

**Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee
May 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p by Peg Kauppi.

Members present: Don Piche, Jill Protzel, Peg Kauppi, Don Secor, and Ned Huwatschek

Member(s) absent: Dan Harri and Gina Nicholas and John Sturos

The May meeting agenda was approved with a motion by Ned Huwatschek, seconded by Jill Protzel, Motion carried.

Minutes of the November 6, 2013 meeting were read and approved with a motion by Ned Huwatschek, seconded by Jill Protzel. Motion carried.

Guest speaker(s):

Sam Raymond, owner of the Keweenaw Adventure Company, was present to facilitate a conference call with Ryan Olson from Abby Inc, an adventure park consultant. The Wisconsin company designs and builds outdoor challenge courses. Ryan answered the committee's questions about possibly building a challenge course in the Keweenaw. Sam and Ryan will continue to communicate about this project's feasibility for the area.

Old business –

Keweenaw County Recreational Trails (KCRT): Don Piche reported that the KCRT is in process of starting a bank account.

KC Communications infrastructure: Don Secor reported that the MI Supreme Court is requiring that all courthouses have 'real time' capability for trials to be broadcast over the internet. This will help ensure fiber being placed in Eagle River.

KC Marketing: Peg Kauppi reported that the county events calendar will be updated and distributed to Keweenaw businesses. The Spring/Early Summer calendar is ready for distribution and information about late summer/early fall events should be sent to Dan Harri.

Planning Commission: Ned Huwatschek reported that a representative from AT&T will be at the May 27th meeting to discuss internet upgrades and cell tower possibilities.

Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners: Don Piche had nothing new to report at this time.

New Business: none

Public comments: none

On a motion by Peg Kauppi, seconded by Don Secor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.