

BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Tuesday, July 02, 2013 – UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY – 8:00 A.M.
WEBSITE: www.brucemineschamber.com
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Present:

Michael Peever – Mae-Ger Treasures
Larry Peterson – Peterson & Peterson Law Firm
Linda Samuels – Tippy Canoe
Laurie Mortimore – ADSAB
Crystal Reader – Library

Guests:

Regrets: *Lory Patteri - Town Mayor
 *Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse

Call to Order:

Michael Peever called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Past Minutes :

Motion: Larry Peterson + Laurie Mortimore moved that the minutes of Tues. June 04, 2013 be approved – carried

Treasurer's Report: -

Motion Larry Peterson + Linda Samuels moved that the Treasurers report be approved as presented – carried

Motion: Laurie Mortimore + Crystal Reader that the contribution of \$400.00 to the Canada fireworks be approved and ratified

Canada Day

The fireworks consisted of \$2,000.00 worth of fireworks for \$1,000.00 and was quite respectable. The parade consisted of 15 floats along with bicycles, walkers, motor bikes, scooters. The waterslide was extremely popular with the children.

Crystal Reader and the Legion are to be congratulated on pulling together this wonderful event in 10 days.

Geothermal Energy - at the next meeting it is to be determined on whether to keep the account open or closed.

French Fryer: - no report.

Web Site: - no report.

Membership – new members are continuing to come in.

Four & Friends Art Show & Sale: - it is on for next week.

Ungated Tourist Attraction: (Copper Miner Statue) – Larry Peterson reported it is in the hands of the lawyers.

Simpson Mine Shaft: Lory Patteri sent in the following report:

- Mine Shaft: opening on schedule for this year, no vandalism during the winter, minor repairs/maintenance scheduled

- summer students hired and two will be on site

- I conducted an "early" tour for folks from Ottawa and England

- plan to name the main building after Ted Leahy postponed to next year – daughter still working on book and both parties would like to have the book launch and naming ceremony take place at the same time

Bruce Mines Historical Society: - no report

Rydal Bank Historical Society: - no report

Library –

Crystal Reader reported the Teddy Bear Picnic is set for August 8, 2013 from 1:00 pm. To 4:00 p.m. for children up to the age of 13yrs. Each child is to bring a teddy bear or a stuffed toy. Stuffed toys can repaired at this time. There is a fish pond, large cake, the balloon man and other attractions. This is the 12th year of the picnic. In 2012 there were 57 registered children with numerous others not registered.

Green Thumb has donated their annuals for the library grounds, Darren Foster is donating the soil.

2 students have been hired through the Soo College and Employment Solutions program. The students are hired through Soo College and not through the Library.

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 2013.

Joint Advertising Committee - Mike Peeve reported that the brochures are almost ready for pick up.

Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association: - Pat Peterson sent in the following report:

The New Algoma Outdoors books are out and Mike Peever at Mae Gers Treasures has them.

Algoma Country will have a booking system in place soon. Meridian will be the host company and they will be in the area to present a seminar on how the booking system will work. The seminar will be held at the Lighthouse Lounge Thurs August 1 at 10:00 am and it will take a few hours. Mark this date on your calendar. It will be of particular interest to those members in the hospitality trade

North Channel Marina Association: - Pat Peterson sent in the following report:

Presently the following tours -Copper Town Tour, Farm Tour, Cemetery Tour live and canoe kayaking tour are live on the Chamber web site.

North Channel Geocache Event – Pat Peterson sent in the following report:

North Channel Geocache for Sept 2013 had been cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control for this year

Mine Trail Development.

Pat Peterson sent in the report:

The identifying the mine signs are waiting to be hung. Mine Trail received a compliment about the trail map and description!

Correspondence: Mike Peever will prepare a report on the popular response he is getting off facebook

Community Hall - Lory Patteri sent in the following report.

- Chosen contractor is Tom Young and some of the demolition work has started
- Richard and Howie went in early and salvaged the alarm system and some other items for re-use

Mix and Mingle – (old Report) Larry Peterson reported that he had received a couple of inquiries from Chamber members who are not able to attend meetings but who looked forward to the Mix and Mingle event to reacquaint themselves with other Chamber members and supporters.

Morning meetings (old report)

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.

Tourist Information Centre (old report)

Larry Peterson reported that Glen Ansell is collecting and compiling local information to give out to visitors.

Chamber Facebook (old report)

Glen MacKenzie has stated that the facebook has taken off. Glen put up an aerial photo of Bruce Mines and got 2800 reviews in hours ! Still thinking of a Town Mascot that can be moved around from location. A "gnome" is one suggestion.

Bruce Mines Farmer Market (old report)

Howie Bowes reported that Desbarats and Spanish have a very successful farmers market. Bruce Mines should seriously consider creating and developing a similar facility.

School Breakfast program

35 students eat breakfast at school every day and the program is in desperate need for funding. Michael will put up collection cans for donations. All members are encourage to donate and support the school breakfast program.

Town of Bruce Mines – Miscellaneous

Lory Patteri sent in the following report.

- Vandalism in the way of "graffiti" over the past week at the campground – women's washroom
- Thank you to the Chamber for their donation to Canada Day
- Car Show was a success again this year and looking forward to minor changes next year
- Attended the graduations at both AHPS and CASS last week – congratulations to all the graduates
- Helped out at AHPS Play Day – with Mikes OK, loaned the canopies for the day
- Flower planters on highway being worked on – new plants and shrubs going in to replace ones that didn't survive the winter well
- Wishing Chamber success at Four and Friends this year – Brian has contacted me and will be picking up the canopies

ADSAB

Laurie Mortimore report that the summer student program is proceeding well.

New Projects

Arlene Romberg is looking into a cotton candy machine as a possible fund raiser for the Chamber.

New Business

The first annual Tippy Canoe – Sat. Aug. 3rd down at the waterfront from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the festival is to promote the artists in the store. 86 artists and artisans are represented in the store. There will be a meet and greet with the artists and those not able to attend will have a bio available. There will be artist demonstrations. The Legion is being asked to sponsor a beer tent. Tippy Canoe need snow fencing, tents, tables and chairs.

Motion Laurie Mortimore + Crystal Reader that the chamber loan its 4 canopies to this event.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 06, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

Executive Meeting – T.B.A.

Adjournment: at 9:00 a.m.

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