

BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tuesday, Sept. 02, 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 – Wyzgыз Chip Wagon
- *Jean Hershey – Rydal Bank Historical Society
- *Patricia Bowles – Queens Cupboard
- *Crystal Reader - Library

Guests: Sharon Hunter

Regrets: Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse

Call to Order :-

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

Past Minutes :-

Motion: Larry Peterson + Jean Hershey moved that the minutes of Tues. June 03, 2014 be approved – carried

Treasurer's Report :- Motion – Larry Peterson + Arlene Romberg that the treasurer's report be approved – carried

French Fryer: - Cotton Candy Machine :- The machine was purchased at \$820.88. The operation of the machine is being learned. The Canada Day event resulted in the sale of 6 cotton candy to 1 french fry. The supplier is very good to work with.

Web Site: - no report

Membership – no report

Four & Friends Art Show & Sale :- Brian Torrance reported that the Scholarship will be paid out shortly. The visa account is under contract ending in November 2014. At that time the general account will be closed. The Event has been active for 23 years and very successful over the years.

Geothermal (old report) :- A delegation from N-Sci Technologies from Sault Ste. Marie was at the last council meeting outlining their involvement with GeoThermal projects from the planning – development – up and running stage Further discussion will be had but can't see anything moving forward in the near future due to budgetary constraints. Larry Peterson attended the presentation at town council and obtained a copy of N-Sci presentation for Chamber files.

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

Simpson Mine Shaft :- Lory Patteri reported (in July) that the summer students started on the 1st of July and are the same two as last year - hours of operation are the same. We will be holding a committee meeting this week and will discuss the possibility of going ahead and building the catwalk on the main building in the compound. There also needs to be some restoration work to the horses.

Bruce Mines Historical Society :- no report

Rydal Bank Historical Society :- Jean Hershey reported on the following:

The Historical Society has had a busy summer and is preparing for a busy autumn. Repair and maintenance work has been completed on the Rydal Bank Church and the Community Hall. The Hall has been used for a number of events related to families of the community and former residents. The Society is pleased to be able to make the Community Hall available for these events.

The members of the Society are preparing for their involvement in the Sylvan Circle Tour and will again be serving lunch at the Community Hall.

Preparations for the annual Thanksgiving Supper are also underway. The popular dinner will be served on Monday, October 13th at 4:00 p.m. at the Hall.

Library :- Crystal Reader reported the Tuesday morning story hour is starting up again. Kool Kids Kamp operated full time throughout the summer – about 7 kids attended a day.

Recreational Committee :- 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 :- Larry Peterson reported that the 2014-2015 membership was paid.

Trade Fair :- no report – there is a possibility that this might be incorporated into Barter in Bruce Mines event

Joint Advertising Committee :- Mike Peever will be out collecting money for the AKTA promotion for 2015. The advertising page for the Town has come a long way and truly promotes the community.

Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association :- no report

North Channel Marina Association :- no report

North Channel Geocache Event :- no report – the need for someone to head up this event and is knowledgeable in setting co-ordinates. Pat Peterson did an incredible job in researching, planting and setting up geocaches along the Nip N'Tuck railroad from Bruce Mines to Rock Lake. We just need someone who is knowledgeable and enthusiastic about geocaching and being able to set the co-ordinates of the various treasures.

Mine Trail Development :- Mike Peever reported that many people have been using the Mine Trail developed by Pat Peterson.

Community Hall :- Lori Patteri sent in the following report (for July)

Rentals have continued through the spring and early summer. The VON is currently holding a free exercise class for seniors every Monday and Wednesday from 5-6. This class is geared to each individual and is not aerobic but meant to help with mobility, flexibility and balance. Anyone over the age of 55 is welcome.

Thank you to David and Mary Ann McClelland who cleaned out the weeds in front of the hall and did all the planting.

Ramping the step on the east side of the building is still pending.

Mix and Mingle :- the general consensus that we need to do it again for 2014.

Chamber Facebook :- Mike Peever reported that many more people are checking into the Chamber facebook. Mike is continuing to upload events and features to the Chamber facebook.

Bruce Mines Farmer Market :- Lory Patteri sent in the following report (for July)

The structure is now completed per engineers design but contractor has a bit of a concern regarding its stability during severe winds so he will be adding some bracing to the structure.

