

BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Tuesday, Feb. 7th, 2012 – UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY – 8:00 A.M.
WEBSITE: www.brucemineschamber.com
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Present:

Larry Peterson – Peterson & Peterson Law Firm
Brian Torrance – Torrance Custom Interiors
Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse
Lorne Barlow – Barlow Chimney Sweeps
Michael Peever – Mae-Ger Treasures
Dan Kerr
Pat Kerr
Carol Gunn – Bruce Mines Agricultural Society
Marla McPhee – M & J Hair Boutique
Lory Patteri – Town Councillor
Connie Bennett – Bruce Mines Historical Society
Ted Alleway – Iron Thistle Garage

Guests:

Regrets:

Call to Order:

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

Past Minutes :

Motion: Larry Peterson + Lorne Barlow moved that the minutes of Jan. 10, 2012 be approved as amended – carried

Treasurer's Report: -

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

East Algoma Strategic Project

Lori Patteri said there was a meeting last week with WCM Consulting Group. The report is expected on March 08, 2012 which will be a public meeting.

Geothermal Energy

Brian Torrance reported that the first phase is complete. There is about \$15.00 in the account to keep it active. The next stage is to obtain further information on the type of resources. Pat Kerr reported that Timmins looked into geo thermal heating for the Shania Twain Centre. Pat Peterson reported that she had met with Ted Leahy who stated no one had contacted him about the status of the mine shafts.

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: -

The Chamber is looking for people who can take over the French Fry Committee. There may be a couple of people giving it some thought but are yet undecided. There are volunteers to help move heavy equipment. This is the Chamber's major fund raiser. There is only one mobile event – i.e. the Car Show. The rest of the events would be at the Fair Grounds. Anyone interested in helping with the project to contact Brian Torrance.

Canada Day –

LoryPatteri reported that a lot of information has been given to Howie Bowes (councilor) who will represent the Town on the Canada Day Committee. July 01, 2012 is on a Sunday. The fire works will be set off on Saturday night due to the availability of the fireworks crew. Sunday will have the parade and other activities.

Both Town and Recreational Committee will look after Canada Day

Vettes for Vets is having some issues since the arena is already pre-booked.

Web Site: - (old report)

Larry Peterson reported that he had renewed the web domain for another year.

Membership: -

Michael Peever reported that memberships will be going out this week.

Year End Reports – (old report)

Brian Torrance wondered about doing up a year end report which summarizes all the activities of the Chamber. Many in the community are not aware of the Chamber's activities in the community.

Four & Friends Art Show & Sale: (old report)

Brian Torrance reported that they have tentatively booked the Rydal Bank Hall since the Bruce Mines Community Hall is in question.

East Algoma Small Business –

Marla McPhee reported that she completed an application for a grant of \$3,000.00 for the Cornish Mines – cost of construction is \$6,000.00 + ; Historical Society donated \$500.00.

Moion Marla McPhee + Lorne Barlow tht the Chamber donate \$500.00 for the construction of the Cornish miner - carried

Bruce Mines Historical Society: -

Connie Bennett reported: Annual Meeting of the Bruce Mines & District Historical Society will be held at the Bruce Mines & Plummer Additional Public Library at 7:pm on WEDNESDAY FEB 22. Guest speakers Cindy Crawford (Regional Project Manager for the War of 1812) and Art Bennett (Regional Director for the Metis nation of Ontario) will give presentations on the War of 1812. This

marks the bicentennial of the War of 1812. Many events are planned locally so come out and learn more. Everyone welcome. Both speakers are to talk about the War of 1812.

There will be an election of officers.

Rydal Bank Historical Society: -

Jean Hershey sent in the following report:

Ontario Heritage Week
Defending A Nation
Rydal Bank Historical Society

The Rydal Bank Historical Society is pleased to be able to present a display of historical material at the Bruce Mines and Plummer Additional Union Public Library as part of Ontario Heritage Week in February.

The Ontario Heritage Trust has chosen the theme of “Defending a nation” to celebrate Heritage Week 2012. This theme offers an opportunity for communities across the province to commemorate 2012 as the bicentennial anniversary of the War of 1812 – a significant and defining event in Canadian history. During Heritage Week 2012, communities are encouraged to reflect on the War of 1812, as well as other major conflicts in our history, and examine how they have shaped our culture and our physical environment.

The Rydal Bank Historical Society does not have material directly related to the War of 1812 but certainly the theme of Defending A Nation is one that is well represented in the Society's Historical Archive. Members of the community served in World War I and World War II and their names are proudly displayed on Memorial Plaques in the Rydal Bank Church and the Rydal Bank Hall. As well, a few photos of individual soldiers are on display as well.

Please enjoy these documents from the collection of the Rydal Bank Historical Society and questions may be directed to the Library Staff who will offer further information or forward them to members of the Society.

