

## **Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee November 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:07p.m.by Chairman Dan Harri.

Members present: Don Piche, Jill Protzel, John Sturos, Don Secor, Ned Huwatschek and Dan Harri.

Member(s) absent: Richard Schaefer, Peg Kauppi, Gina Nicholas,

The November meeting agenda was approved with a motion by Dan Harri, seconded by John Sturos. Motion carried.

Minutes of the October 4, 2013 meeting were read and approved with a motion by John Sturos, seconded by Ned Huwatschek. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker(s):

Sam Raymond, owner of the Keweenaw Adventure Company, was present to request support for his travel to trade shows this winter to promote the Keweenaw. Dan Harri made a motion, seconded by John Sturos, to support Sam with \$400 from the EDC and the remaining \$135 from the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge budget. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business –

Keweenaw County Recreational Trails (KCRT): Don Piche reported that the KCRT is moving forward on a grant through the Michigan Trust Fund. Don is no longer attending meetings, but will continue to report what he learns from committee members.

KC Communications infrastructure: Don Secor reported that Peninsula Fiber was at CLK and he will check on the status of the connection to the Hut. The tower at the Mountain Lodge needs repairs and a company from South Range is set to do the repairs.

KC Marketing: Dan Haari reported that the Dining and Lodging guides are done and were distributed at the Business Exchange. The EDC bought the rights to the photograph used on the front. Dan is now working on an

events calendar to be done in three month increments. The calendar will be distributed to Keweenaw businesses with the purpose of informing area residents of local events. A draft of this calendar will be presented at the December meeting.

New Business –

Planning Commission: Ned Huwatschek had nothing new to report at this time.

Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners: Don Piche reported that the board approved the \$500 for the Grant Township Lights Display. The board is currently working on the budget. There are new windows in the carriage house and they purchased a new car for the sheriff to be used starting in 2015.

Additions:

Keweenaw Business Exchange: The event was a great success as many local business owners attended. Next year we will add more format to the gathering. The logistics of raising the Bed Tax for Keweenaw County, how to collect and use the money, were discussed at length.

2014 Harvest Festival: possibly to be held the weekend after Labor Day in Copper Harbor. More discussion will be needed at a later date.

Dan Harri is looking into the possibility of starting a 501(c)3 status for Kermit's Youth Program, so Kermit's Kids can go after larger grant money.

Public Comments: none

On a motion by Dan Harri, seconded by Peg Kauppi, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.