

Call Meeting to Order - President Debbie Stouffer called the meeting to order at 8:43 AM.

BCCC Mission Statement - The mission statement was read by Dianne Koskinen.

Roll Call -

- Board Present: Burt Mason, Debbie Stouffer, Daniel Mares, Joan Kruzich, Chris Davidson, Nathan Grave, Stacy Froese, Danielle Reeves, Nicole Acciaccia (Zoom).
- Board Absent: Cody Mayer
- Staff Present: Mary Mervar, Dianne Koskinen

Guests and Visitors - Rhonda Natchigall KBOCC, Celeste Hendrickson BCSH, Melissa Keysweater KBOCC.

Consent Agenda -

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Discussion: Addition-Discussion item (E) Annual Meeting Member Comments

Action: Motion to approve the consent agenda with one addition by Nathan Grave, supported by Stacy Froese. All in favor.

Board Training - Domestic violence affects the workplace presented by Celeste Hendrickson of the Baraga County Shelter Home.

Support Staff Report -

- Thank you notes from Lyme Great Lakes Timberlands, Baraga County Shelter Home, Scholarship recipient Westman.
- Dianne is not ready with membership payment options; hopefully, she will present what she learns at the March meeting.
- The art sale resulted in a donation of \$1,322.30 from the estate of Ric Moilanen.
- Year in Review 2025 was presented for Board review.
- Christmas Decor Tour saw 19 locations listed on the map. Mary sent thank you letters to participants and two randomly selected sites received Baraga Bucks.
- Small Business Saturday was celebrated with an open house warming center at the Chamber office with giveaways to those who stopped in and a drawing for a gift certificate as a door prize.
- Bowling tournament was held January 17 with low attendance. PLAN will reassess this event.

- Let's Eat was sponsored by the Chamber on Sunday, January 11, with over 120 meals being served. Let's Eat is looking for an August sponsor.
- Lunch & Learn in January saw low attendance. Dianne will be presenting "Flyer Creation" at the February 18 Lunch & Learn.
- Annual Meeting invitations were sent out to Chamber members (137 invitations) with 40 RSVPs received to date. The Board of Directors is encouraged to RSVP.

Action Items -

A. Board member resignation

Discussion: A thank you letter was read from resigning board member Cielle Waters-Umfleet. A thank you card to Cielle was prepared.

Action: Motion to accept the resignation of Cielle Waters-Umfleet from the Board of Directors by Nathan Grave, supported by Burt Mason. All in favor.

B. Request for donation L'Anse Figure Skating Club

Discussion: Review of the criteria for donations revealed that the L'Anse Figure Skating Club is not a member affiliate of the Chamber and thus not eligible for donations.

Action: No action taken.

Discussion Items -

A. Sponsorship brochure 2026 - Board of Directors should choose five or more Chamber members to solicit for sponsorship. Dianne will email and USPS mail brochures and a list of members indicating their sponsorship in 2025 to Board members.

B. Board members for terms starting February 2026 - Stacy's and Debbie's terms are up for renewal and both wish to continue. Rhonda Natchigall is interested in filling a vacant board seat. Board members will be voted on at the annual meeting.

C. Board officers for terms starting February 2026 - board members are needed to fill the secretary and vice president vacancies. Officer positions will be voted on at the annual meeting.

D. Scholarship committee changes and recommendations - Danielle, Chris, and Rhonda will comprise the scholarship committee. Dianne will update the scholarship application, prepare it for both print and electronic versions, distribute it to schools, and Mary will post it on social media.

E. Member speakers at the annual meeting - Discussion was held regarding allowing Chamber members to address the audience at the annual meeting with a maximum of three minutes per member.

Action: Motion to not allow members time to speak or present at the annual meeting by Burt Mason, supported by Nathan Grave. All in favor.

Committees Updates -

- Dynamo: no report.
- Next Gen: The Easter egg hunt will be held March 28. Next Gen is no longer organizing or running the Old Timer's Hockey tournament and has given it to another organization.
- PLAN: See notes in board packet.

- Membership: no report.

Announcements / Members' Good News -

- Annual Meeting - February 19 at the L'Anse Legion. Music starts at 5:30 PM.
- Lunch & Learn - February 18, Dianne will be teaching participants how to create flyers.

Next Meeting - NO DECEMBER MEETING - The next BCCC board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, in the Chamber conference room. Closed session at 8:30 AM. Open session at 8:45 AM.

Adjournment -

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion to adjourn at 9:48 AM by Dan Mares, supported by Burt Mason. All in favor.

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