ordinator
Marla McPhee – M & J Hair Boutique
Jean Hershey – Rydal Bank Historical Society & the Library
Michael Peever – Mae-Ger Treasures
Pat Peterson– Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse
Bill Gunn – Fine Pine Things

Guests: none

Regrets: Larry Peterson – Peterson & Peterson Law Firm
Cheryl O'Hara – Royal Canadian Legion

Carol Gunn – Agricultural Society

Observer: Gordon Post
Dan Kerr
Patricia Kerr

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

Brian noted that because a request had been received by a mayor candidate to attend the meeting and he had explained that because there was a Meet the Candidate Meeting scheduled for Oct. 6, the Chamber meeting was not a suitable place for presentations. As a result, Gord Post was welcomed as an observer.

Past Minutes :

Motion: Marla + Merin moved that the minutes of September 07, 2010 – be adopted as presented– carried

Treasurer's Report: - an information report presented

Insurance: -

The insurance premium has been paid for the year. There are some questions that need to be answered.

French Fryer: - a written report was presented by Merin on the success of this project.

Canada Day – no report

Web Site: - Pat Peterson reported

Requests for information about Rock Hounding have been received and it was discussed where that information could be found.

Membership: - no report

Four & Friends Art Show & Sale: - no report

Bruce Mines and District Historical Society:

Marla McPhee reported that cookbooks are selling well and sold well at the Fair.

The Society has produced a newsletter entitled, "Museum Musings".

A luncheon will be presented on Nov. 20 from 10 to 4 in conjunction with the Bruce Mines Craft Sale.

Rydal Bank Historical Society: - Jean Hershey reported that everyone is invited to the annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Monday, October 11. Tickets go on sale at 2:30 and the first seating is at 4:00. Everyone is invited to this excellent turkey dinner. Meals are served at approximately 4, 5, 6, and 7 o'clock.

Library – Jean Hershey reported that "A Halloween Zombie Fest", featuring Booker D. will take place on October 30. Doors of the Bruce Mines Town Hall will open at 7p.m., the show will start at 8 and the Halloween Dance and Bar will follow. The proceeds for the evening will go to the Bruce Mines and Plummer Additional Union Public Library and the Recreation Committee.

Town Master Plan: - no report

Town Improvements – no report

Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association:

Pat Peterson reported that the advertisement for Algoma Outdoors has been sent in. All money has been collected and the invoice will be received in November. The Chamber will pay its portion at that time.

Brian congratulated Pat on a job well done.

Royal Canadian Legion – A letter of appreciation for the Chamber's contribution to Canada Day was received.

Sgt. Wilson's Army Show will be presented on October 24 at The Community Hall at 7:00.

Lions Club: - no report

SnoGlyders – no report

Sylvan Circle: - no report

Agricultural Society: - no report

Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce: The Chamber membership has been renewed.

Correspondence:

Information has been received through the Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce concerning Contact North and Take Five.

East Algoma Community Futures Development Corporation has sent a summary of their last meeting.

Citizen of the Year – no report

Community Hall – no report

Trade Fair – Marla and Merin are working on this.

Chamber Brochure & Advertising: -

Brian reported that he has received a draft report from the committee and the final report will come to the November Chamber meeting for discussion as to how to proceed.

Chamber/Downtown Committee: Michael Peever reported that he has received very positive feedback about the formation of this committee and once the election takes place a committee will be formed.

Meet The Candidates Meeting: Merin presented a written report and explained the format for this meeting.

Jean Hershey and Brian Torrance congratulated the group on the excellent job of organizing this important event.

New Business –

Mine Shaft: Questions were raised about the budget for this project.

The Christmas Mix and Mingle: This will be discussed at the November meeting.

Bruce Mines Craft Sale and Luncheon: This will be held on Nov. 20 from 10:00 to 4:00 at the Towns Hall.

Privacy issues were raised concerning the publication of email addresses with the minutes. It was agreed that from now on the Secretary will blind copy addresses when sending out the minutes.

Thessalon Rod and Gun Club will be holding its annual Wild Game Meal on Nov. 20 at the Bruce Station Hall.

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 02, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

Adjournment: at 8:55 a.m.