

**BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 02, 2012 – UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY – 8:00 A.M.**

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**Present:**

\*Brian Torrance – Torrance Custom Interiors  
\*Michael Peever – Mae-Ger Treasures  
\*Elaine Switzman – ADSAB  
\*Rhonda Ferris – Jerry's Bait & Rock Shop  
Jean Hershey – Rydal Bank Historical Society  
Lory Patteri - Town Councillor  
Linda Samuels – Tippy Canoe

**Guests:**

**Regrets:** Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse  
Larry Peterson – Peterson & Peterson Law Firm

**Call to Order:**

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

**Past Minutes :**

Motion: Michael Peever + Rhonda Ferris moved that the minutes of Sept. 04, 2012 be approved – carried

**Treasurer's Report:** - No report

**Geothermal Energy** - no report

**\*French Fryer:** -

Lory Patteri reported that the year end has been completed and financially it was about the same as last year. Everything has been cleaned up and canopies stored. Lory Patteri and Leah Fleming have submitted a letter of resignation from the French Fry Committee to the Chamber. Mike Peever expressed appreciation on behalf of the Chamber to Lory and Leah for the excellent work that they have done with this Committee. Brian asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to Lory and Leah.

The Chamber is now looking for volunteers to head up the French Fry Committee.

Motion: Lory Patteri + Elaine Switzman moved that the Chamber make a donation (identical to last year) to the Agricultural Society. – carried.

**Web Site:** - No report.

**Membership:** Michael Peever reported that new members have signed up and membership continues to grow.

Appreciation to Mike Peever was expressed for his work with Memberships.

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

Brian Torrance reported that a meeting will be held in October to wind up 2012 and to plan for 2013.

**Ungated Tourist Attraction:**

A letter has been sent to Ted Alleway saying that the project has been cancelled and the CDC has been notified.

**Simpson Mine Shaft:** - Lory Patteri reported that the Shaft has been closed for the season and there will be some work to be undertaken for next year. There was a good response this season in terms of visitors and donations, and the guides were effective. Lory also reported that the Shaft was opened so that a family memorial service could be conducted at the Shaft in honour of Ted Leahy who had been instrumental in developing the Simpson Mine Shaft. The history book which he had been working on was completed just prior to his death and once the editing has been completed by his daughter, the book will be available for sale.

**Bruce Mines Historical Society:** - no report

**Rydal Bank Historical Society:** Jean Hershey reported that the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be served on Monday, October 8. Tickets go on sale on Monday at the Rydal Bank Hall at 2:30pm and the first sitting is at 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to enjoy this delicious meal prepared by the Rydal Bank Historical Society's Women Group.

The funds raised by this dinner are used by the Society to support the two heritage sites maintained by the Society: The Rydal Bank Hall and the Rydal Bank Church.

The work on the north wall of the stone foundation of the Rydal Bank Church has been restored by ADL Masonry. This work was funded by donations made in memory of John Keast and Harvey Morrison. John Keast was a founding director of the Society and Harvey Morrison was a trustee of the Church.

**Library** – no report

**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:** - no report

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

**Joint Advertising Committee** - see below

**Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association:** -

Michael Peever reported that the advertising has been almost completed for Kinnewabi. Pat Peterson, Arlene Romberg and Mike are working on this project.

**Healthy Communities:-** no report

**North Channel Geocache Event**

Pat Peterson sent in the following report:

North Channel Geocach was a successful event in all aspects. Over 50 attended with most guests being from out of Town from Mich, Southern Ontario, Sault Ste Marie, Thessalon, and Echo Bay. All that attended had a fun day of geocaching the North Channel . All caches have been loaded unto the web site of [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) and this will be used by geocachers as they travel through our area. Financial statement not completed yet as all the bills have not yet been paid. However, with the funds received for this event from the Chamber of Commerce , Healthy Communities and the silent auction that was held at the event all bills will be paid and there should be a small reserve to go towards the event for 2013.

It was reported that there was a substantial increase in downtown traffic visiting the down town area due to this event.

**Mine Trail Development.**

Funds that were received from Algoma Public Health /Diabetes Prevention Program for the development of a trail for this event are in the process of being spent. The Mine Trail is now completed. All signs have been erected by the Historical Society and geocaches have been planted all along this trail and it is called the Mine Trail Series and is a multi cache. The Town has designated 2 parking areas: one at the Taylor Mine and the other on Taylor Street by the mines, and the parking signs are in place. The entire trail is on town property and liability will be covered by the Town's liability insurance. I met with Susan McCooye last week and the MTO has given permission to erect a sign at the Entrance to the Mine Trail at the Taylor Mine and a stake has been placed. The sign will be ordered this week. The Town owns the Holy Walk sign and a new one is in the process of being made. MTO has given permission for a banner to be placed along the bottom of this sign announcing the Mine Trail Entrance in 600 meters. This will be looked at in the spring. Remaining funds will go towards the printing of Mine Trail brochures

and towards this sign. Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, the Historical Society and the Town, for all working together on the development of this trail which will have an economic benefit to this community

**Correspondence:** none

**Clarks Bridge:** no report

**Community Hall** – Brian Torrance reported that he had made the presentation to Bruce Mines Council concerning Chamber concerns about the design. Brian noted that he was appreciative that the Council was receptive to the Chamber's proposals.

Lory Patteri noted that the design from the Chamber has been sent to the engineers for their response.

The demolition of the Hall has been put on hold for the time being, but the Hall will be opened for the Legion for November 11, Remembrance Day.

**New Business:**

**Mix and Mingle** – Motion: Mike Peever + Lory Patteri moved to authorize Marla McPhee and the Mix and Mingle Committee to establish a budget and proceed with organizing this popular event. Carried

**Morning meetings** are difficult for some people to attend and interest has been expressed in holding an occasional evening meeting along the line of "After 5". Brian asked Mike Peever to look into this and report back to the January meeting to see if there is interest and if it would be viable.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 06 , 2012 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

**Executive Meeting** – T.B.A.

**Adjournment:** at 8:45 a.m.

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