

**BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**Tuesday, May 01, 2012 – UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY – 8:00 A.M.**

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**Present:**

- \*Brian Torrance – Torrance Custom Interiors
- \*Arlene Romberg – The Chip Wagon
- \*Marla McPhee – M & J Hair Boutique
- \*Howie Bowes – Town Councillor
- \*Lory Patteri – Town Councillor
- \*Michael Peever – Mae-Ger Treasures
- \*Sandy Ubohy – Algoma District Administration Board
- \*Ted Alleway – Iron Thistle Garage
- \*Larry Peterson – Peterson & Peterson Law Firm

**Guests:**

- Regrets:** Connie Bennett – Bruce Mines Historical Society  
Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse

**Call to Order:**

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

**Past Minutes :**

Motion: Larry Peterson + Mike Peever moved that the minutes of April 03rd, 2012 be approved – carried

**Treasurer's Report:** - no report to illness

**Geothermal Energy (old report)**

Brian Torrance reported that the next meeting is set for April 2012

**Insurance: -**

Larry Peterson reported that list of items to be insured has been collected and will be sent into Carlo DiCandia

**French Fryer: -**

Lory Patteri reported that Larry Peterson will be applying for AHU temporary food permit. Lory is looking into expanding the food selection that can be sold.

**Canada Day** – (old report)

Howie Bowes reported that the event will take place on June 30<sup>th</sup> as Community Day. Community Day will be the last Saturday in June then the fireworks crew will be available.

**Web Site:** -

Michael Peever reported that businesses need to notify the Chamber of current information in order to keep the website up to date. The Craggs are excellent in keeping the website current. Arlene, Michael and Howie will look into obtaining photographs of unique places in Bruce Mines.

**Membership:** -

Michael Peever reported that memberships are coming. Francine will do the certificates and send them out. Michael is encouraging other businesses and people to join the Chamber.

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

Brian Torrance reported that they have booked the Rydal Bank Hall since the Bruce Mines Community Hall is in question. The hours are changed to 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – no evening hours since they are off the highway.

Highway signs – ART SHOW TODAY with an arrow.

**Ungated Tourist Attraction:**

Larry Peterson reported that there is some discussion as to whether to have the unveiling during a work week in May or on Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup> when the Community Day festivities are taking place.

**Bruce Mines Historical Society:** -

Larry Peterson reported that the Spring Museum Musings has been published and released to the public

**Rydal Bank Historical Society:**

Jean Hershey sent in the following report:

Sunday, May 27, 2012 - The Rydal Bank Historical Society's Annual Meeting begins at 4:00. The business meeting and elections will be followed by the Historical Topic which will feature a presentation "Keeping History Alive" by Margaret Cameron. A Potluck Supper will follow the meeting at 5:30.

The public is welcome.

Sunday, May 27, 2012 - The Rydal Bank Church will be the place of worship for the Rydal Bank Historical Society's Annual Meeting. The Rev. Jan Schnell will lead the service, and music will be conducted by Vivian Shuttleworth. A service of Baptism will be an important part of the service. The public is invited to attend this service which will begin at 7:00.

**Library** – no report

**Town Improvements** – no report

**Royal Canadian Legion** –

**Lions Club:** - no report

**SnoGlyders** – no report

**Sylvan Circle:** - Michael Peever reported that the Chamber received a letter from Dianna Madill about putting an advertisement in the brochure.

Motion: Howie Bowes + Marla McPhee that the Chamber purchase a \$35.00 advertisement in the Sylvan Circle brochure.- carried

**Agricultural Society:** - no report

**Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce:** - no report

**Community Hall** – *(amended)*

Lory Patteri reported that letters of invitation went out to contractors with a deadline of March 15, 2012. *The cost of both the demo and the rebuild will be more than the \$500,000.00 grant and that additional funds will need to come into play.*

Brian Torrance reported that the Chamber letter was well received by the Town Council

**Trade Fair** – has been cancelled for 2012. The project will be reviewed later in 2012.

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

The Committee met with Dave Patterson and finalized the 2012 information on the Welcome Magazine.

Michael is looking for a new member of the committee.

