

DEAD RIVER CAMPERS NEWS

2ND QUARTER 2011

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ISSUES OF INTEREST

Board Activities: The board had meetings last quarter on 4/26, 5/9, 5/26, 6/6 and 6/21. The Board also met with UPPCO on 6/17/11.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of shareholders was 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.

Directors elected for four year terms at the meeting were Jim Grundstrom and Bruce Bussone who were incumbents on the board. Only two candidates had submitted nominations for election as directors.

199 shareholders submitted ballots out of a total of 397 shareholders. This was exactly 1 more than 50% which is the number of ballots needed for a quorum to conduct business. That was close.

The vote for Directors was as follows:

Jim Grundstrom 197 votes
Bruce Bussone 193 votes

Fireworks: 2011 initiated a DRCI sponsored partnership with the residents to fund

a Community Fireworks display on the 4th of July weekend. This thought was the brain storm of Doc Turino and with his leadership a commercial fireworks Company was hired. It was the Board's wish to provide a very safe Fireworks Display attempting to eliminate or curtail illegal launching by neighbors that have in the past actually started a few fires in the forest. Kurt Collins, (one of our neighbors) was the professional launcher along with his crew and Mark Curran (one of our neighbors) mowed a path to the shore and also provided his fire pump and hose to water down the area.

You will be pleased to know that all permits with the townships were acquired. Township Fire Departments were aware of the event.

The fireworks display went off without a hitch. All the comments we have heard indicate how fantastic they were. The blackness of the Basin and the contour of the hills made it a very vibrant display.

One of the best scenes of the evening occurred after the fireworks was over which was to witness all the red, green, and white lights and engine startups from the estimated 70 plus boats that came out to watch, and many more people watched them from the shore.



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Wireless Internet Update: For years Campers have asked about an enhanced internet system for the Hoist Basin. Everything from AOL Dial Up, Verizon and AT&T wireless cards, to Wild Blue and Hughes Net are some of the solutions available.

At the annual meeting the Representatives from Iron-Bay.Net were available to present a system for the Hoist Basin in the lobby of the high school before and after the annual meeting.

First let me say that the Board and (DRCI) are not involved in the system financially. We are supportive of the system and are acting as a conduit for the information being distributed. The Main Tower will be to the east of the Dam and three smaller unlighted 100 foot towers will relay the system signals up the river. The towers are free standing, and do not require a huge field surrounding them for guide wires. It is our instructions to Iron Bay that the towers blend in with their surroundings.

We are including in the newsletter the information that was displayed at the annual meeting for your inspection and review. Please call Iron Bay with your questions. At this time Iron Bay is asking for "intent commitments". Meaning that you would commit to the system if built, and assuming all the proposed information does not significantly change from their current proposal.

One of the significant differences to the Iron Bay system is it will not be as affected, if at all, by snow storms, heavy rainstorms and thick clouds.

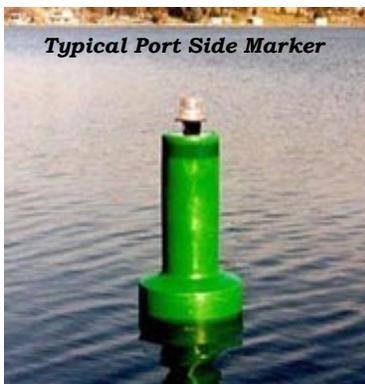
Navigation System Description: The beginnings of a uniform navigation system for the Hoist Basin started recently in the western part of the River. As a refresher to the process, please remember "Red Right Returning". Returning is "From the Sea". That would mean to all of us Lake Superior and the Dead River as a tributary of Lake Superior and the Great Lakes. So, departing from the Dam and heading west you are "Returning from the Sea".

If and when we need to mark the channel that would mean that you would find Red Buoys on your right (starboard side) going west and Green Buoys on your left (port side).

At this time the only buoys that are marking the navigable channel are the mid channel (white milk jugs with red stripes). There are markers heading west towards the overhead wires and also one heading down the Barnhardt.

There are previously placed red and green markers around the intersection of the Barnhardt. They are backwards from uniform navigation rules that have been described in this article and are marking submerged stumps or other objects. We hope to change them, when time permits, to the "Red Right Returning" plan yet this year or for sure in the spring with the help of the neighbors who have marked the hazards so far that have been found.

Of course the prudent mariner will always use caution when navigating uncharted waters and be prepared for markers that are moved due to wind, waves, and mischief.



Typical Port Side Marker

It would be our intention to continue the "mid-channel" markers in the west end of the river, and before winter GPS the locations, remove the markers and re-install them next spring.

