

## BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tuesday, March 06, 2018 – Library – 8:00 A.M.

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### **Present:**

Michael Peever – Mike Peever Auctions  
Larry Peterson – Peterson & Peterson Law Firm  
Jim McCulloch – Retired Project Manager  
Lois Hart – Registered Psychotherapist  
Rick O'Hara – Town Councillor  
Brian Torrance – Torrance Custom Interiors  
Heidi Werner – Wooden Boxes  
Edith Orr – Johnson Farmers Market  
Jody Peterson -

### **Regrets:**

Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse  
Marla McPhee – M & J Hair Boutique  
Jean Hershey – Rydal Bank Historical Society  
Bill Gunn – Fine Pine Things  
Amber Wills – Librarian

### **Call to Order:**

Michael Peever called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

### **Past Minutes:**

**Motion** Larry Peterson + Lois Hart that the Minutes of Feb. 06, 2018 be approved as amended – **carried.**

### **Treasurers Report:**

**Motion:** Larry Peterson + Jim McCulloch that the Treasurer's Report be adopted as presented – **carried.**

### **Citizen of the Year:**

Larry Peterson reported that it was a very successful event. Tickets were sold out with a few extra printed also sold out with a waiting list. Arline (McMillan) Connell was a very gracious recipient. A letter of appreciation to the Town of Bruce Mines for the complimentary use of the community hall for the past 33 + years was read.

There was a discussion of creating a plaque to record all 33+ brass plates to honour past citizens of the year.

### **Membership:**

Edith Orr reported that the chamber is about 50% in its membership.

### **New Business:**

Edith Orr reported on the Health and Safety event – there is a course for an employer to have a WHMIS training program - it is compulsory. Employers with 6+ staff need a designated employee training in first aid. Emergency first aid is a 1 day event – Standard First Aid is a 2 day event. First aid certificate has a 3 year term.

Edith will organize these seminars on a break even basis. The chamber will have to look after advertising, location, and refreshments. April will be the first opportunity for the WHMIS seminar.

**Motion:** Jim McCulloch + Lois Hart that Edith Orr head up the training programs for both WHMIS and First Aid. – **carried**

### **Huron North Economic Alliance:**

Edith Orr reported that a report on the summits will be prepared and sent out.

#### **(1) Food & Friends (After 6)**

Thurs. April 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. - Hampton Inn – Elliot Lake – Food and Friends – cost will be picked up ELNOS – each First Nation + Municipality is to prepare a 3 – 5-minute presentation highlighting their community. **Motion:** Heidi Werner + Lois Hart that the Chamber send down a delegation to the April 12<sup>th</sup> event at a cost not to exceed \$100.00 - **carried**

#### **(2) Tourism Summit:**

May 15 – 16<sup>th</sup> – in Blind River – goal is to move communities from ideas to action – planning around touring routes within our region.

#### **(3) Regional Marketing Plan**

This project is next in line.

### **After 6 - Tues. March 27<sup>th</sup>:**

Lions Club will host the event – location may be at Lighthaven. Members will be spotlighted. On average in 2017 the Chamber spends about \$95.00. Advertising usually costs around \$100.00

### **Seedy Saturday:**

Heidi will be present for Healthy Kids and will look after the Chamber table. There is a need to have another.

### **April 14<sup>th</sup> – Trivia Night:**

Heidi Werner reported that Trivia Night is set for Saturday April 14, 2018 at the Bruce Mines Community Hall - A fundraiser for Community/Canada Day. – volunteers are already organized. Tickets will be available in Bruce Mines & Thessalon. Doors open at 6:30 pm – Trivia starts at 7:30 p.m.

### **Community clean-up (Tentative):**

April 21<sup>st</sup> – a tentative day – to get kids and parents off the screen and out and about. Community Clean-up would be in conjunction with Earth Day. There are 11 communities in Healthy Kids – difficult to organize everyone.

### **Barter in Bruce Mines:**

May 12 is the usual date – this year there is a fund raiser at the arena – Spring Fling by Agricultural Society – crafters, etc.

The chamber \$25.00 in hall + 20 in the street + garage sale \$15.00 – they get a kit....maybe do a business expo in the hall.

### **Sustain Algoma:**

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – at Johnson Recreation Centre – businesses can display their suppliers. Bill Gunn made a show case.

### **Library Rental**

**Motion** : Lois Hart+ Heidi Werner that the Chamber rent the Library board room at \$180.00 a year  
– **carried**

### **North Channel Marine Tourism**

Richard presented a proposal to Council and Council felt it was not worth it.

**Motion**: Lois Hart + Brian Torrance that the Chamber do not pay the North Channel Marine Tourism membership for 2018.

### **Directors:**

At the next meeting since there are no new applications for the position of Directors there is no need to vote on the Board of Directors as all those whose names have come through acclaimed.

**Motion** Lois Hart + Heidi Werner that the Board of directors increase from 3 to 6

**Motion**: Lois Hart + Brian Torrance that Mike Peever, Larry Peterson, Bill Gunn, Jim McCulloch, Heidi Werner and Edith Orr be acclaimed to the Board of Directors effective immediately – **carried**

### **Annual Membership Meeting:**

It was felt that the annual membership meeting be held on Tuesday April 03, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

### **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday April 3, 2018 at the Library

**Adjourned:** 9:15 a.m.