

BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Tuesday, Oct. 04, 2016 – 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
Jim McCulloch – Retired
Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse
Heidi Werner – Wooden Boxes
Edith Orr – Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition
Cheryl MacKay – North Channel Current
Valyne Price – Employment Solutions

Guests:

None

Regrets:

Lois Hart – Registered Psychotherapist
Arlene Romberg – Wyz-Gyz French Fries

Call to Order:

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

Past Minutes:

Motion: Larry Peterson + Cheryl MacKay that the minutes of Sept. 06, 2016 be adopted - **carried**

Treasurer's Report:

No report due to illness

T-Shirts:

Heidi reported sale of t shirts to date are \$800.00 -\$636.00 sales at the Fall Fair

Rydal Bank Historical Society:

Jean Hershey sent in the following report:

"The Rydal Bank Historical Society presents its annual Thanksgiving Turkey Supper on Thanksgiving Monday, October 10.

Tickets go on sale at the Rydal Bank Hall at 2:30. We regret that there are no advanced sales for tickets.

Meals are served at 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00.

Everyone is welcome to attend this full turkey supper. It's a great time to see the Fall colours, meet friends and enjoy the fine cooking of the Rydal Bank chefs."

ATKA:

Pat reported that the page is full with 3 business remaining to pay

Maritime Travel:

Pat reported that Maritime Travel have rented Lighthouse Lounge - Wed. night for Air Canada Vacations

Hospitality Training – Customer Service Program:

The Town with the marina, park and mine shaft, the Chamber, the Historical Society with the museum all need to have access to a training program for volunteers and students and supervisors in the hospitality services. Valyne will look into the training in Spring 2017. A certificate will be issued at the end of the seminar. It will be 100% government funded.

November – Business Appreciation Event:

Tues Nov. 8 –5:00 p.m. open doors - 6:00 p.m.– business appreciation get-together - soup and sandwich – Pat, Lois, Edith will do the soup – Arlene will do the sandwiches. Need to work on the main message of the event. The Town has donated the Community Hall.

Need to note the mission statement, the benefits of membership and past accomplishments. We need handouts.

Need rsvp – to help organize the event. Service Ontario will participate.

Business card box for a door prize

Membership Certificates:

Edith is thinking of Certificates will 5 year circles for 5 years. The certificate should come with a frame.

Farmers Market:

Edith suggested - This Sat is the last day for Johnson Farmers Market – 470 hours were invested in the Bruce Mines market and it was not worth their while. Why not have Wednesday Open Houses in Bruce Mines to get away from the congested weekend events. Local businesses can hold special events on Wednesdays. Wednesday produced a few locals and some transients. There were no handouts to help sell the town. Restaurants could have Wednesday specials.

Browns Island Little Free Library:

Jim presented a draft Lighthouse storage for the books.

Cheryl MacKay – a box filled with children and adult books – take one – leave one. There are 40,000 around the world – there are a couple of places in Ontario with the little free library. There is 1 location in Soo, Michigan – none in Algoma District.

Each location has to be registered \$45.00 which gives a plaque to be put on the box.

Bruce Mines box could be nautical in design with a copper roof. Some of the sitting benches have a “dog hook” to attach the dog leash to. There is a need for a Steward to monitor the project.

Cheryl has agreed to head up this project.

Jim has agreed to build a kiosk and have it ready for the Spring.

Motion: Pat Peterson + Lois Hart that Cheryl MacKay and Jim McCulloch head up the Little Free Library Project - **carried**

Next Meeting:

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 01 , 2016 at the Union Library at 8:00 a.m.

Executive Meeting:

TBA

Adjournment:

At 9:00 a.m.
