



Dead River campers INC.

DEAD RIVER CAMPERS NEWS

2ND QUARTER 2012

ISSUED JULY 2012

ISSUES OF INTEREST

Board Activities: The Board had meetings last quarter on April 9th and 23rd, May 14th and 29th, and June 5th, 18th and 26th.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of shareholders was held on Saturday, June 30 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.

Only two candidates had submitted nominations for election as directors and only one director was to be elected for 2012-13.

The Director elected for a four year term at the meeting was Dr. Bruce Turino. Thanks go out to Richard Helgren for submitting his nomination for election. 212 shareholders submitted ballots out of a total of 397 shareholders. The vote for one Director was as follows:

Dr. Bruce Turino	116 votes
Richard Helgren	93 votes

Neither of the Board Resolutions received enough votes for a 2/3 yes vote even though there was overwhelming support in favor of both resolutions. All of the shareholder resolutions failed.

Shareholder Roger Chipman was in attendance at the law firm of McDonald & Marin L.L.P. during the count. For all the vot-

ing results please see the attachments to this newsletter.

Wireless Update: Actually there is progress being made on a slightly different approach. A neighbor of the Basin up on the ridge to the north and east of the Basin has offered to Iron Bay the use of their property and an antenna has been installed there. This could become the primary site without the need to use the large tower east of 510. Iron Bay is attending the next Negaunee Township meeting on August 6th to discuss a permit application that they have submitted for the creation of the Wireless system. This is truly a story that has become much longer than anyone could possibly imagine.



Fireworks: Thanks go out to lots of individuals that made it happen. Especially we want to thank the Negaunee Township Fire Department Volunteers who provided fire protection just in case that evening. Someone counted over 75 boats in the bay that evening as the sun set. We especially want to thank the shareholders who contributed to the event monetarily. As of this newsletter more

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Jim Grundstrom

Dear Shareholders: Thank you to all who took the time to send their ballots in, and especially to take the time to attend the annual meeting. We just squeaked by on the needed numbers to conduct business once again. We needed 199 shares to conduct business and 212 became available. To say that we shook it up a bit might be an understatement. The format of disclosure concerning the financial materials was very in depth and from what I am hearing very well received and appreciated. Joe Ervin, Darryll Sundberg, and Denise Platteborze deserve a special thank you for the hours that they spent preparing the presentation. You are receiving with this newsletter the annual meeting minutes and some of the charts that explain the income and expenses for DRCI.

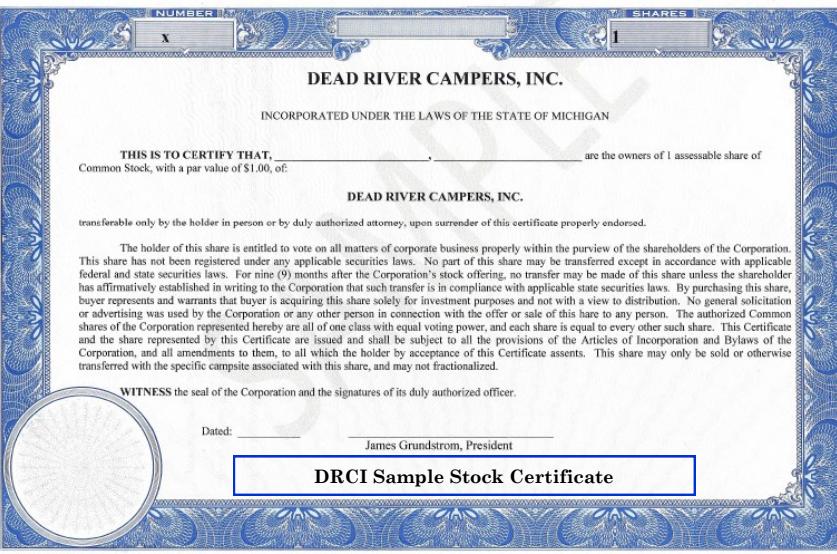
We are fielding numerous questions concerning the DRCI share of stock lately. This process was per-

icate will be issued exactly as written on the recorded deed. For those with multiple owners on the deed please indicate who should receive the stock certificate and provide the appropriate name and address.