Library –

Lorelee Gordon, Librarian, sent in the following report: (old report)

New Database for 2012 – Mango Languages – Free language courses through a link on the library website and your library card number – Foreign language courses and English courses – Mango Basic teaches common phrases - Mango Complete teaches more in depth vocabulary and grammar skills - Record your voice to aid in mastering the correct pronunciation – Create a Profile so that the site remembers where you are in a course.

Free Computer Training @ your Library - Book a one-on-one appointment to learn basic computer skills including email, Internet searching, Facebook, Chat, Skype and working with programs such as Microsoft Word.

Friends of the Library Monthly Bazaars featuring local artisans – Second Friday and Saturday of the month - Next one is February 10th & 11 – Contact Linda Samuels 705-785-3248 if you are interested in showcasing your creations or volunteering for Friends of the Library.

Town Improvements –

Lory Patteri reported that all paperwork has gone in.

Royal Canadian Legion – no report

Lions Club: - Carol Rickard sent in the following report: (old report)

Saturday, March 17, 2012 we will be having an Irish Stew Dinner at the Bruce

Station Hall at 5:00pm

Saturday, April 07, 2012 is our Annual Easter Bake Sale at Foster's Freshmart from 10:00am - ?? (this usually sells out fast)

SnoGlyders – no report

Sylvan Circle: - no report

Agricultural Society: -

Carol Gunn reported the new President is Darlene Walsh – the new Fair Books are now published

Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce: - no report

Citizen of the Year –

Larry Peterson reported that Tom Varey has agreed to be Citizen of the Year 2012. Fri. Feb. 17, 2012 will be held at the Bruce Station Community Hall
We need volunteers for set up at 7:00 p.m. for Thurs. Feb. 16, 2012.

Community Hall –

Lory Patteri reported there was a meeting yesterday – invitations have gone out to construction engineers – the deadline is this Friday

Trade Fair – [old report]

The chamber will do it on its own in 2012

Joint Advertising Committee - Committee Members – Michael Peever, (Chairman) Norm Hern, Howie Bowes, Sara Swain.

Mike Peever reported that the Township and Towns have approved the funding for the brochure. The AKTA advertisement does not have municipal support but there are businesses who are interested in advertising with AKTA

Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association:

- Pat Peterson reported the new books are out and will be brought to the next meeting

Simpson Mine Shaft: -

Lory Patteri reported that Henry Pieters will do repairs at the mine shaft after the marina shuts down. Outdoor work will be done first. The shaft will be open this year and the Legion sign needs to be moved.

Agricultural Society – no report

Ungated Tourist Attraction: (old report)

Marla McPhee met with Ted Alleway, Merin Smith and have agreed on a site for the sculpture. Ted has put in a request for materials and the price will be made known to the committee. The grant approved is \$3,000.00. Ted reported that it would take him a month to create the sculpture and it is to go on display in May 2012.

(new report) Merin reported that Marla has filled out the grant application and Ted is to work out the budget.

Business of the Month

Lorelee Gordon is now looking after this project exclusively.

Healthy Communities:-

Healthy Communities Coordinator, Cindy Stonehouse-Jones sent in the following report.... The soccer program is to start February 7th, 2012. The time is 3:30-4:30. (ages 4-9), and 4:30-5:30 (ages 10-14).

Still need volunteers to help assist with this program.

Then turnout is successful. The program has approximately 24 kids for the younger group and 8 for the older age group.

Snowshoes have been purchased and can be signed out at the arena starting February 9th 2012. The snowshoes need to be registered and marked before they can go into circulation.

Pat Peterson has been working with me on the GeoCache event. We are planning to attend a meeting in Sault Ste. Marie, on Friday February 10, 2012. The geo cache event is running smoothly due to Pat Peterson's precision and energy to make this event and enjoyable and successful.

Volunteers are still needed to help run the soccer program. I would like to get volunteers who would like to coach the soccer in the summer. The volunteers for soccer would then be eligible for a coaching certification.

Currently in my HCF model I have 4,000 for skis, I was wondering if the chambers had any suggestions concerning the funds in physical activity other than skis? If anyone has ideas about diversifying the funds please contact me at the arena @ 705-785-3791, or cstonehousejones@ontera.net

Also my time at the arena is up I would like the Chamber of Commerce to support me in staying at this location for longer than the 5 weeks. Currently this location is easily accessible to both communities.

The community kitchen has about 2 members who want to participate in the event. For \$5.00 you get a stew salad and a dessert. I hope more people will attend. Does the chambers of commerce have any thoughts as to why it is not moving well? I was wondering if maybe the time was not right? Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Motion Mike Peever + Ted Alleway that the Chamber support Healty Communities office staying at the arena for the next 5 weeks - carried

Correspondence: none

New Business:

Annual Womens Hockey Tournament

Mike Peever reported that it was a smashing success

Next Meeting: Tuesday March, 6 th 2012 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

Executive Meeting – T.B.A.

Adjournment: at 9:15 a.m.