



DEAD RIVER CAMPERS NEWS

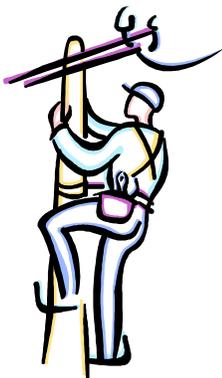
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ISSUES OF INTEREST

Board Activities: The board had meetings last quarter on 7/5, 7/18, 8/1, 8/16 and 9/12. The annual meeting was held on 7/9.

Need for Permits and Such: When all else fails, please read the instructions. Assembly Required and suitable for ages greater than 13 years old. What does that have to do with Dead River Campers, Inc? As the Dead River Campers develop their lots, power lines, legal easements, and roads are being moved to accommodate the future of our treasured properties. Everything that is taking place is for the betterment of the people involved. What we are finding however is that random acts in some



potentially down the road cause everyone's hard work to revert back to the way it was. This could mean garages on verbally closed old roads might have to be removed, old roads re-opened, and neighborhood interaction taking on a "cranky" attitude. If there are power lines to be moved, and roads to take a new path please ask for help from the Board. There is a specific process and procedure to follow. We have become more experienced each day with past educational moments surrounding the above subjects.

Boating Safety, Aids to Navigation, and Unexpected Boating Skills: On the basis of counting boats and pontoons, this summer was a fun time to be on the water. Safe boating is everyone's responsibility, whether the drivers are residents or visitors from the two launch ramps.

It seems that our message concerning youth boat drivers really was productive. Certainly no known boating accidents took place this summer. We have had a few examples of poor boating skills and they included high speed and too close to shore. Please remember that the Hoist Basin Reservoir is for all of our enjoyment.

Hopefully everyone had a chance to explore the western part of the river once the "mid channel" buoys were installed. For those that did experience the river this summer up there, it sure shows how the original river looks like a snake with all the twists and turns. Universally the public opinion was one of appreciation. We will once again next year place the "mid channel" buoys in the western river and mark the stumps appropriately with "red right returning" from the sea. (Lake Superior)



cases are not following the generally accepted processes that keep State of Michigan and Township Officials happy and content. There is a process which includes the Board of Directors for DRCI, the Township Officials, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Staff, and the State of Michigan when recorded Subdivision Plats are being changed.

Actions that do not follow these steps to success could

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As odd as this might seem because it is still October, it is also very appropriate to wish all of our Camper Members and their Families the Happiest of the Holidays, and a very wonderful New Year. From all of us on the Board to all of you, may your Holidays be blessed with family and friends around you.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Jim Grundstrom

Hot off the press; update from Iron Bay.Net.

John Conrad and I met recently so I can share with you all the most current information on the wireless internet installation. Their preliminary application to the State of Michigan has been approved. The permanent application is in the process of being reviewed and approved. Unless the State drags their feet Iron Bay should be constructing the system and adding clients 30 to 45 days from now.

If you have not expressed an interest in one of the three levels of service for High Speed Internet on the Basin please contact Mr. John Conrad at Iron Bay Computer and Design. His phone number is 906-226-3266, and his e mail address is support@ironbay.net

Annual meeting minutes: The annual meeting minutes accompany this newsletter for our shareholders to review. Apologies to all for not getting the annual meeting minutes out to all shareholders more timely. Our usual practice is to get the minutes out with the second quarter newsletter. It was simply an oversight on the board's part to not get the minutes out earlier.

Return of capital thoughts. At the annual meeting this summer, shareholder comments included thoughts on the concept of a "Return of Capital" to the original founder members of Dead River Campers, Inc.

All the original participating campers paid in approximately \$2,700.00 per camp site to fund the estimated costs (survey, legal, etc.) of buying all the camp lands-campsites and common lands. Campers were told this money contribution was at risk and might be lost in an unsuccessful effort and should be thought of as a capital contribution or cost of acquisition. The cost of acquisition was less than those estimated and in the very early years of Dead River Campers, Inc., a portion of the original capital contributed by the members at that time was returned to the shareholders, the vast majority of whom were the original participating shareholders/campers. As we understand it, the amount was one thousand dollars which was part of the



This doe was recently spotted on North Basin Drive. (Photo courtesy of Jim Grundstrom)

original twenty seven hundred dollars contributed by each camper at the time of incorporation.

