



DEAD RIVER CAMPERS NEWS

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ISSUES OF INTEREST

Board Activities: The board had meetings last quarter on October 4 and 19, November 23 and December 14.

Noquemenon Ski Marathon: The Noquemenon Ski Marathon will be held on Saturday January 29 with an estimated 1250 skiers to participate. The Board has given the race permission to cross our common lands again as in the past. The race will enter our common lands East of the South Camp Road midway up the Little Dead. They will go North parallel to the South Camp Road crossing Three Mile Road and continuing North. They will cross the South Camp Road near the end of the blacktop and go North across the Basin. They will then cross North Basin Drive and continue on out of our property. The Noquemenon organizers have been made aware to keep North Basin Drive open and to restrict vehicle traffic on that road to our campers and their necessary personnel. North Basin Drive is not a spectator access road. Please refrain from using the trail after it has been groomed immediately preceding the race. The permission to access is for the grooming and race day only.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2011 at the Westwood High School Auditorium in West Ishpeming with the doors being open at 8:00 a.m. and the meeting starting at 9:00 a.m.

There are two positions open on the Board of Directors this year. Shareholders interested may submit a nomination for another shareholder or them-

selves, which must include a biography and resume stating qualifications, goals and the type of infor-



AMAZING SUMMER SUNSETS COMING SOON

mation that will assist the membership in making an informed vote. This information must be received by the Board by May 9, 2011.

Resolutions – Any DRCI shareholder wishing to submit a resolution must also do so in writing by May 9, 2011. Please send written resolutions in the format prescribed in the DRCI Bylaws to DRCI, P.O. Box 323, Ishpeming, MI 49849. Any questions, please e-mail the board at:

drcicampers@gmail.com

Wireless Internet: An update on the wireless internet communications system at this point includes these thoughts. We have received 38 potential campers / residents that expressed an interest in the system. There are others that arrived since. We are guessing there are more also that are into current contracts with vendors too.

This number was enough to move forward in an exploratory mode with David Savolainen, Sr. and associates in the community. At the present time the Board has given one set of maps to the group so a system can be designed and coverage areas explored.

We are expecting Dave to attend a Board Meeting this spring when he returns from the South and explain how the process is proceeding. There are at the present time no system specifications to be shared or pricing positions.

The Board is only a medium for this project and is not and will not be involved in developing the system offering. Please expect more information in the next newsletter as it becomes available.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thoughts on Roads around the Basin: Campers that are here year round are beginning to see the changes taking place with roads narrowing, and traction and braking becoming an issue. Snow that had arrived early disappeared with an amazing melt near Christmas and snow levels dropped fast. They are returning in the middle of January to what normal should be. Please remember keep exercising your power of prayer. A really snowy winter is what we really need to help give Silver Lake a huge boost.

We have talked often about making sure that roads remain passable for our vehicles but more importantly the Fire and Rescue Vehicles that our municipalities own. Access is the key to receiving their protection and assistance.

Lastly, please drive with care. Our road system has also become a path for walkers, skiers, snowmobiles. Then throw in cars and snowplows. If ever there was a time to be cautious the winter season is one to pull out all the stops. Being able to stop is so very important.

Best wishes for a wonderful winter.

Thoughts on a possible Fishing Tournament: A winter conversation with Dave Latinen and Earl Hawn in December concluded a round of discussion that Dave had with the Fish Committee. Dave sure knows the fishing background of the Basin and has continued the great connections with DNRE and George Madison.

We have a survey for those campers that would care to take the time to complete it. The Fish Committee wants to hear from you. Dave, Earl and I talked about fish planting, financial fish support again from DRCI, and the return to the basin of a camper/member youth fishing tournament. You will find in this newsletter a wonderful little piece of history that has recently surfaced. Back in the day great care was taken to submit articles to the Mining Journal about the happenings of the Dead River Campers. Over the Holidays Joe Billings shared this secret treasure with me and we will be pulling stories from this book of history for future newsletters. This one is a story about the rules of the event in the 1950's and the locations where fish were to be weighed. It is a Hoot!

Along with the Survey, please consider volunteering to help with the Fishing Tournament. We will need any way possible to get in touch with you, so please phone number, cell number and e-mail address would be wonderful. We are thinking that the "Free Fishing Weekend" in early June would be a great time to consider for the tournament. Certainly solves the license issues.

The Details will be shared as they are developed by the Fish Committee and friends of the same, as they are once again re-created.

Whoever said that History repeats itself was correct. — Jim



Camp Cooking Basin Style: Cookbooks which are comprised of recipes submitted by our neighbors around the Dead River are available by contacting Debbie Bussone at debbiebussone@yahoo.com or mail check to 397 South Camp Rd. The cost of each book is \$6.00 plus mailing.



