

BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Tuesday, Jan. 06, 2014 – 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
- *Arlene Romberg - WyzGyz Chip Wagon
- *Sara Leach – Employment Solutions
- *Lory Patteri – Town Mayor

Guests:

Regrets: Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse
Marla McPhee – M&J Hair Boutique

Call to Order:

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

Past Minutes :

Motion: Larry Peterson + Arlene Romberg moved that the minutes of Tues. Dec. 03, 2013 be approved – carried

Treasurer's Report: -

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

Geothermal Energy – it was agreed that this account will be closed.

Economic Development Officer. – (old report)

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.

French Fryer: - closed for the season.

Web Site: - Larry Peterson reported that the Hosting – Domain etc. has been renewed from Feb. 06, 2014 to Feb. 06, 2015 for a fee of \$94.40 USD

Membership – Arlene Romberg reported that membership packages will be prepared and sent out in January 2014. It will also be sent out in PDF format . Covering letters are being updated. There will be email follow-ups.

Four & Friends Art Show & Sale: - (old report) Brian Torrance said the B.M. Hall has been booked for 2014. Waiting for information on rental fees. The Committee is planning to meet early in the new year.

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

Simpson Mine Shaft – closed for the season

Bruce Mines Historical Society: - no report

Rydal Bank Historical Society: - no report

Library – no report

Royal Canadian Legion – no report

Lions Club: - no report

SnoGlyders – no report

Sylvan Circle: - no report

Agricultural Society: - no report

Horticultural Society:- no report

Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce: - no report

Trade Fair – has been cancelled for 2013.

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

Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association: - no report

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 – Pat Peterson is no longer able to lead this very popular event and there is a need for someone to take charge of it. We need a leader for this event + we need to renew the website expiring on Feb.5, 2014. It is agreed to let the website and project die for now. If someone is willing to take on this very worthy family friendly project, please contact Michael Peever or Larry Peterson.

Mine Trail Development. – no report

Community Hall -Lory Patteri reported meeting yesterday with the contractor – completion hope to be completed soon. Open house to be on Monday January 20, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Organizations will be encouraged to have a table of information to give out to the public.

Mix and Mingle – The Community Hall Open House will also double as the Chamber's Mix & Mingle . Mike Peever will organize a table for the Chamber to promote membership and events.

Motion: Brian Torrance + Arlene Romberg that the Chamber set aside \$100.00 to cover supplies and incidentals for this event.- carried

Chamber Facebook – Michael Peever reported that some people have posted some photos on the page. Chamber is not on Instagram yet but give us time.

Bruce Mines Farmer Market –

Lory Patteri reported that tender is out and the closing date is this Friday.

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.

Barter in Bruce Mines

2014 plans are starting to get underway for Mother's Day Weekend in May.

ADSAB – Practical benefits were discussed in projects in Desbarats and Blind River with the help of ADSAB.

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.

Business Student Scholarships – the Chamber could benefit local students who are interested in business with some type of modest scholarship. It would also increase the profile of the Chamber in the community.

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: - A Joint meeting of the Town and Township is being planned for January 21st or 22nd.

Miscellaneous: - no report

Buy Local

Brian Torrance commented about the need to "buy local" which includes the immediate area and surrounding area. The Chamber should develop a "buy local" program.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 4th, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

Executive Meeting – T.B.A.

Adjournment: at 9:15 a.m.