

**Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee
July 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by chairman, Dan Harri.

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

Member(s) absent: Gina Nicholas

The July meeting agenda was approved with a motion by Ned Huwatschek, seconded by John Sturos. Motion carried.

Minutes of the June 4th, 2014 meeting were read and approved with a motion by John Sturos, seconded by Ned Huwatschek. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker(s): none

Old Business –

Keweenaw County Recreational Trails (KCRT): Don Piche had nothing new to report at this time. Dan Harri reported that the KML will be posting speed limit signs on the grounds.

KC Communications infrastructure: Don Secor reported that Pastynet is trying some air fiber in the area which carries 2 megabits per second.

KC Marketing: Dan Harri reported that clear weather-proof boxes have been mounted at the KC welcome sign and the snow gauge to hold the Lodging and Dining brochures. He has been stopping to fill them and they have been empty most of the time. Ned Huwatschek will check with the Grant Township Board about updating the signage and landscaping coming into Copper Harbor. Events for Quarter 3 (August through October) should be given to Dan Harri so they can be added to the events calendar.

Planning Commission: Ned Huwatschek reported that the planning commission has not heard anything back from AT&T and letters to state representatives have been sent.

Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners: Don Piche reported that no bids have been submitted for the courthouse entry project.

New Business –

Dan Harri - The Keweenaw County Business Exchange will be held at the KML on Wednesday, October 1st from 6-8p.m. this year. The KML conference center is available October 11th this year due to a cancellation. Dan proposed having an Oktoberfest Event with German food specials and music.

Peg Kauppi- Single Speed USA, a national mountain bike race, will be held in Copper Harbor the weekend of August 9th with around 300 participants. This is a one-time only event, but it could have a great economic impact if the racers have a good experience and return in the future.

Public Comments: none

On a motion by Dan Harri, seconded by Peg Kauppi, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.