New Bridge on CR 510: The new 510 bridge opened in October and is providing a much safer route for campers on the north side of the basin. It also provides some spectacular views especially with the fall colors

PHOTO FROM NEW BRIDGE ON CO. RD. 510 OVER THE DEAD RIVER
THE OLD BRIDGE IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PICTURE



50 Years ago ... or so:

Saturday, May 19, 1951

Fish Contest For Campers' Association

ISHPEMING, May, 19—A fish contest with prizes going to members who land the biggest rainbow trout, German browns, brook or smallmouth bass, will be sponsored by the Dead River Sports and Camping association beginning today and ending in the fall.

Two prizes in each division will be awarded association members, or members of their immediate family, at the close of the rainbow trout season this fall.

Fish landed in the floodwaters of the Hoist Dam should be registered at the association's two stations — the Rudness grocery store at Deer Lake location or Holman's grocery in Negaunee. The fish will be weighed and measured and the entry recorded with the length, girth and weight.

Any member may turn in entries in any of the divisions, but is eligible for only one of the prizes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FISH COMMITTEE

It's been an interesting 2010 when it comes to the basin fishery. DRCI planted another 600,000 fathead minnows in May. This was the third year we have done the minnow plant in an attempt to increase the food base in the basin.

The D.N.R. continued their effort to make the basin into a two tier fishery by planting 20,000 more lake trout (approx. 6 inches long) and 14,000 brook trout about the same length. It's going to be interesting to watch the progress of these fish. We are hoping for a walleye plant this year but it is probably unlikely we'll get one due to the minimal number of walleye available (we'll keep our fingers crossed).

Next years outlook should be better. It looks like 2011 may be a year where we just "see what hap-

pens". Your input this year is important to help us so we can report our observations to the DNRE. The committee is working on a questionnaire that we can distribute by the annual meeting. Hopefully we can get some valuable input from our members that will help us with future projects and planning. As always we appreciate your observations and comments. We also appreciate the DNRE efforts to continually improve the basin fishery. If you happen to see any D.N.R. personnel --- Say hi and thanks .

Contact Gordy Chinn, Brendan Biolo, Tom Polkinghorne, Earl Hawn, Dave Laitinen, Buffy Ervin from our Fish Committee or any board member on your fishing reports and/or observations etc.

COMMON LANDS COMMITTEE

Holli Forests has completed cutting in three areas in 2010 The first was an area west of the Boise Creek. The second was south of South Basin Drive and the last was the area around Tonkin Drive and Braastad Road.

Our future cutting projects will mostly consist of hardwood thinning as most of the Jack Pine stands

have been harvested. The committee will be looking into various areas that new tree planting can be done next season.

A few campers took advantage of having Holli's use its equipment by having them remove some large hazardous trees on their lots beyond the 300 foot limit while they were in the area.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The finance committee had no meetings during the fourth quarter of 2010.

The Audit of the 2009 financials was completed by Tom Fleury, CPA and received by the Board on December 13. There were two changes made in the Balance Sheet in order for the financial records to conform to generally accepted accounting standards.

1. The tax deferred gain on the installment sale was added to income and the deferred income (liability account) was eliminated.

2. The Wells Fargo Investments were restated to fair market value.

All other account balances were unchanged.

REMINDERS

Water Surface Elevation. If you are interested in the water surface elevation, log onto <http://www.wisconsinpublicservice.com/news/hydro/hydrodata.asp> or get to this same website via the DRCI website link for current information. We thank UPPCO for making this information available to us.

Tree Removal Issues. If you have trees to remove please fill out a cutting permit and send it in to DRCI or contact Bruce Bussone at 485-5901 or 362-3226. In an effort to maintain some control on time limits, the Board has put a limit of 1 year from date of issue for tree cutting permits. Each shareholder is responsible for any trees cut by contractors you have hired. You are reminded that tree cutting on common /CFR lands is prohibited.

Road Improvements. Shareholders are reminded to get permits for road improvements. This would include any changes to current roads as well as tree removals to widen access. Each shareholder is responsible for roadwork done by any contractor you have hired.

Bridges. DRCI committed to maintain two bridges in our original documents; they are located on North Basin Drive and Three Mile Road. Please report any bridge damage you observe to the Board immediately.

Stock Certificates. You are reminded to update your stock certificate ownership and addresses when something changes that would change those certificates. This would include a death, divorce, move, etc. Your ballot must be signed by all owners for it to be valid. There is no charge to change the certificate and it can be done easily by sending the certificate to DRCI with supporting documents for the change. Please let new shareholders know that they should submit a copy

of their deed and obtain a stock certificate upon purchase of their camp. Additionally, the corporate bylaws, declarations, rules and regulations can be found at our webpage at www.deadrivercampersinc.com

Utility Easements: Please keep all utility easements such as overhead power line areas clear of boats, trailers and other items so that UPPCO has clear access to the easement areas at all times. This is especially important during the winter months when they may have to get in an easement area to repair power lines or transformers.