The most current maps are available for purchase from the DRCI Office. A set of maps is \$35.00 and we will mail them to you upon receiving your check. Much effort has gone into providing the most accurate set of maps that we can. We have made literally a ton of additions and corrections to the map set in the last couple of years, and the current set is the final one for a number of years. So owning this set is the best it will be for a some time to come.

Speaking of the maps, we will be providing the three Township Fire Departments and the local 911 system with the most current maps very shortly. At the same time we will also bring to the Township's attention our concern over the "fire numbers" or "home numbers" situation not being posted completely. It is in each of our best interests to communicate with your municipality individually and get your "fire number or home number" posted as soon as possible please.

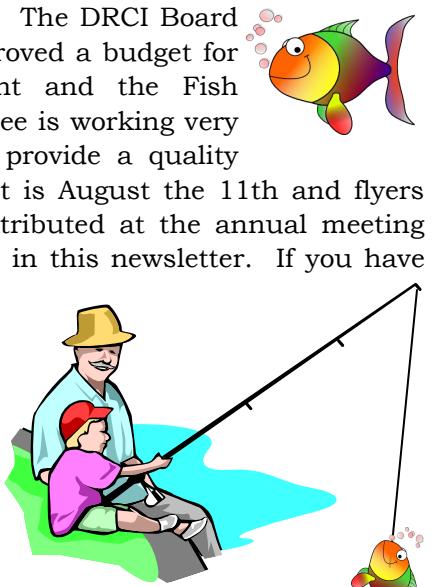
Plans are being made to re-create the youth fishing tournament from days gone by. The DRCI Board has approved a budget for the event and the Fish Committee is working very hard to provide a quality event. It is August the 11th and flyers were distributed at the annual meeting and also in this newsletter. If you have



formed by the Kendricks, Bordeau law firm for many years and in a cost savings process the DRCI office now issues stock certificates. The owner(s) of each lot should receive one share of stock with their purchase of their lot. The previous owner(s) should be conveying the property to the new owner(s) and our DRCI office will create a new stock certificate for the new owner(s) after the sale or transfer. If you do not have a stock certificate or, for whatever reason have misplaced it, the DRCI office needs a copy of your recorded deed to create a replacement. Please send a copy of your recorded deed to the office with the current and correctly spelled names and we will process a new stock certificate for you. The stock certif-

or grandchildren that would like to have you take them fishing, please read the flyer.

The water elevation is always of interest and without provoking any unnecessary bad thoughts, our constant DRCI Board conversations with the "Agencies" have been very helpful and productive. Earlier this spring we encour-



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than 100 families contributed and contributions are still arriving at our office. And finally we want to thank shareholder Kurt Collins and Spielbauer Fireworks Company for putting on another excellent show for us. We have them booked for next year already.



Crowds and Boats Gather for Fireworks

With these crazy weather conditions, a dynamic and safe fireworks event is the best way to enjoy the holiday, as compared to individual shows, in our opinion.

As odd as this sounds we are graciously accepting contributions for next year at any time.

E-mail Address Acquisitions: The Board is preparing to provide the newsletter via e-mail and is asking that all the shareholders provide their e-mail address please. The expense associated with the newsletter is certainly controllable and via e-mail the cost will drop dramatically and the delivery will be fast to any location you are at during the year. The Board of course will not share or sell the e-mail addresses that we will have in our control.

