

LarrBRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Tuesday, Feb. 01, 2011 – UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY – 8:00 A.M.

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Present:

Brian Torrance – Torrance Custom Interiors
Larry Peterson – Peterson & Peterson Law Firm
Michael Peever – Mae-Ger Treasures
Lori Patteri – Town Councillor
Sandi Ubohy -
Arlene Rombera
Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse

Guests:

Regrets: Cheryl O'Hara -
*Marla McPhee – M & J Hair Boutique

Call to Order: Brian Torrance called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Past Minutes :

Motion: Larry Peterson + Michael Peever moved that the minutes of Jan. 04, 2011 – be adopted as presented– carried

Treasurer's Report: -

Motion – Larry Peterson + Pat Peterson approved that the Treasurer's Report be adopted as presented. – carried.

Insurance: - [old report]

The insurance premium has been paid for the year. There are some questions that need to be answered. The commercial accounts have been transferred to Sault Ste. Marie

French Fryer: - no report

Canada Day – Lori Patteri reported that the project is still getting attention. The grant application deadline was missed. The Town will be doing something but how large or small it will be is not known.

Web Site: - no report

Membership: - Michael Peever reported that membership invoices were mailed out and the responses have been good so far to date. We need to review the cover letter and correct some spelling errors. All Star Trophies may have sheets of dates available for purchase and this should be checked out when memberships are being renewed.

Four & Friends Art Show & Sale: - Brian Torrance reported that invitations have gone out and acceptances have been obtained. There will be a bit of change in the presentations.

Bruce Mines and District Historical Society: - no report

(old report) Larry Peterson that Ron Smith has applied for another Trillium Grant for the museum.

Rydal Bank Historical Society: - (old report) Jean Hershey sent in her report that The Rydal Bank Historical Society is in the process of having additional copies printed of *Glancing Through Rydal Bank*, the history book written by Iona Robbins. Anyone interested in acquiring a copy may contact Jean Hershey at 705-785-3534

Library – no report

The Library will be approached about having a new representative at the Chamber. Brian Torrance will look after this.

Town Improvements – Funding announcements is expected sometime this month from government sources. Presently funding programs are uncertain. Lori Patteri stated that they are waiting for the Communities in Action Program funding to be finalized. The future of Mark St. next to the Bavarian Inn has to be finalized.

Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association: - no report

Royal Canadian Legion – no report

Lions Club: - no report

SnoGlyders – no report

Sylvan Circle: - no report

Agricultural Society: - no report

Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce: - Pat Peterson will look into how Bruce Mines Chamber members can attend the various Sault Chamber activities to which we are entitled to attend being members of the Soo Chamber.

Correspondence: none

Citizen of the Year – Larry Peterson reported that Citizen of the Year for 2011 is Morley Mills – Morley has been very active in the many aspects of the community for over 60 years. Friday February 25, 2011 will be the date of the dinner.

Volunteers are needed for Hall set up for Thursday February 24th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Community Hall – Brian Torrance canvassed a number of chamber members, prepared and presented the Chamber report to the Town Council. The report will be emailed to Larry Peterson to send out to the Chamber members and friends.

Feb 26, 2011 was suppose to be the town hall meeting has been delayed until more hard facts have been obtained in order to discuss issues accurately and properly.

Trade Fair – Elaine Switzman, Sandy Ubohy, Merin Smith and Marla McPhee are working on this.

Sandy reported that the Trade Show is set for Fri. May 6th and Sat. May 7th at the Arena. It will have a Mother's Day theme to it. There will be concentrated more on a trade/business format.

Chamber Brochure & Advertising: -

Michael Peever met with both Mayor West and the Clerk about this project. Howie Bowes is the Town representative and now need a representative for the Township.

Mine Shaft: - Lori Patteri reported that the site inspection has been completed. There are minor repairs which are expected. The roof is relatively new and appears to be in good condition. The main complaint was the lack of someone not being present at the shaft to meet and greet and guide visitors. Apparently students were pulled off the shaft to clean washrooms in the park.

Rock Hounding: - Pat Peterson reported that this subject has hit a bit of a pause.

Chamber representation at Council Meetings: [old report]

Merin Smith for the Town and Dan Kerr for the Township will look into municipal agendas and of Chamber representatives to attend these meetings.

New Business:

Arlene Rombera – is thinking about setting up a chip wagon + souvenir sales down town.

Michael Peever reported that he and Pat Peterson are looking into souvenir shirts, postcards, etc. to promote the area. Visitors look for key chains and other items with the name of the Town and Township on them. The Township should be

approached for a collection of photos promoting the Township which can be used as postcards.

Next Meeting: Tuesday March. 01, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

Executive Meeting – Tues Feb. 15th at 8:00 a.m. at the Law Office.

Adjournment: at 9:00 a.m.