

BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Tuesday, Aug. 06, 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
- *Brian Torrance – Torrance Custom Interiors
- *Marla McPhee – M&J Hair Boutique

Guests:

- Regrets:**
- *Lory Patteri - Town Mayor
 - *Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse
 - *Arlene Romberg – WyzGyz Chip Wagon

Call to Order:

Michael Peever called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Past Minutes :

Motion: Larry Peterson + Brian Torrance moved that the minutes of Tues. July 02, 2013 be approved – carried

Treasurer's Report: -

Motion Larry Peterson + Marla McPhee moved that the Treasurers report be approved as presented – carried

Motion: Brian Torrance + Marla McPhee that we pay Cliffe Printing for the brochure of \$1,491.60 and Soo Chamber for \$129.95 membership - carried

Geothermal Energy - Brian Torrance reported that there is \$15.00 left in the account. There should be one more meeting to determine the future of this committee.

French Fryer: - Mike Peever reported that Arlene Romberg will look after the ordering of supplies, Larry Peterson will apply for the Temporary Food Permit, Lory Patteri has offered to help with the volunteer scheduling. The next event is the Fall Fair in September.

Web Site: - no report.

Membership – new members are continuing to come in.

Four & Friends Art Show & Sale: - Brian Torrance reported that the committee is waiting for outstanding invoices. It lost money again this year. Sales were down.

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

Simpson Mine Shaft: (old report) 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

- Lory 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: - Ron Smith

The museum visitors have been quite good...no exact numbers yet...but our summer student is looking after things very well with help from Glen Ansell. Glen helped tremendously to setup the tourist information and also helped a great deal this summer with tours and a variety of items.

We have the window from St George's Church in the museum and we are waiting to get some white lighting for the back (LED Rope light) or something similar to illuminate the stained glass before we mount the window at the front of the sanctuary.

We also had a major clearing of brush from the old jail with the help of Bruce McKneely, (sp) ...There is still quite a bit of brush to be moved to the transfer site, so anyone who would like to help but taking a truckload or trailer load to the Taylor St transfer site would be appreciated.

Rydal Bank Historical Society: - no report

Library – (old report)

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 – Mike Peever reported that he spoke with John Lewis about the need to have information from the Legion on upcoming events. John will look into the situation and remedy it.

Lions Club: - no report

SnoGlyders – no report

Sylvan Circle: - the 2013 brochures are now out to the public

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 out for distribution.

Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association: - (old report) 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: - (old report) 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 – (old report) 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. (old report) 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: (old report) Mike Peever will prepare a report on the popular response he is getting off facebook

Community Hall -(no report)

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.

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.

ADSAB – no report

New Projects

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

The lending of equipment should be reviewed. There is a "no lending" policy with the French Friers and Art Show Stands. At one event the canopies came back in pieces and a volunteer spent hours reassembling them.

There is also a public liability issue with the lending of Chamber equipment.

New Business

Mike Peever reported that the Tippy Canoe event was successful as a first time event. The vendors were artisans and artists represented in the Tippy Canoe store. The long weekend was action packed with family reunions, Thessalon, Richards Landing, Desbarats events all taking place at the same time.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 03, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

Executive Meeting – T.B.A.

Adjournment: at 9:00 a.m.

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