Although a "return of capital" was an appropriate strategy at that time, Time

has moved on and the original founding campers are no longer the current owners of the lots in many cases. To track the original campers down would become an insurmountable project and they probably are not legally entitled to a "return of capital" on a prior share ownership they have sold. As a "return of capital" is no longer an appropriate strategy due to all the new owners presently holding shares of stock, the conversation becomes one of a dividend to all current Members/shareholders. Our legal and financial advisors have told us that because it would become a dividend, whatever dollar amount returned as a dividend becomes taxable, and 1099's would also be mandatory.

It is the Board's opinion that there is no longer an equitable method of returning monies given back at the incorporation date by some members to all current shareholders under the premise that original capital is owed. The Board's current thinking is that a dividend is not appropriate use of any left over original capital contribution and subsequent logging and investment income should continue to be invested to generate income to pay DRCI current, ongoing operating costs. This strategy has worked well for over ten years and has enabled our camp group to manage the common lands and function without the need for assessments that are needed to sustain many homeowner groups like ours.



Fall on the Basin—View West from the Narrows

Winter road plowing is right around the corner.

Please remember that plowing snow across the County Road system is dangerous, hazardous, and at great risk to the Road Commission plow drivers. 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.



The same guidelines apply to the DRCI road system too. If we expect EMS Services and the Township Fire Departments to come to all of us in time of need, the roads need to be passable, and wide enough for the really big trucks to fit on.

A lot of money has been spent by neighborhood road associations to create proper drainage systems, enhance the roads quality, and control speed. Plowing into drainage ditches is a huge problem in the spring if the ditch is dammed up. Respect for all of our neighbors landscaping, mail boxes and driveways is a very good thing to keep in mind while you plow your roads.

As the toy department switches from ATV's to snowmobiles it is also a great time to remember that speed on our winter roads is a huge potential problem. Being able to stop is critical. Many of our roads have short sight distances, steep hills and very sharp curves. Please prevent accidents by remembering that winter conditions require extra care and focused attention to the road ahead.

To all campers with multiple stockholders; on the stock certificate, please lend us your ears!

As a convenience to those with multiple family members on the DRCI stock certificate we would be happy to add those additional names to our mailing list. We are hearing that often times the primary recipient does not forward or share the information in the news letters. The newsletter is full of interesting facts, late breaking news, and often times resources to help neighborhoods deal with regulations and the townships. You can email additional addresses to DRCI at drcicampers@gmail.com or, let the other owners of your share know they can get the latest copy of the DRCI newsletter as well as and past copies on the DRCI web page at www.deadrivercampersinc.com.

Boating - (Continued from page 1)

The east end launch ramp and the nearby beach to the north have become a topic of conversation in the late summer and early fall this year. That beach is DRCI property and is a source of enjoyment for all camper members that do not have a sand beach to play on. Where the problem arises is when non camper member guests stay late, enjoy liquids too much, leave their trash, and burn anything in sight. We have posted the appropriate CFR signage, reminded the guests concerning fires, camping and closing times. The next step will be enhanced signage and an increase in the boulder rock barrier alongside the launch ramp. We have already talked with UPPCO and the Marquette County Sheriff's Department concerning law enforcement if it becomes necessary.

The open beach fires are an issue that UPPCO will prosecute if it becomes a huge problem. The late night partying is an offense that requires warnings as a preliminary step towards resolution. If you feel it is appropriate to convey the signage comments to guests that are using the beach with you, we would be happy to have you do that as stockholders and camper members.

Did you know? The Hoist Dam impounds the Dead River 14.4 river miles upstream of its mouth at Lake Superior, creating Dead River Storage Basin. The reservoir is approximately 12.3 miles long with a surface area of 2,202 acres and a storage capacity of 46,998 acre-feet (An acre-foot of water is a volume 1 foot deep over an acre or



about 325,900 gallons). The depth of the reservoir is about 58 feet at the dam, and the average is 15 feet. The main tributaries entering directly into Dead River Storage Basin are Clark Creek (a/k/a Boise River) from the north and Barnhardt Creek and Little Dead River from the south.



This pheasant was recently spotted on North Basin Drive. (Photo courtesy of Jim Grundstrom)

History of Your Camp/Interesting Stories: update by Sharon Dishnow. Wonderful Dead River stories are coming in and I can't wait to put them in print and share them with you.

However, now we need a deadline. It's going to be May 31, 2012. So you have all winter to "get 'er done".

