

BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Tuesday, Dec 02, 2014 – UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY – 8:00 A.M.
WEBSITE: www.brucemineschamber.com
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Present:

Michael Peever – Mae-Ger Treasures
Arlene Romberg – Wyz Gyz Chip Wagon
Jean Hershey – Rydal Bank Historical Society
Howie Bowes – Bruce Mines Councillor
Mike Jones – Plummer Additional Councillor
Crystal Reader – Library

Guests:

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

Call to Order:

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

Past Minutes :

Treasurer's Report: No report

French Fryer: - Cotton Candy Machine: - No report

Web Site: - no report

Membership – We will have a membership table at the Mix & Mingle

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 - Howie Bowes made a statement at Bruce Mines council meeting last night to support continuing to investigate the viability of geothermal power program using the local mine shafts. A review with Plummer Additional township would be needed to start the process again. A suggestion was made that the Chamber could host a meeting to review the details that have been gathered so far. Howie will investigate tentative dates.

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

Simpson Mine Shaft – No report.

Bruce Mines Historical Society: - no report

Rydal Bank Historical Society: Continues to respond to requests for historical information. Continuing to complete work on the two heritage buildings, the Rydal Bank Community Hall and the Rydal Bank Church. Plans to have entry in the Parade of Lights. Preparing for Community Christmas Potluck and concert.

Library – Changes to the library committee as a result of the recent elections. Boris Koehler will represent Plummer additional. They are also looking for citizen reps.

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: - no report

Horticultural Society:- no report

Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce: no report

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

Joint Advertising Committee: Mike Peever asked that Plummer Additional join this committee and work with the chamber to increase business visibility.

Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association: No report

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 page continues to grow in popularity.

Barter in Bruce Mines

Merging the Trade Show with Barter may be a good match

ADSAB – no report

Arena: - Howie Bowes & Mike Jones reported that the arena has received funding approval. The contractor is going to put a plan in place and a supervisor has been hired to oversee the project. Howie reminded that details of the rules for use of the grant have to be clarified.

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

Welcome Package for New Residents – Letters from the town and township should be included as well as an invitation to join the Chamber. Suggestion that an invitation to join the Chamber could include a discounted or complimentary one year membership.

Business Student Scholarships – Mike Peever noted that a donation to a scholarship that would be administered by the school would probably be our best option. He will investigate further.

Copper Country Bruce Mines – Saturday December 6th – Some businesses will extend their hours to 7pm.

Miscellaneous: - Howie Bowes suggested that we should have a presence in the Ermatinger Old Stone House on Bay St in the Sault. We could be advertising our Mine Shaft attractions, Bruce Mines being the first Copper Mine, etc. Our Copper Mine history also has the potential to lead to designation of a “National Historic Site” which could bring related funding and destination tourism.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 06, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

Executive Meeting – TBA

Adjournment: at 9:00 a.m.