

**BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 04, 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
- \*George Cragg – Copper Bay Web Design
- \*Alison Cragg – Copper Bay Web Design
- \*Sandy Ubony – ADSAB
- \*Rhonda Ferris – Jerry's Bait & Rock Shop

**Guests:**

- Regrets:** Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse  
Jean Hershey – Rydal Bank Historical Society  
Lory Patteri - Town Councillor

**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 Aug. 06, 2012 be approved – carried

**Treasurer's Report: -**

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

**Geothermal Energy -**

Brian Torrance spoke with Peter Spik and a meeting is being planned for the future.

**\*French Fryer: -**

Lory Patteri sent in the following report:

- finishing prep for the Fall Fair
- some stock has been picked up already and the rest if scheduled to be delivered on Thursday
- will be doing pogos this year as well as standard fries and rings - Arlene has graciously offered to allow us to have our product delivered to her chip wagon and to also purchase any pogo stock that is left over
- one fryer not working at all and a second is not at 100% - hoping to have all 3 in good working order for Derby night since we do a ton of business in that 3-4 hour window

- have enough volunteers for Friday and Saturday but still looking for a possible fryer and server for 12:30 - 3:30 on Sunday - Leah and I will be there but it will give us a chance to have a bit of a break - any takers?
- the Temporary Food Permit has arrived from AHU.

Larry Peterson reported that he and Bill Gunn examined the broken frier yesterday and think it is the termal coupler. Bill will take the frier to the Soo this morning to try to get it fixed.

#### **Web Site: -**

George Cragg reported that the website is being kept up to date as information comes in. They are receiving some information from Arlene Romberg. NOTE: anyone who wants to publicize their event to contact the Craggs directly at: [info@brucemineschamber.com](mailto:info@brucemineschamber.com) with details of the event + an explanation about the event.

#### **Membership:** (old report)

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

Motion: Larry Peterson + George Cragg that for new members that the full membership fee be charged up to the first 6 months of the membership year, at the 6 month period, half the price and pro-rata thereafter until the end of the membership year. - carried

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

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

#### **Ungated Tourist Attraction:**

It was noted that Ted Alleway has removed the fallen statute. No one has been contacted by Ted.

#### **Simpson Mine Shaft:** - Lory Patteri sent in the following report:

- shaft is now closed for the season
- very happy with results for this year
- the students did a great job with the tours and with coming up with a flyer that we distributed around town
- repairs are complete (except for some windows that need glass replaced) - I have taken new photos of whim and passed along so that George and Allison can update town website
- rock tumbler has been loaned to the Historical Society for use at the Museum.

**Bruce Mines Historical Society: - (old report)**

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:** Jean Hershey sent in the following report:

The end of summer is a busy season for the members of the Rydal Bank Historical Society.

The Rydal Bank Hall will be one of the locations for artists on the Sylvan Circle Tour. The Rydal Bank Historical Society Women's Group will be serving Soup and Biscuits for the Tour.

The Society is gearing up for the Annual Thanksgiving Supper to be held at the Rydal Bank Hall on Thanksgiving Monday, October 8. Tickets go on sale at 2:30 and first sitting is at 4:00. Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy this special meal.

The work on restoring the foundation of the Rydal Bank Church is well underway with work being completed by ADL Stoneworks.

**Library** – no report

**Royal Canadian Legion** – no report

**Lions Club:** - no report

**SnoGlyders** – no report

**Sylvan Circle:** - The Sylvan Circle is ready for Saturday Sept. 15, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Agricultural Society:** - Demo Derby is set for Friday Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> and the Fall Fairs for Sept. 8 and 9<sup>th</sup>. . Fall Fair website is: [www.bruceminesfallfair.ca](http://www.bruceminesfallfair.ca)

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

**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:** -

Michael Peever reported that advertising fees are coming in for this publication.

### **Healthy Communities:-**

Larry Peterson reported that an email came in praising the hospitality of the organizers of the Soccer Camp + the Concerts at the Gazebo. Special thanks was directed to Sean Hanlon for his tireless work in making the camp a success.

### **North Channel Geocache Event**

Pat Peterson sent in the following report:

Caches are planned and being planted. Presently on geocaching.com there are around 40 people attending from out of Town. The Mine Trail is marked with pink ribbons, the signs are being ordered today. A basic map (as shown) has been designed with thanks to George Cragg for his assistance. The date of this event is Saturday Sept. 29, 2012 – registration from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Lighthouse Lounge.

**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.

**ADSAB** – Sandy Ubony reported the student programs are now over. For 2013 they hope to get more employer participation in the area. Employer participation from Elliot Lake and Blind River is quite good. These programs are 100% funded and the local employers should take advantage of these programs.

### **\*Community Hall – (old report)**

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.

Lory Patteri sent in a report that the Chamber's concerns re: design of the new community hall is slated to be discussed at this evening's council meeting.

Brian Torrance reported that he will be attending tonight's council meeting to address the Chamber's concerns.

**New Business:** - none

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday October 02 , 2012 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

**Executive Meeting** – T.B.A.

**Adjournment:** at 9:10 a.m.

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