

BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Tuesday, November 02, 2010 – UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY – 8:00 A.M.
WEBSITE: www.brucemineschamber.com
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Present:

- *Brian Torrance – Torrance Custom Interiors
- *Larry Peterson – Peterson & Peterson Law Firm
- *Merin Smith – Special Projects Co-Ordinator
- *Marla McPhee – M & J Hair Boutique
- *Michael Peever – Mae-Ger Treasures
- *Pat Peterson– Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse
- *Elaine Switzman – ADSAB
- *Sandy Ubohy – Ontaro Works Supervisor
- *Bev Pelletier – Massage Kneads

Guests: none

Regrets: Cheryl O'Hara – Royal Canadian Legion
Jean Hershey – Rydal Bank Historical Society & the Library

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

Past Minutes :

It is noted that a donation of \$400.00 to the Agricultural Society was passed at the October meeting and was omitted from the minutes.

Motion: Merin Smith + Marla McPhee moved that the minutes of October 05, 2010 – be adopted as amended– carried

Treasurer's Report: - Moved. Larry Peterson + Elaine Switzman approved the treasurers report as presented

Insurance: -

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

French Fryer: - no report

Canada Day – Legion is debating whether or not to take on this project in 2011

Web Site: - Pat Peterson reported

Presently Alison & George Cragg have decided to try a fresh look for the Chamber web site and are working on it.

A new article will be added on rock hounding . Pat Kerr has written an article on rock hounding and Pat has some copies with her today and would like a few volunteers to proof read it so it can be added to the site.

Pat spoke with Bancroft Chamber of Commerce president, Kim Crawford (613) 332-1513 yesterday and they are more than happy to help Bruce Mines Chamber to avoid issues (they've promoted rock hounding for 44 years.)...i.e. insurance, land owner permission, and MTO (collecting on the edge of roadways is illegal but a common practice)...They also are just starting a new program uniting the communities that have rock collecting as a draw and will gladly link web sites...have meetings whatever.

They hire a geologist each summer to search, maintain and get land owner permission. I don't know anything about northern grants but maybe someone else does and we could get a student geologist to set the program up???

This could be something for discussion anyway.

Membership: - no report

Four & Friends Art Show & Sale: - a meeting is being scheduled shortly in preparation for the 2011 event.

Bruce Mines and District Historical Society:

Larry Peterson that Ron Smith has applied for another Trillium Grant for the museum.

Rydal Bank Historical Society: - no report

Library – no report

Town Master Plan: - Mike Peever met with Building Inspector, Lenny Smith, after the public information meeting with Bruce McNeely about public funding for facade and building improvements for the downtown. Lenny advised that there has to be a public meeting in order to meet preliminary requirements for any grant applications. Grants between \$500.00 to \$1500.00 is available to individual businesses to improve their building's appearance..

Town Improvements – Mike Peever reported that the meeting with Bruce McNeely was productive and appreciated by those in attendance.

Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association: - no report

Royal Canadian Legion – Legion is not certain about taking on the organizing of the 2011 Canada Day celebrations.

Lions Club: - no report

SnoGlyders – a dance is being planned for the dance the first weekend in December.

Sylvan Circle: - no report

Agricultural Society: - no report

Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce: - no report

Correspondence: - none

Citizen of the Year – suggestions for candidates for Citizen of the Year are open

Community Hall – no report

Trade Fair – Elaine Switzman and Sandy Ubohy are working on this.

Chamber Brochure & Advertising: -

Brian Torrance reported that the final report has been completed and presented it to the meeting. See attached report in PDF format.

Motion Pat Peterson + Elaine Switzman that the Chamber proceed with a joint advertising committee with the Chamber, Plummer and Town for 2011 and 2012 provided a chairman can be found to head up this committee. – carried.

Chamber/Downtown Committee: (old report) Michael Peever reported that he has received very positive feedback about the formation of this committee.

New Business –

Executive Meeting – Tues. Nov. 09th at 8:00 a.m. at Peterson's Law office

Children in Need

Marla McPhee reported that Lori Patteri – wants to start “Fill a Stocking, fill a Need” for needy children in the area. Lori wants pajamas + a gift. Lori needs these items by Nov. 25th for more information call 785-1098.

Hallowe'en Skate Night – was very well attended and a smashing success. It was put on by the Recreation Committee but was organized by Ted Brooks and Larry Brunke who did an incredible job.

Wind Turbines are being planned for Soo North up to Montreal River and over to Ranger Lake. There is organized movement against the development. Meeting at Alexander Henry this Thurs. Nov. 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Mine Shaft: (old report) Questions were raised about the budget for this project.

The Christmas Mix and Mingle: Merin Smith report that the Committee of Peggy Wallace, Marla McPhee & Merin Smith have selected Wed. Dec. 8th at 7:00 p.m. at Lighthouse Lounge. Offer a door prize of \$100.00 for Chamber members only + 20 trivia questions about the Chamber + gift certificates. Memberships will be on sale that evening. There will be a carol sing planned for the evening. Need to invite the Mayors and Councillors of Town and Twp. Food contributions would be appreciated.

Moved: Merin Smith + Mike Peever that \$350.00 be budgeted for this event – carried.

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. 27 at the Bruce Station Hall.

Next Meeting: Tuesday December 06, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

Adjournment: at 8:55 a.m.