Please use the e-mail address below to send your electronic contact info. If you have multiple shareholders who would like to receive the newsletter please provide their addresses also.

drcicampers@gmail.com

Road Signs: In an effort to improve emergency vehicle response and better identify campers property we are asking all campers who feel there is a deficiency in road signage to their property to contact Bruce Bussone at 362-2325. We will be updating

signage around the Basin soon and would like to mark all roads as clearly as possible and your help will be greatly appreciated

Spruce Tree Infestations: We are working with various State agencies to determine what is causing the die off of Spruce trees (when they suddenly turn red). The MDNR will be doing a fly over to determine the extent of the problem, but for now they said that an insect feeds at the base of each needle and kills the needles. When the needles turn red the insects have moved on but they said the tree may survive if it is younger and we do not have a drought season. To guard your trees you can spray the tree in the spring, after the tree has budded, with an insecticide such as BT (Bacillus – Thuringiensis) or Sevin which can be purchased at Mares-z-Doats in Marquette. These insecticides kill the bugs not by direct contact but by coating the needles which kills them when they ingest them. They recommend the powder form as it does not affect other insects as much, like bees and butterflies. You can find more information about these products on the internet.

Honkala is cutting timber north of the Basin behind the “eagles nest”. Please be aware that your Board and Bruce Bussone have taken great care to research the situation of a next door neighbor land owner performing logging near our land. Upon hearing from Mic Morris that logging was about to begin behind the eagles nest, the Board hired Larry Bussone to find one last property line located behind the eagles nest. Bruce Bussone made a tree cutting visit to neighbors off the Red Road and also visited the logging site.

Our DRCI boundary is actually south of the ridge behind the eagles nest according to Bruce. It is possible, however, that with the logging coming south to our north property line some neighbors may see tree tops missing soon. This is to inform you that we have taken all steps possible to prevent inaccurate logging and any disruption to the winged friends that we treasure around the north shore.

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aged the "Agencies" to bring the April and May target elevations up to 1341 which would make them match June, July and August.

This was an effective request and by starting higher this spring we have been able to enjoy higher water elevations. Most recently when we saw the elevation beginning to drop below 1341 we proactively asked for the "Dry Year Consultation" process to start before the elevation trigger of 1339.5 was achieved. This was also well accepted and the "Agencies" reduced the outflow by 10 cfs so the new discharge rate is near or at 90 cfs. Please understand that the web site for UPPCO is accurate as it can be and there are minor changes that take place with the amount of water being discharged. You can imagine that measuring exactly 90 cubic feet per second through a pipe is not an exacting task.



Eaglet in Nest

The west end channel markers are back for the summer. We always need to express that the "prudent mariner" never navigates any body of water without

great respect for wind, waves and mischief moving navigational aids during the season. That being said, we have adopted the "mid-channel" marker concept of a white buoy with a red stripe. These are in the approximate middle of the river channel and staying close to either side of them is a good place to be. Some have a bit longer anchor line so please be careful not to hit the anchor rope as you pass by.

We are going to make a change out in front of Clayton and Anita Johns



What a Show!



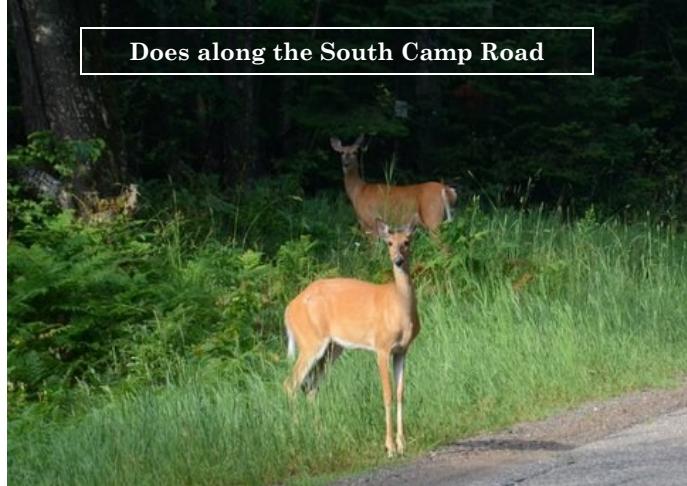
Eagles on Haglund's Point at Little Dead

home with the markers identifying the reef just off shore. This year we will attempt to enter into the "RED RIGHT RETURNING" navigational rules. So, heading west there will be green markers that you need to keep to your left side of the boat, or your port side. When we speak about "Red Right Returning" to refresh your memory that means "returning from the sea" or in our case Lake Superior being our sea. So heading west from the Dam, we are returning from the sea. The Green Buoys will have a silver reflective stripe to help them be seen. Once again please remember that wind, waves and mischief can take navigational aids off their appointed station.