Michael asked Larry Peterson to announce to the public about updating their information on the brochure

### **Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association:**

- Michael Peever reported that Pat Peterson delivered to him a box of Algoma Country magazines to be distributed to local businesses.
- Michael Peever encouraged everyone to check the website of AKTA – a tremendous thank you has to go to Pat Peterson for the huge amount of work she spent on this project.

### **Simpson Mine Shaft: -**

Lory Patteri reported that Tom Eastman is working on the new Simpson Mine sign. Repairs are still underway.

### **Business of the Month - no report**

### **Healthy Communities:-**

It is understood that Sean Hanlon will be replacing Cindy Stonehouse-Jones in order to complete the project while Cindy is on maternity leave.

### **Student Employment Programs**

Sandy Ubohy reported on **Remote Employment Training Remote Employment Training**

The Algoma District Services Administration Board - Ontario Works has been offering Remote Employment Training to individuals throughout the Algoma District in our office locations of Elliot Lake, Blind River, Thessalon and Wawa.

- Registration is by referral from Employment Solutions, Employment Options, Algoma District Services Administration Board (Ontario Works) Ontario Disability Support Program employment service provider and your local First Nations employment service provider

This training not only provides employment opportunities during difficult economic times, but it also:

- Enhances employment options and outcomes
- Enhances job retention
- Increases labour market participation
- Removes persistent employment barriers (disability, childcare, transportation, eldercare, etc)

- Promotes social inclusion
- Increases skills, knowledge and behaviours for succeeding in home based employment and provides knowledge of the benefits of home-based employment

### **Movement to Improvement Workshops**

Algoma District Services Administration Board- Ontario Works is offering this training for individuals throughout the Algoma District in each of our area offices in Elliot Lake, Blind River, Thessalon (Central Algoma) and Wawa. This four-day program focuses on the fundamental life skills such as:

- problem solving
- negotiation skills
- crisis management
- communication
- coaching

These skills will enhance the employability of individuals.

### **Summer Jobs for Youth 2012**

We are going to be partnering again this year with Sault College-Employment Solutions to deliver the Summer Jobs for Youth Program throughout the Algoma District. The specific criteria for 2012 has not yet been provided, but the information from the past years is as follows:

- Eight (8) week program (July and August) with six (6) weeks of employment placement
- Employers receive fully subsidized youth employee(s) for six weeks
- For youth 15 to 18 years and they could not have previously completed the program
- The youth and the employers must meet the criteria of the program

Youth receive one (1) week of pre-employment and one (1) week of post-employment training which includes, (life skills, employability skills, job search techniques, resume writing, goal setting, interview coaching, financial planning, workplace orientation and health and safety)

The objective of the program is to:

1. Provide youth participants with a supported and supervised employment experience.
2. Provide youth participants with an understanding of, and opportunity to, develop positive attitudes, skills and behaviours required for employment.
3. Provide youth participants with a supported transition from the program.

Information regarding criteria and how to apply for an employment placement should be available in June. In the meantime, if you are interested in this program, please call Sandy at 705-842-3370 Ext.262.

## **Channel Geocache Event**

Pat Peterson reported that on **Sunday June 10, 2012 – GPS and compass 101** 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. is being held Lighthouse Lounge at Bruce Bay Cottages, 82 French Island Road, Bruce Mines - Cost; \$25.00 includes lunch - Bring a GPS or compass if you have one - Wear proper foot wear and clothing for hiking - Get ready to participate in the North Channel Geocache Event in September - Instructor – Denis Gauthier - Must pre register: email [islandkeeper@brucebaycottages.com](mailto:islandkeeper@brucebaycottages.com) or call 705 785 3473

**Correspondence:** none

## **New Business:**

Michael Peever reported that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show is coming up in June 2012 – the Committee has asked for financial support as there are plans to expand the show and attractions. The Library may be having a garage sale and the United Church is also having a garage sale on that day.

Motion Ted Alleway + Howie Bowes that the Chamber donate the sum of \$500.00 to support this special anniversary of the Classic Car Show in June 2012.- carried

Brian Torrance reported that there will be election of officers for the next meeting:

President – Brian Torrance

VP – Michael Peever

Sec/Treas. – Larry Peterson

Candidates are encouraged to put forward their names if they are interested in any of the positions.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday June 5th, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

**Executive Meeting** – T.B.A.

**Adjournment:** at 8:50 a.m.

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