Barter in Bruce Mines :-

Merging the Trade Show with Barter may be a good match

ADSAB :- no report

Arena :- Lory Patteri sent in the following report (for July) : The ice surface portion of the arena is now closed per engineers suggestion. The Trillium Grant application was completed and submitted by Tulloch Engineering and they made the July 1st deadline. Now a waiting game to see if we will receive the funding that we need to fix beams and condenser.

Classic Car Show Saturday June 14, 2014 :- Lory Patteri sent in the following report (for July).

The show was held on the 14th of June and was a great success. Over 70 cars were registered, vendors reported a good day, the weather cooperated and there were a lot of people who came out to see the show. There was a profit of about \$1500 and council is planning to earmark that money for waterfront park improvements (ie: added electrical outlets and capability). Thanks to Larry Brunke who did a bang-up job of prep again this year.

Canada Day – Tuesday July 01, 2014 :- Lory Patteri sent in the following report:

Great day! The weather cooperated, the kids all had a blast with the water activities. Special thanks to Charlotte Kobelka for her new and improved water slide. Thanks to the Legion Colour Guard and the Ladies Auxiliary for taking part in the opening ceremonies. A special surprise was a gentleman by the name of Bill Rawn who used to live here in the 80s – was visiting family and offered the use of his sound system – even took out his guitar and sang for us for a while – he lives in BC now and writes music with his daughter, Canadian Idol alum Suzi Rawn.

The parade was the biggest and best that I can remember. There were over 15 participants including floats from the Library, the Holy Walk, the Legion, Light Haven, Home Hardware, two from the town, one from a classroom at the school, among others – also had tractors, a police cruiser and the fire department. The theme was Under the Sea and there was candy and squirt guns flying throughout the parade route.

The fireworks were fantastic again this year. Thanks to Mark Jetta for getting the fireworks for us and to John and Donnie Lewis for setting them off.

Special thanks to Crystal Reader for all the work she did in the planning and organizing.

Welcome Wagon idea :- Patricia Bowles reported that this will start in September – draft materials have been prepared.

Business Student Scholarships – (old report) :- 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.

Miscellaneous : - no report

Buy Local (old report) :- 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.

Sharon Hunter Presentation :-

Needs a letter of support from the Chamber for the Artisan Community Art Program deadline October 01, 2014

Sharon Hunter reported that she should get the results of the grant application in 3 weeks. Her Rydal Bank showing went very well.

Motion: Brian Torrance + Patricia Bowles that we give Sharon a letter of support in her Community Arts History Project- carried.

Community Arts History Project Grant—Artist in Community/Workplace

OAC-Due October 1—find out result—January 2015

Amount eligible to apply -\$10,000

Overall

Community Arts History Project

In collaboration with Bruce Mines and Plummer Additional community members are invited to participate in a visual history project.

During a four month project beginning in February to May youth school groups and all ages community members will be introduced to several historical aspects of this particular area; invited history keepers, archival visual, written and objects.

An example: through a survey handed out at a show I had at my studio in Rydal Bank, people commented on wanting to know the history of buildings, families, First Nations, Ojibwa teachings-pre-contact, where people settled, old hotels and business of Rydal Bank, Nip and Tuck Railroad.

People also responded that they would like to see mural, public art to see from roads, trails and beaches.

Some examples of time commitments for art workshops ranged from 1 day a week, weekend workshop, 4 weekend workshop, 2 days a week-2hrs in length.

As a facilitator I would be teaching, showing painting techniques. Engage participants all ages, outreach would involve making presentations at the Elders home, school, town council meeting.

Grant money will be used to purchase materials, honoriums for quest historians speakers, and their travel cost if coming from outside of Bruce Mines and artist facilitator fee for a 4-5 month project.

Partners

Rydal Bank representative

Bruce Station - Bruce Mines

First Nation History – contact people from Mississauga and Garden River

Responsibilities

- need a letter of support from community partners

- in kind donations such as studio – work space for art workshops, equipment-projector to use for workshops

Needs for project

- need access to 3 places to do workshops

Rydal Bank community hall

Bruce Station

Bruce Mines

Overall - 4 month project -----

Start up in February 2015—run to May 2015

- historic mural in Bruce Mines---sites to be identified---

- possible local---The Bear Den—community

- community history art exhibit slated for the summer of 2015

this project would have 2 components