On behalf of the Board please have a wonderful summer on the Dead River Basin! - Jim



One of our Family of Ducks on the Little Dead



Does along the South Camp Road

50 Years ago ... or so:

Dead River Unit Holds 2 Fish Contests

ISHPEMING—The Dead River Sports and Camping Association this year is sponsoring two fishing contests — one for big fish taken from the Hoist Basin floodwaters and the other to stimulate reports of jaw-tagged trout taken from Sundstrom Lake (Hoist Basin).

The "jaw-tag contest" proved popular with sportsmen when conducted by the unit last season when 24 prizes were awarded to cooperating anglers. Purpose of the contest is to help gain additional data on trout planted in the basin by the Conservation Department.

In October, 1951 and April, 1952, the department planted 1,000 jaw-tagged brown trout and 1,000 jaw-tagged rainbows in these waters, in addition to numerous fin-clipped trout of both species.

To qualify for the contest, a fisherman need not be a member of the camping association. He need only turn in tags on any trout he may catch in the basin. The tags should be turned over to Rudness Grocery, Johnson's Sport Shop or Bietila's Sport Shop in Ishpeming or to Joe Holman's Grocery in Negaunee. If possible, the angler also should report the species taken, exact weight and length of the fish and location of the catch. Some reports already have been received by the association on this year of taking of jaw-tagged fish.

How come fishermen on shore cast out as far as they can and those in boats cast as close to shore as they can?



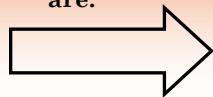
A creel census is being conducted in conjunction with the jaw-tag reports. Census blanks are being distributed by association members. Anyone who fishes basin waters regularly, but who has not yet received census forms, may obtain them by calling Ishpeming 337.

The big fish contest is limited to association members and extends until the end of the fishing season, Nov. 30. Prizes will be awarded members who land the largest and second largest fish in each of the following divisions: rainbow, brown and brook trout and small-mouthed bass. A grand prize will go to the member catching the heaviest fish.

Contest rules:

1. Membership fees for 1953 must have been paid and membership in force at least one week prior to any catch entered. Members and their immediate families are eligible to enter the contest.
2. All fish entered must have been taken in the basin floodwaters.
3. Fish entered are to be weighed in at Rudness Grocery, Deer Lake Location, or at Holman's Grocery near the Negaunee playgrounds.
4. Weight plus gills plus length shall determine the size of fish, except that the grand prize will be awarded for the heaviest entry.
5. Any member may submit entries in any of the divisions, but will be eligible for only one of the prizes.

And the Results from the contest are:



Thursday, April 30, 1953

Dead River Sports Ass'n Hear Reports

At the recent meeting of the Dead River Sports and Camping Association committees on roads, fish and lighting facilities presented their reports.

A movie on the sea lamprey was shown through the courtesy of the Department of the Interior, together with the films, "Fishing in Alaska" (courtesy Nash Motors), "Champions All" and "Yours Is the Land" (courtesy Mecca's Shell Service).

The committees were hopeful progress can be expected during the months ahead. Roads in the area will definitely be improved and things look promising for the improvement of the light situation.

During the 1952 season the Association assisted the Conservation Department in planting 5,000 rainbow and brown trout and plans for the planting of an additional quantity of fish the coming season are being made.

Prizes for the recapture of jaw-tagged trout were awarded to Libin Seem, Art Moore, C. Magnuson, Sherman Ostlund, W. Heikkila, J. Williams, N. A. Smith, Don Lanyon, R. Cope, A. Olson, G. Holm, E. Forsti, P. Hanson, B. Rogers, Mrs. T. Bjork, Bob Markert, J. Pryor, E. Kamppinen, A. Portale, N. Keppler, O. Kurin, G. Tupela and Mary Bess.

