

BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Tuesday, Oct. 01, 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
Arlene Romberg - WyzGyz Chip Wagon
Jean Hershey – Rydal Bank Historical Society.
Marla McPhee – M&J Hair Boutique
Bill Detlor
Rick O'Hara – Town Councillor
Jessie McKenzie
Lori Mortimore – ADSAB
Sandy Ubohy - ADSAB

Guests:

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

Call to Order:

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

Past Minutes :

Motion: Larry Peterson + Sandy moved that the minutes of Tues. Sept. 03, 2013 be approved – carried

Treasurer's Report: -

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

Geothermal Energy

Mike Peever said he spoke with Howie Bowes about the geothermal.

Lory Patteri went to the LTEP (Long Term Energy Plan) seminar in the Soo in August and I brought up geothermal as an alternate energy source option. I was seated next to Robert Reid who works in the energy field and was also at the table with Jamie (?) Naccarato from the Soo Innovation Centre who was familiar with our preliminary testing. Robert said he would be willing to address council with regards to the next steps needed. Lory gave Howie Bowes his business card in case he

wanted to follow up since he is the one most interested in the geothermal project. I am assuming that Robert might also be willing to speak to Chamber if you are so inclined.

French Fryer: - : Lory Patteri sent in the following report:

The fryer had a record year this year due to the increased traffic at the Fair. Being able to order most of the stock/supplies through Arlene made the process so much easier. I did spend much more time at the "shack" than planned. Leah and I spent hours on the Tuesday prior cleaning and prepping, and I also ended up working an unscheduled shift on Sunday. There is so much that has to go on prior, during and after the event that I think it is imperative that a committee be formed again. I am also making the recommendation that the Fair is the only event in which we use the fryers. It is far too difficult to prep, move equipment back and forth, etc. for an event that might only take in about \$400 or so. An alternate option should be decided on. I do have an issue with someone from Ag arbitrarily taking one of the canopies that Leah, Mike and I had put up for us for their use at the derby site. We had said they could borrow one but common courtesy would think that they would take one of the extras. When questioned, the answer was that it was "easier for them". I was also reminded at work on Friday that they are waiting for their donation of \$400.

Larry Peterson reported that \$400.00 was picked up the other day. It was reported that Doug Strum apologized for the removal of the canopy.

Saturday needed an extra person to help. It was noted that hot dogs was also being sold at the agricultural food booth. This should be checked with Agricultural Society about this – if a problem then the chamber will consider other products.

In the past when frier booth was started it was important that the frier show up at other events to help make the event more successful. It may be extra work for the committee but the more that participate in smaller events help makes the smaller events more successful.

The back entrance of the building needs repairs. There were no lights Friday night in the fair grounds. Saturday – everyone was busy – needed 2 more people to help keep the premises clean. The relish should be put in a dish for easy access.

We need to purchase a large coffee pot.

Web Site: - (old report)

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 – (old report)

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 said the report is not yet prepared. The Committee purchases and donates art books to both Algoma University and CASS

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

Simpson Mine Shaft: Lory Patteri sent in the following report : Is now closed for the season and had a very good year. Students this year worked really well together and had initiative – we hope to get both of the girls back next year. If budget permits in 2014, I would like to see the roof on the main building on site repaired and strengthened in order to allow for the rain barrels to be re-attached as per historic photos.

Bruce Mines Historical Society: - Ron Smith sent in the following report.

The museum is now closed....except for tours by appointment. We had a relatively successful summer...visitor numbers were down a little from last year...and Glen's conversations with other museums in the Sault indicated their numbers were down as well.

Glen Ansill, Jane Strum-Smith and Ron Smith will be attending the NSCAN (North Shore Cultural Attractions Network) meeting on Tuesday at Little Rapids.

Rydal Bank Historical Society: - Jean Hershey reported that:

That she also attended the Ontario Historical Society Webinar.