So, why are we doing this you ask? In conversations with George Madison from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division, the subject came up about a bad weather escape route for any and all of us boating in the west end and being surprised by bad weather and/or an early sunset. George was very pleased to hear that we were already talking about this as it plays very well into the continued fishery expansion of the Basin.

Thanks for your help and support. Please protect what we have started by keeping the buoys in place.

A special note of thanks goes to Joe and Anne Billings who have taken the time to GPS the mid channel buoys and have created the map that we will add to our web page. It will be soon also be added as an addition to the DRCI maps and available to all boaters when completed.



Typical Starboard Marker

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As of this writing, 60 campers responded to our request for contributions and we are grateful for their personal support. The fireworks Fund raised approximately \$1625 dollars this year. Donations are still coming in.

For 2012 we will start the fundraising with the winter newsletter and by the spring newsletter designate the date and time for next year's event. DRCI does plan on a display next year, and if we may suggest, take the money you might spend for personal displays and contribute those funds to the DRCI Fireworks Fund.

We are still excepting donations which can be sent in the envelope from your annual meeting packet or just mail it to the DRCI office at PO Box 323, Ishpeming, MI., 49849

Thanks very much for your overwhelming support.



Access Sites: Our access sites are for DRCI Members, and of course the public, so we all can enjoy the beauty and waters of the Hoist Basin Reservoir. The access sites are now being cared for by UPPCO and their employees. There was an identified gap in the care of the access sites this spring and we met with MDNR staff and also UPPCO staff to sort out who was doing what. As it turned out the tried and true agreement from back in the day had fallen apart which included the MDNR staff servicing the ramps, toilets and parking areas for both sites.

It is most unfortunate that the old adage "Your mother does not work here" comes to mind. Just because UPPCO employees are picking things up at the sites also does mean that we as the owners of the property can also help too. If we see unruly individuals at the sites please call either the UPPCO number on the signs, or in the extreme sense call 911 and report the situation. There is no excuse for boulders being thrown down the pit toilet, damages to the property, and trash covering the beach.

What we are leading up to is a most distressing situation which includes our neighbors near the east end launch ramp becoming the beach cleaning staff. It is our beach. It is actually private property, our property. We are sharing our beach with the public at this point in time. Recently, DRCI was represented by me on TV-6 for a news story concerning beach housekeeping in general and specifically our beach at the East End Launch Ramp. We really need to collectively get our arms around the open use of our beach and the housekeeping of the same.

Thanks very much for your support and attention to this situation.

Boating Education is of course a mandatory matter for all boat operators, and now since December 31, 1978 all individuals born after that date are required to obtain a boating safety certificate. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the Marquette County Sheriff's Department offer classes for anyone looking to acquire a boating safety certificate.

Who is required to have boater education in Michigan? Persons 12 to 15 years of age may operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 hp unaccompanied only if they have passed a boating safety course approved by the MDNRE and have on board their boating safety certificate. Those 14 years of age or older and born after December 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating Safety certificate.

The Hoist Basin has always been a very popular place to enjoy the water and water sports. We encourage all of our residents to learn as much as possible about boating safety, take safe boating classes, and make sure that young people on the Basin are educated on all the safe boating practices.

History of Your Camp/ Interesting Stories:

Included in the 2nd Quarter 2011 Newsletter is an insert that discusses a project that Sharon Dishnow, one of our shareholders, is undertaking. With the help of several volunteers the group will be looking to recreate some of the history of the Basin by asking for before and after pictures of your camp as well as a written history of your camp and/or an interesting story about it. These pictures and stories will eventually be published. Examples of what they are looking for are included in the insert and will be posted on our web page.

For further information please contact Sharon at (906) 475-5406 or Denise at the DRCI office at (906) 485-1975. Or, email your questions to DRCI at: drcicampers@gmail.com

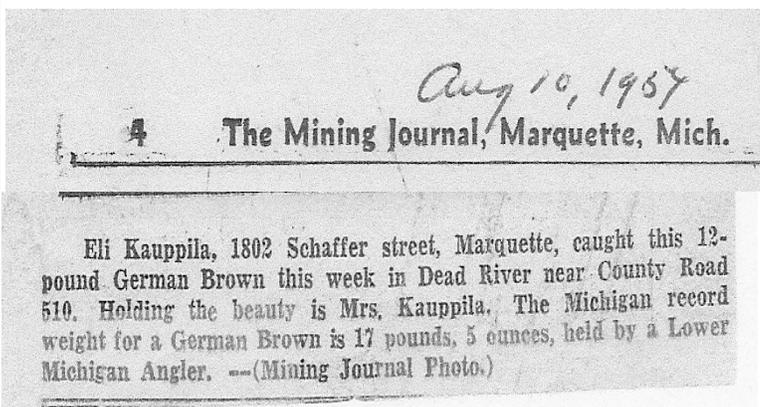
Forest Fire: Friday July 29, 2011. The DNR estimates the fire burned about 80 to 100 acres. There were no injuries reported and no structures were damaged. The fire was in a remote area near Silver Lake. It was reported that the fire may have started by a lightning strike.