Zoning Violations. Shareholders should report perceived zoning violations to their respective townships. These violations would include multiple camps on single lots and excessive blight or junk. The townships can be contacted at, Ishpeming Township-485-5411, Negaunee Township-475-7869 and Champion Township-339-2920.

Renting of Shareholder Single Family Residences. DRCI Declaration Section 4.1 reads "Lots shall be used solely for the construction of one single-family residence and structures and outbuildings incidental to the use of it (including, without limitations, barns, stables and garages for private, and not public or commercial, use) and shall be limited in use to single-family residential purposes and incidental uses." This declaration prohibits the rental of any shareholder single family residences on the basin.

Use of Shoreline. As most shoreline is privately owned, when someone is in the need of bathroom facilities while out on the water please respect that you may be using one of our shareholders beachfronts to do so.

Submerged Hazards. With the water level starting the year off so low take extra caution to avoid submerged hazards while boating this summer. We should all try to mark hazards as they are found, but safety is still up to the operator.

Reward The Board continues to offer a \$1,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of any illegal activity on camper's property.

Maps: Maps of the Basin ownership by DRCI and each lot by shareholder are now available. Each map includes Champion, Ishpeming and Negaunee Townships on a page and an index of shareholders by plat and lot number or by parcel number for non-platted lots. Maps are 24 x 36 inches printed on quality paper in color. Order forms are available on the DRCI web page under Documents. Cost is \$35.

Plowing Snow Across Public Roads- Marquette County Road Commission reminds us that Public Act 300 of the Public Acts of 1949 as amended under section 677a states that it is against the law to deposit, or cause to be deposited, snow, ice or slush on any roadway or highway or shoulder of roadway/highway. When people violate this law it can cause traffic safety problems. This also causes concern for snowplow drivers and has caused damage to snow removal equipment. It is the intent of Marquette County Road Commission to seek enforcement of this law.

DRCA: The annual meeting of the Dead River Camper's Association will be on April 16, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church Hall. For further information contact Linda Bode, Treasurer, at greywolf@miuplink.com or (906) 475-9155

Dead River Campers, Inc.

Fish & Wildlife Committee

Survey – Winter 2011

In an effort to better understand our waterway, fishery and wildlife on the basin, please take a few moments to complete the following survey and mail it back to the address listed at the end of the survey. Your observations and thoughts are some of our greatest assets.

Please place a checkmark next to your response. If there is more than one response, simply put a checkmark next to all that apply. For extra comments, simply add paper.

Boating

1. What of the following watercraft do you own or use?

None Boat Pontoon Personal watercraft Non-motorized watercraft

2. What activities do you participate with on the waterway?

Recreational Boating Fishing Socializing Other _____

3. If you utilize the basin for recreational boating, what do you believe to be the rivers greatest assets?

Scenery Ease of access by boat launch length of basin depth of waterway

Other _____

4. If you utilize the basin for recreational boating, what do you believe to be the rivers greatest liability?

Stumps (Navigation) Inconsistent water levels Launches amount of watercraft traffic

5. Any suggestions that you feel would improve our waterway as it relates to watercraft?
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Fishing

If you do fish on the basin, please complete:

6. The species of fish you most desire. (Rank with 1 being the most desirable, 2 the next most desirable, etc...)

Bass Crappie Lake Trout Northern Pike Perch Walleye

Other _____

7. How would you rate our overall fishery by species: (Rank 1 excellent to 5 not good)
- Bass Crappie Lake Trout Northern Pike Perch Walleye Other _____
8. Of the fish you have caught in the past two years, how would you rate their health by appearance? (Rank 1 excellent to 5 not good)
- Bass Crappie Lake Trout Northern Pike Perch Walleye Other _____
9. You generally fish with: Artificial Live Bait Both
10. Any suggestions that you feel would improve our fishery?
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Wildlife

11. What wildlife do you most enjoy seeing? (Rank with 1 being the most desirable, 2 the next most desirable, etc...)
- Bear Birds Coyotes Deer Fox Moose Waterfowl Other _____
12. Is there any wildlife that you are experiencing trouble with that you believe to be noteworthy?
- Y N If yes, what? _____
13. What wildlife would you like to see more of?
- Bear Birds Coyotes Deer Fox Moose Waterfowl Other _____
14. Of the wildlife that you have seen in the past two years, how would you rate their health by appearance? (Rank 1 excellent to 5 not good)
- Bear Birds Coyotes Deer Fox Moose Waterfowl Other _____
15. Any suggestions that you feel would improve our wildlife? Use additional paper if you wish.
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Please return by mail to: DRC I– Fish & Wildlife Committee
 PO Box 323
 Ishpeming, MI 49849

Or scan and email to: drcicampers@gmail.com