The Sylvan Circle Artisan Tour was a success this year in Rydal Bank.

Everyone is invited to the Annual Rydal Bank Thanksgiving Turkey Supper on Monday, October 14 at the Rydal Bank Community Hall. Tickets go on sale at 2:30pm and the first sitting is at 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to enjoy this excellent meal presented by the Rydal Bank Historical Society Women's Group.

Library – (old report)

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 – no report

Lions Club: - no report

SnoGlyders – no report

Sylvan Circle: - Stephanie Mitchell reported there were over 800 visitors at S&S Creations. Tippy Canoe was busy. The weather cooperated and the crowds came out.

The Chamber should send a letter of congratulations to the Sylvan Circle on their very successful.

Agricultural Society: - no report

Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce: - old report- 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 - Mike Peever has been out collecting money for the AKTA promotion for 2014.

Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association: see above

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 sent in the following report.

Construction is basically on schedule and builder is hoping that it will be ready for a “grand opening” about mid-December. We are still planning, however, to be able to hold our Remembrance Day ceremony inside even if the finishing work is not totally complete. Inside walls are ready for paint, paint colour has been chosen and siding is scheduled to being this week. No major issues have arisen to delay the process so far.

The painting is taking place, the flooring will be refinished and the cement steps will be poured soon.

Mix and Mingle – Marla McPhee and a group of ladies are willing to help a Mix and Mingle this year. It is to coordinate with the completion of the community hall and be part of the grand opening. A budget will be requested at the later date. The Legion has a catering liquor licence and may be available. The exact date will have to be determined.

Chamber Facebook – old report - 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 – old report

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 – Sandy Ubohy gave the following report

Enhanced Employment Placements continue to be available for employers and Ontario Works participants. The employer will receive a subsidy of \$5.00/hour. (This subsidy is to help offset the cost of hiring and training a new employee.) An application is required and approval is based on the employer meeting the criteria of the program. We also have Community Placements that are unpaid community services that provide participants with skills and experience to move into paid employment. Laurie Mortimore is the contact person for this program for Central Algoma. If you would like more information about these programs, please contact our office at 705-842-3370.

ADSAB partnered with Sault College to deliver the Summer Jobs for Youth (SJFY) Program for 2013 in the Algoma District. It was again a very successful year. We had some new employers in Central Algoma send in applications this year. The intent of the program is to match eligible youth with employers to ensure a positive work experience. The program is for Youth ages 15 to 18 years. Once they successfully complete the program, they are not eligible to re-apply. Since there is a limited number available for each area, this gives all youth an opportunity to benefit from the program. ADSAB delivered the program in Elliot Lake and Wawa North. Sault College delivered the program in SSM, Central Algoma and Blind River.

Ontario Works is scheduled to get a new delivery system in 2014 to replace our existing system. Staff have been participating in training in preparation of the new system.

We continue to provide training for clients throughout the Algoma District and this month we are offering a Movement to Learning workshops beginning in Elliot Lake and in Blind River. We are partnering with the Literacy agencies to provide information and to assist people in reaching their education goals. We continue to work with Literacy and Adult Ed in all areas throughout the Algoma District.

Adult Ed is now being held at the old Manor in Thessalon. Adult Ed continues to be well attended in Thessalon as well as CASS. This is a great opportunity for people in our communities who want to continue their education.

ADSAB will be assisting eligible members of our communities who have been affected by the recent flood through the CHPI (Consolidated Homeless Prevention Initiative). People can contact their municipalities for more information or they can contact ADSAB directly at 705-842-3370. They will be required to submit an application along with their previous years NOA. CHPI is also available to assist in addressing emergency housing related needs to eligible people in our communities. People can contact our office for more information and will be required to submit an application along their NOA for the previous year.

New Projects (old report)

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 (old report)

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.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 05, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

Executive Meeting – T.B.A.

Adjournment: at 9:00 a.m.