(Photo Courtesy of Joe Billings)



VIEW WEST TOWARD SILVER LAKE FROM WEST END OF BASIN

50 Years ago ... or so:



Current State Record German Brown:

Location Caught:	Manistee River
When:	September 9, 2009
Angler:	Tom Healy, Rockford, MI
Weight:	41.45 pounds
Length:	43.75 inches
Girth:	27 inches
Status:	Michigan State Record
Pending:	World Record Pending

To view this record fish copy and paste the following link :
<http://www.brooktrout.ca/world-record-brown-trout.htm>

Big Trout Caught In Dead River



COMMITTEE REPORTS

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE: by Dave Laitinen

Your fish and wildlife committee and board of directors would like to thank all who took the time to respond to our survey. We had over 30% respond with excellent comments and suggestions that will help us and the board of directors in making future decisions. Earl Hawn and Tom Polkinghorne did a great job in consolidating the data for presentation at our May workshop meeting with the DNR which was an excellent session. Thanks again.

During 2010 and 2011 to date the DNR has planted 50,000 lake trout (average 6 inches) and 41,400 brook trout (average 5-6 inches). DRCI planted another 500,000 fathead minnows during this period.

We are looking forward to continuation of walleye plants in 2012 and hopefully more trout plants. We may hear more at our fall workshop meeting with the DNR.

The DNR is considering a full netting of the basin by early June of 2012. This will give us all good information on how our fishery is doing and if our efforts are helping. We should have these results for next years annual meeting.

Your committee is working on several possible projects for next year. We hope to have a " Kids Fun Day " that hopefully could become an annual event. We are investigating the details in having our own rearing pond to raise small perch, bluegills etc. for release into the basin. Other suggestions from the survey are developing fish cribs and work on shoreline habitat for small fish and minnow protection.

A wildlife issue of concern is that people are getting too close to the eagle's nest on the north shore by Wahlman's Creek. Please view these majestic birds from a distance out on the water. They have one chick this year and if disturbed too much, they won't return. They are a joy to all and we are extremely fortunate to be able to watch them tower over the basin all year. Your help is appreciated.

The fishing should pick up as the temperatures cool toward fall. Good luck to all and keep us posted on what you are catching and your observations so we can pass that

information on to the DNR. Thanks to those who took the time to report there successes, frustrations and observations this summer and a special thanks to all our members for your continued help and support.

Our Eaglet



Committee Members: Gordy Chinn, Brendan Biolo, Earl Hawn, Buffy Ervin, Tom Polkinghorne, Dave Laitinen, Bruce Turino, Dennis Sippola

FORESTRY COMMITTEE: by Bruce Bussone

The Forestry Committee [formerly Common Lands Committee] met July 28th at Dave Jarvi's home, we adopted the following mission statement: **Develop and implement a forest plan to preserve and maintain our resources today and for the future of the campers and corporation in regards to aesthetics and revenue development for the Dead River Hoist Basin.**

Todd Penrose, our forester with Holli Forest Products, answered questions concerning past and future cuttings and gave us an update on a new 10 year forestry

plan he is working on. The new plan will be more comprehensive and give us a better insight on how to proceed with harvesting our resources in the future.

As for this year, we removed the cutting contact for 33 acres on 4 Corners Dr., will be completing cutting west of 3 Mile Rd., and will be evaluating an area on Road 10 as well as on Clark Creek Rd. north of the basin.

Committee Members: Dave Jarvi, Dave Carriere, Don Duhamel, Gerry LeSage, Greg Johnson, Bruce Bussone, Pete Dishnow

FINANCE COMMITTEE: by Joe Ervin

The DRCI Finance committee was established in August of 2008. We are celebrating our three year anniversary of service, supporting the DRCI Shareholders and the DRCI Board of Directors.

I am happy to share that the five member Committee has volunteered for another three year extension of their membership on our committee.

We have recently met and reviewed our investment portfolio and its composition of assets, weighing investment risks against opportunities for growth. In light of the current economic uncertainty, we have decided to stay with our current investments direction of "Balanced with an Income Bias".

Committee Members: Joe Ervin, Bill Stream, Denise Albrecht, Jim Grundstrom, Darryll Sundberg

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. Be mindful that changes to a road easement, or adding a new road easement within a plat must be done in compliance with the Michigan Land Division Act provisions for plat changes. This also applies to utility easements within a plat.

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 recorded 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. When water levels are low please take extra caution to avoid submerged hazards while boating. 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.

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