

**BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**Tuesday, Aug. 06, 2012 – UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY – 8:00 A.M.**

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**Present:**

Brian Torrance – Torrance Custom Interiors  
Marla McPhee – M & J Hair Boutique  
Michael Peever – Mae-Ger Treasures  
Larry Peterson – Peterson & Peterson Law Firm  
Rhonda Ferris – Jerry's Bait & Rock Shop  
Lory Patteri - Town Councillor  
Connie Bennett –Bruce Mines & District Historical Society  
Howie Bowes – Town Councillor

**Guests:**

**Regrets:** Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse  
Sandy Ubony - ADSAB

**Call to Order:**

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

**Past Minutes :**

Motion: Larry Peterson + Michael Peever moved that the minutes of July 03, 2012 be approved – carried

**Treasurer's Report: -**

Motion: Larry Peterson + Marla McPhee the financial report as presented be approved – carried.

**Vettes for Vets**

The Treasurer can now issues a cheque to the Royal Canadian Legion.

Motion: Larry Peterson + Michael Peever that the Chamber continue its long standing policy of not loaning or renting out the French fryer equipment and since the equipment is stored in the Chamber French Fry Building at the fair grounds that the building be not loaned out or rented either. – carried.

**Geothermal Energy - no report**

**French Fryer: -**

Lory Patteri reported that the one fryer which is not lighting properly – Superior Propane has serviced the fryers in the past.

**Web Site: -**

Michael Peever reported that Arlene Romberg has been reviewing the website and updating information. Arlene has been sending information to the Craggs.

**Membership:**

Michael Peever reported that memberships are coming. Tippy Canoe and Terri's Storage have joined.

**Four & Friends Art Show & Sale:**

Brian Torrance reported the final report is being worked on. They are expecting a loss – smaller than anticipated.

**Ungated Tourist Attraction:**

Marla McPhee reported that it was Ken MacLeod who built the base. The sculpture is going up the evening of Friday Aug. 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup> – unveiling event – museum will be open – cookies and lemonade

**Simpson Mine Shaft: -**

The Simpson Mine Shaft will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> year of opening on Saturday August 18th

**Bruce Mines Historical Society: -**

Ron Smith sent in the report that he is still working on the HODG Grant. The Museum will be manned with a combination of volunteer and student staffing for the summer. Museum hours are from Tues. to Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with Sunday and Monday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Connie Bennett reported the attendance has been excellent so far Michael Peever reported that the Historical Society must get in the AKTA – Algoma Country Book. Connie reported that they are getting interpretive signs for all the mine shafts

**Rydal Bank Historical Society: - no report**

**Library** – Connie Bennett reported the Teddy Bear Picnic is coming up Thursday Aug. 09, 2012. The Board does not meet during the summer.

**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: -**

The Soo Chamber sent in a motion  
 Motion – Mickael Peever + Howie Bowes – that we renew our membership for another year - carried

**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, Arlene Romberg

Michael Peever reported that they have held off on the brochures – concentrating on updating the website.

**Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association: -**

Motion: Michael Peever + Howie Bowes that we renew and confirm our full page advertisement with AKTA Algoma Country magazine. – carried.

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

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

Marla McPhee that Sean Hanlon coached a soccer team for Bruce Mines and that team won the tournament.

**Channel Geocache Event**

Larry Peterson reported the North Channel Geocache is proceeding – there is a training session sometime in September.

**Correspondence:** none

**Clarks Bridge: (old report)**

Larry Peterson reported that he attended the public meeting at the Township Hall – over 50 people were in attendance. Letters of Concern from the Chamber of Commerce + Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse were read at the meeting. Township Council will take the comments under study for a decision to be made later. The main importance of Clark's Bridge – it is the only access (other than public roads) for snowmobiles from Sudbury and Algoma East to have access to food, fuel and accommodations in Bruce Mines and area.

**Community Hall –**

Brian Torrance reported that he had examined the draft building plans and had a number of comments. Brian met with Lenny Smith.

- the Chamber was not able attend the Town's meeting with the engineer
- basement will be kept – that is good
- a dumb waiter could be added if necessary

- Brian felt that the kitchen could go to the basement in the future if necessary
- Hall has lost 16 feet with the stage gone
- Hall will lose space from the handicap entrance
- The Hall is definitely smaller – loss of 16 feet .....this is a serious concern.
- Citizen of the Year will not be affected.
- Four & Friends will lose storage area where the current stage is
- Dinner Dances will have less space
- The hall will still seat 180 people
- Kitchenette opens right into the hall.....that is convenient for bars but not for foods.
- Four & Friends will not have food in the hall and a pass through could be put in.
- 10 windows on south and 8 on the north wall now – planned 8 windows on the south and 3 high windows on the north wall .....recommend the 3 north windows the same size as those on the south wall.
- The ceiling has to be a drop ceiling
- Emergency exit in the basement should be installed now
- Art Show lighting – could put in electrical plugs in the ceiling and plastic clips could be used to hold the lighting fixtures.
- Flooring has been left out of the drafts
- There are no cupboards in the kitchette

Motion: Larry Peterson + Howie Bowes that the above recommendations be approved and submitted to the Town for consideration – carried.

**New Business:**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday September 04th , 2012 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

**Executive Meeting** – T.B.A.

**Adjournment:** at 9:05 a.m.

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