

BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tuesday, Nov. 04, 2014 – UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY – 8:00 A.M.

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Present:

- *Michael Peever – Mae-Ger Treasures
- *Larry Peterson – Peterson & Peterson Law Firm
- *Lory Patteri – Town Mayor
- *Marla McPhee – M & J Hair Boutique
- *Ron Lamon – Algoma Financial Group
- *Bill Gunn – Retired Teacher
- *Patricia Bowles – The Queens Cupboard

Guests:

Regrets: Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse
Valyne Price – Employment Solutions
Arlene Romberg – Wyz Gyz Chip Stand

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

Past Minutes : *Motion:* Larry Peterson + Marla McPhee moved that the minutes of Tues. Oct. 07, 2014 be approved – carried

Treasurer's Report: - *Motion* – Larry Peterson + Ron Lamon that the Treasurer's Report be approved – carried

French Fryer: - **Cotton Candy Machine:** - Larry Peterson reported that we are waiting for a final report from Arlene Romberg on the Fall Fair event.

Web Site: - no report

Membership – no report

Four & Friends Art Show & Sale: - (old report) 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 - no report

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

Simpson Mine Shaft – private tours with the students from Arthur Henderson School was given recently. There may be repairs on the horses.

Bruce Mines Historical Society: - no report

Rydal Bank Historical Society: no report

Library – Lory Patteri reported that on Oct. 24th – there were 75 children attending the Halloween Party – games, scavenger hunt for body parts, craft tables and numerous other attractions

Recreational Committee – There is no Recreational Committee at this time due to the resignation of the Committee Members. There are difficulties between the Committee and the Administration.

Royal Canadian Legion – no report

Lions Club: - no report

SnoGlyders – no report

Agricultural Society: - Mike Peever reported that Agricultural Society asked the Chamber for \$5,000.00 to add to the financing applications. The Town agreed to pay \$2,000.00 if they are successful in their funding for new structures. The Agricultural Society plans to build one new building with double kitchens.

Motion: Marla McPhee + Patricia Bowles that the Chamber donate \$2,000.00 to the Agricultural Society provided they are successful in obtaining the over funding and that the Chamber get to use their facilities for the next 10 years on a pro bono basis.

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 reported that the advertisement is done and has been sent in.

Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association: Pat Peterson sent in a report that the full page advertisement for 2015 has been paid for and submitted for the Algoma Outdoors Magazine. Special thanks to George Cragg for designing the page and all the businesses who supported the full page advertisement and helping to make Bruce Mines a destination spot.

There are big plans for the 2016 Algoma Outdoors Advertisement – the goal is to have a centre fold two page advertisement.

North Channel Marina Association: - The Association has shut down for the winter

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.

Mix and Mingle – Marla McPhee reported that Fresh Water Coalition will be making a special presentation that evening. Invitations have gone out to Mayors and councils of the Town, Plummer and Johnson. It will be held again at Lighthouse Lounge on Monday, December 08, 2014 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Chamber Facebook – Mike Peever reported that Facebook has 101 “likes” recently. A lot of former residents have been using Facebook to stay in touch with local events.

Barter in Bruce Mines

Merging the Trade Show with Barter may be a good match

ADSAB – no report

Arena: - Lory Patteri reported that the Gym and Board Room may or may not be closed. Everyone is waiting for funding approval.

Canada Day will be changed to Community Day for the last Saturday in June

Welcome Package for New Residents – Patricia Bowles reported that she has drafted a letter seeking support from local businesses to put together a package of welcome to new residents of Bruce, Plummer and Johnson

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.

Copper Country Bruce Mines – Saturday December 6th – events are being planned

Miscellaneous: - no report

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 02nd, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

Executive Meeting – TBA

Adjournment: at 9:00 a.m.