

BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Tuesday, Nov. 04, 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
*Marla McPhee – M&J Hair Boutique
*Lori Mortimore – ADSAB
*Lory Patteri – Town Mayor

Guests:

Regrets: Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse
Sandy Ubohy - ADSAB

Call to Order:

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

Past Minutes :

Motion: Larry Peterson + Lory Patteri moved that the minutes of Tues. Oct. 01, 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 and Peter Spik recently. The Township, Town & Twp. of Huron Shores is trying to get an Economic Development Officer hired. The ED Officer would be a good one to take on the Geothermal Energy project.

Economic Development Officer.

In keeping with the past study of the 5 local municipalities, there is movement among the 5 municipalities to organize and agree to the hiring of a mutual Economic Development Officer. A committee has been formed and so far there have been 2 meetings. The last meeting was in Spring 2013. There is some movement recently.

French Fryer: - closed for the season.

Web Site: -

There is a need for a Community Website so all local municipalities can record their upcoming events. Sometimes volunteers forget to release their information. Perhaps there should be a Community Facebook page which can be updated daily.

It was suggested that Pat Peterson & Mike Peever should set up a special presentation on setting up and updating facebook sites.

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 B.M. Hall has been booked for 2014.

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

Simpson Mine Shaft – closed for the season

Bruce Mines Historical Society: - (old report)

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

Marla McPhee reported that the Historical Society will have a table at the Nov. 16th craft sale at the Arthur Henderson Public School selling books and poinsettias.

Rydal Bank Historical Society: - (old report)

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

Jean Burns has agreed to be our contact for the Legion. The Legion activities will be recorded in the Upcoming Events that will be sent out frequently throughout the month.

Lions Club: - no report

SnoGlyders – no report

Sylvan Circle: - no report

Agricultural Society: - no report

Horticultural Society:-

Maggie Willis has developed a Facebook page for the Horticultural Society

Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce: - Larry Peterson gave out handouts on SSM Chamber activities

Trade Fair – has been cancelled for 2013.

Joint Advertising Committee - Mike Peever has been out collecting money for the AKTA promotion for 2014. All have paid but one.

Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association:

Pat sent in a report that she will be attending the Annual General Meeting this Wed. Nov. 6th

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 – no report
Mine Trail Development. –no report

Community Hall -Lory Patteri reported that Remembrance Day will be held in the Hall. Working is on going. Cabinets are going in. Mid-December is the expected completion date. January 2014 would be a good time for a public reception at the hall.

Mix and Mingle – (old report) 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 – Michael Peever reported that some people have posted some photos on the page.

Bruce Mines Farmer Market –

The idea is still alive – there is some discussion on how it should be designed. A new structure

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 –

Lori Mortimore reported Student Appreciation Day at CASS is today.

New Projects (old report)

Arlene Romberg is looking into a cotton candy machine as a possible fund raiser for the Chamber. The machine costs \$600.00. It would cost \$2500.00-\$3000.00 to set it up on a towable cart. Water is an important element to the product.

The Chamber should look into a mobile food unit.

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.

Citizen of the Year

Larry Peterson reported that Marilyn Christenson is our Citizen of the Year with the annual dinner being set for Friday February 28, 2014.

Arena

Tonight there is a meeting about the future of the arena at 7:30 p.m. There will be a total of 3 meetings.

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

Executive Meeting – T.B.A.

Adjournment: at 9:25 a.m.