

**BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**Tuesday, March 6th, 2012 – UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY – 8:00 A.M.**  
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**Present:**

- \*Larry Peterson – Peterson & Peterson Law Firm
- \*Brian Torrance – Torrance Custom Interiors
- \*Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse
- \*Shelena Spires – DOG S
- \* Arlene Romberg – Chip Wagon
- \*Lory Patteri – Town Councillor
- \*Michael Peever – Mae-Ger Treasures
- \* Connie Bennett – Bruce Mines Historical Society
- \*Ted Alleway – Iron Thistle Garage

Guests:

Regrets: Marla McPhee

**Call to Order:**

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

**Past Minutes :**

Motion: Larry Peterson + Ted Alleway moved that the minutes of Feb. 07, 2012 be approved – 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 the report is scheduled on Thursday, March 08, 2012 which will be a public meeting to review

**Geothermal Energy (old report)**

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: -**

Lory Patteri reported that she and Leah Fleming will do the French Fry Project for 2012.

**Canada Day – (old report)**

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:**

Pat Peterson reported that both George & Alison Cragg will be at the April meeting. It was suggested that a Calendar of Events for the year be prepared and put on the Chamber website.

**Membership: -**

Michael Peever reported that memberships will be going out this week. The letter has to be revised. Mike will respond to East Algoma Stewardship Council

**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.

**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.

**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 was 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. There was an election of Directors – Jane Smith, Ron Smith, Connie Bennett, Jean Kettles and Larry Peterson

Order copper postcards – printing for booklets – working on the walking tour – considering a contest to name the Alleway Miner

### **Rydal Bank Historical Society: - (old report)**

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 –**

Connie Bennett reported that a new librarian has been hired from Ottawa. Samuel Luk has been working on his Library Masters Degree. There were 60 applications for the position

(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.

**Town Improvements** – no report

**Royal Canadian Legion** –

Brian Torrance stated he was contacted about Vettes for Vets. The Committee sent in a draft budget for consideration. A full weekend has been scheduled and appears to be finalized. We understand the new venue is the Desbarats Community Centre. We understand the local Legion is letting their name be associated with the project.

Motion: Larry Peterson + Pat Peterson that the Chamber donate \$250.00 to the Vettes for Vets payable once the event actually happens. – carried.

**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** –

Larry Peterson reported that there was a meeting with the Chamber, Town and Township representatives at the SnoGlyders Club House last week. Larry read the letter from Bruce McNeely dated Feb. 29, 2012 – there are superb trails in the Algoma District. Bruce McNeely has done wonders in upgrading the core trails and is trying to make these trails multiuse for ATVs, walking, cross country skiing, etc. There is a need for local support not to mention better support from Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs and the Province of Ontario....much like the support Michigan is getting.

Pat Peterson reported that the local trails are designed to go around the Town of Bruce Mines, along a number of mine sites and out onto the lake. Pat walked a portion of the trails and discovered the great opportunity of making the SnoGlyders trail into historical walking trails.

Pat is also heading up the Geocache projects and was able to get a \$1,500.00 grant to develop a historical walking trail. This money will be used by Bruce McNeely to improve the existing local trails.

**Sylvan Circle:** - no report

**Agricultural Society: - (old report)**

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 the honouring of Tom Varey as Citizen of the Year 2012. Fri. Feb. 17, 2012 at the Bruce Station Community Hall went very well. Tom Varey sent in a thank you note for honouring him.

**Community Hall –**

Lory Patteri reported that letters of invitation went out to contractors with a deadline of March 15, 2012. It was confirmed that the cost of demolition will not come out of the \$500,000.00

**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: - old report**

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.

**Business of the Month**

Jr. Loughren of Copper Bay Shell is noted in the library foyer

**Healthy Communities:- (old report)**

Healthy Communities Coordinator, Cindy Stonehouse-Jones sent in the following report.... The soccer program is to start February 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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:**

**North Channel Geocache Event**

Pat Kerr's article in the Sault Star sparked a television coverage with MCTV last week with Pat Peterson & Cindy Stonehouse-Jones.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday April 03, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

**Executive Meeting** – T.B.A.

**Adjournment:** at 9:00 a.m.