Also, I'd like to clarify the type of pictures we want. Please send before and after pictures of your camp and not the view from the camp. Sorry if I confused anyone.

Note: Examples of what Sharon and her group are looking for and forms to use are included on the DRCI web page. For further information please contact Sharon at (906) 475-5406 or review your second quarter newsletter for more information.

50 Years ago ... or so:

Dead River Association to Discuss Important Issues at First Meeting

Important issues will be discussed at the first meeting of the Dead River Sports and Camping Association which will be held at the Ishpeming Winter Sports Lodge at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, November 1, 1951.

A good attendance is expected as this association has been actively working on several projects this past summer and the results of which shall be disclosed at this meeting.

The Road Committee with Stan Lindberg as chairman will report on the progress made by that committee and the petition that was circulated by the association.

It is hoped that additional information will be furnished concerning the power line situation. Easement technicalities have delayed the actual development of the line, however, it is reasonable to believe that this is only a temporary delay and a solution to that will be offered at Thursday's meeting. A meeting with Mr. Nieuwenkamp of the Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association is scheduled for Sunday at Gladstone and additional information will be available for the November 1 meeting.

Also on the program for the evening will be an election of officers for the coming year, a discussion of the Department of Conservation's "jaw tagging" program which is de-

signed to improve the trout fishing in the Hoist Basin.

"This meeting is an opportunity to find out just what is being done to improve the numerous problems of that territory," Charles R. Markert, president of the association said. "Be a good member and be present at this meeting."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE: by Dave Laitinen

With such beautiful weather this fall how can another summer and fishing season be coming to an end. We hope there may have been some nice catches this summer, however the reports in general indicate the quantity of legal size fish was limited. The positive news was that the amount of smaller fish (primarily walleye) seemed to be good. This is an indication that we have some natural reproduction since we haven't had any Walleye plants in many years. We had some good perch reports that indicated some nice sized fish being caught along with ones in the 5-6 inch class. Again, thanks to all for your reports and comments.

We received some good news from George Madison of DNR regarding a recent plant of approximately 900 Seneca strain Lake Trout on September 14. This strain of Lakers is particularly suited for cold water lake con-

ditions and it will be interesting to see how they do. The DNR has planted a significant amount of Lakers and brook trout over the last three years. They tentatively planned a netting project in the upcoming spring to evaluate the population and condition of the fish that are in our basin, including the minnow population. Hopefully our minnow planting efforts have paid off. We hope to assist and be involved with the netting. We anticipate a December workshop meeting with the DNR and may have more news on this. We also hope to get some input on the 2012 planting possibilities of which the continuation of Walleye plants will start. We're anticipating a good outlook for the 2012 season. As usual, thanks to all for your continued support, have a great winter and holiday season and we will update everyone in the next newsletter on any news.

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

FORESTRY COMMITTEE: by Bruce Bussone and Dave Jarvi

The Forestry Committee met on July 28. Our cutting plan for this year will start with the cutting of 30 acres on the south side of Three Mile Rd. to finish cutting land purchased from Holli Forest Products. This should start just before or after deer season. We are still considering 10 acres off of Road 10 and additional cutting North of the Basin on the end of Clark Creek Rd. which we will determine at our next Forest Management meeting. Our next 10 year cutting plan is taking a little longer than anticipated as our forester is doing a more complete listing of the timber types on each section of land. This more complete listing will give us the ability to more accurately determine how to best manage the timber resources into the future. We successfully add-

ed another 120 acres into the Commercial forest plan which helps in lowering our tax liability, but also puts some restriction on its use. The D.N.R. informed us during the hearing process for C.F.A. status that we cannot have any "private property" signs or the like posted anywhere, no permanent deer blinds are permitted, and we cannot use CFA lands for gravel pits. Hopefully all campers will abide by these rules and help us keep these lands in CFA. If there are any questions on our forest management plans please feel free to contact any member of the committee.

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 met with our Wells Fargo advisors in early July to review some organizational changes recently enacted at Wells Fargo. We reviewed the changes and confirmed that our investment portfolio advisory structure and support continued to be satisfactory. A review of the investment priorities

and allocations confirmed our earlier directions to Wells Fargo and our investment objectives and directions remain unchanged at this time.

The Committee will be meeting again in the early fourth quarter.

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 from the Board 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 and DRCI Rules. See the web page for more information. 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.

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

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