

BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Tuesday, Sept. 03, 2013 – UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY – 8:00 A.M.
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Present:

- *Michael Peever – Mae-Ger Treasures
- *Larry Peterson – Peterson & Peterson Law Firm
- *Brian Torrance – Torrance Custom Interiors
- *Lory Patteri - Town Mayor
- *Jean Hershey – Rydal Bank Historical Society.
- *Alison Cragg – Copper Bay Web
- *Crystal Reader – Librarian
- *George Cragg – Copper Bay Web.

Guests:

- Regrets:**
- *Marla McPhee – M&J Hair Boutique
 - *Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse
 - *Arlene Romberg – WyzGyz Chip Wagon

Call to Order:

Michael Peever called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Past Minutes :

Motion: Larry Peterson + Alison Cragg moved that the minutes of Tues. Aug. 06, 2013 be approved – carried

Treasurer's Report: -

Motion Larry Peterson + Lory Patteri moved that the Treasurers report be approved as presented – carried

Geothermal Energy Michael Peever will try to set up one more meeting to determine the future of this committee. It is believed that there are a couple of houses on Copper Bay Road using geothermal heating.

French Fryer: - Larry Peterson has obtained the Temporary Food Permit for the Fall Fair Weekend. Lory Patteri has volunteers organized for most of the weekend. Lory and Arlene Romberg inspected the French fry booth to verify supplies.

Web Site: - Alison Cragg reported July figures 3,500 hits for the Town and Chamber. The Town site comes up first and the Chamber second which is excellent exposure for the Community. 2,800 went to the Town and 500 went to the Chamber.

Michael Peever talked about the Facebook account and how active the Chamber Facebook is doing. Lory Patteri has been taking pictures of local events and buildings to be uploaded to the website.

Membership – There was some discussion on getting window stickers for members to put on their store windows. Vista is a possible supplier of decals. Michael Peever will check out Vista's supplies.

Four & Friends Art Show & Sale: - Brian Torrance reported that the last invoice has come in. The Committee and the Artists were pleased with the public response. It is expected that returning to the Town Community Hall will increase next years attendance

Ungated Tourist Attraction: (Copper Miner Statue) – no report

Simpson Mine Shaft: Lory Patteri reported that the students were excellent. The students were able to restore the miniature display.

Bruce Mines Historical Society: - (old report) 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.

Michael Peever reported that he started selling Museum books and t-shirt which went very well

Rydal Bank Historical Society: - Jean Hershey reported that:

The Rydal Bank Historical Society will once again be a site for Sylvan Circle, Saturday, September 21. The Hall will host a number of talented artists and the Women's Group will serve homemade soup and biscuits. The Church will also be available for touring.

The Annual Thanksgiving Supper will be held at the Rydal Bank Hall on Thanksgiving Monday, October 14. The first sitting is at 4:00 and everyone is invited to enjoy this full turkey supper prepared by members of the Rydal Bank Historical Society.

Library –

Crystal Reader reported that the student planted perennials to enhance the area. Darren Foster donated the soil. The wifi service is well used by the public. The old VHS films were donated to various charities in the area. 25 boxes of large print books were donated by 2 ladies from Elliot Lake.

Royal Canadian Legion – old report - 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: We have renewed our membership for another year which entitles our members to participate in Soo Chamber events.

Trade Fair – has been cancelled for 2013.

Joint Advertising Committee - old report - Mike Peever reported that the brochures are out for distribution.

Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association: - Alison Cragg submitted George Cragg's report that the deadline was missed. An extension was obtained. We need to know where the businesses are in or out. Businesses are not responding in a timely fashion.

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. Pat Peterson sent in the report:

One of our tourist guest took the trail and noted 2 very large trees blocking the trail. Pat contacted Roy Rupert who volunteered and removed the trees. The trails are being used by the public.

Correspondence- no report

Community Hall -Lory Patteri reported that she has been inside the building and consulting with the contractor. Work is progressing well. A portion of the basement was raw earth which explains the mustiness in the ladies washroom.

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 – Michael Peever is taking pictures of local buildings and putting them on Facebook. Pat Peterson sent in a photo of a kayaker watching a spotted fawn in the shoreline on the Islands. Businesses are encouraged to send in photos to be uploaded to the Chamber facebook. It helps with their exposure.

Bruce Mines Farmer Market

The Town is looking into the building of a pavilion or a covered shelter similar to other Farmers Markets.

School Breakfast program – old report

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. Michael Peever has been checking out.

Lory Patteri reported that the Steelworkers Union is getting rid of all of their fund raising equipment. Michael Peever will look into this matter.

New Business

Welcome Wagon idea – Crystal Reader had put together a make shift package for the new pastor at the Lighthouse Church. We need a volunteer who will make up a welcome package for new comers.

Michael Peever reported that the Town Council need to be commended for the tremendous amount of volunteer work on various local projects.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 01, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

Executive Meeting – T.B.A.

Adjournment: at 9:00 a.m.

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