Prizes were donated by Johnson's Sport Shop, Bietila's Sport Shop, Selin's Hardware, Negaunee, and by the Association.

Tom Hughes and George Kenward were chairmen of the committee which served the lunch.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE: by Dave Laitinen

Along with the MDNR we have completed two important studies in June and early July. The first being a late night electro-shocking process done in early June. Thanks to member Chris Blanc who accompanied the MDNR personnel and to all others who volunteered as needed. This process involves stunning the fish in shallow spawning water. They float to the surface where they are brought into the boat where scale samples are taken and all other data recorded and then released. This data is sent to the MDNR lab where they determine growth rate, general condition and study for any virus issues etc.

We expect a full report soon that will be passed on in the next newsletter in October. The process brought up a total of about 230 fish. Walleye count was 195, Bass 22, Perch 7, and Northern 6. The walleye ranged from 4.5 inches to 18 inches with the majority being 10 to 12 inches. The

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY AUGUST 11, 2012
RETURNING A TRADITION FROM OUR RICH HERITAGE!
A FISHING DERBY ON THE BASIN
FOR OUR YOUTH!

Children, Grand Children and Great Grand Children of our shareholders up to sixteen years of age are invited to participate in this special event. Prizes for all participants and a picnic lunch will be provided following the tournament. Registration forms are included with this newsletter.

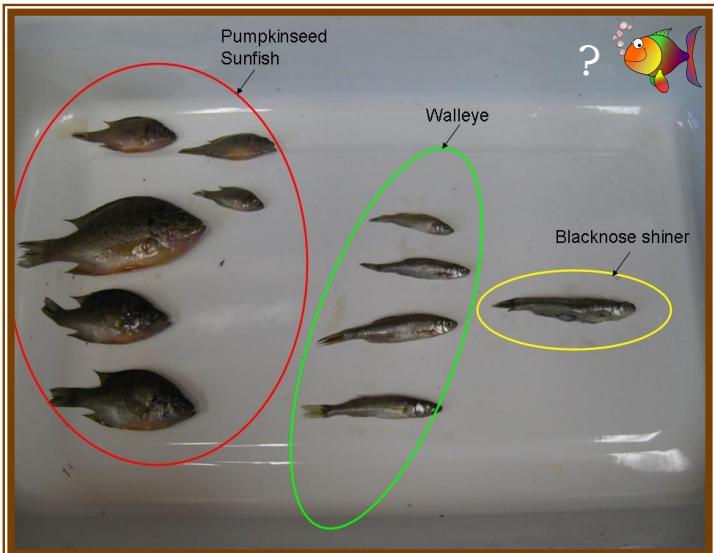
HOSTED BY OUR FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE

fish seemed in very good shape, but probably lacking in having sufficient food which slows their growth rate. We intend to repeat this study again next year.

The second study was just completed on July 1st. This was a trap net study on the current species of minnows that are currently in the Basin. We had twelve nets located in various spots. Thanks to all the members who volunteered their shorelines and helped collect all the data every day. All the minnows were released after identification and sizing. This data was summarized and given to the MDNR for evaluation. We will also pass on the results as they become available. We had about 4 or 5 species of minnows caught. The encouraging observation was the presence of small fathead minnows which indicates reproduction from our minnow plants the last three years. We

will also plan to repeat this study again next year. The results of the minnow survey can be found on page 8.

Some Small Fish and Minnows Identified Thanks to George Madison of MDNR



We want to thank all our members and board of directors for your continued support. Our main goal is to provide and maintain a quality sport fishery for all who fish the Basin. A primary focus is to develop a plan so



the fish can attain an acceptable growth rate that will increase the number of legal size fish.

See you at the August 11 "Fun Fishing Day"

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

FORESTRY COMMITTEE:

by Bruce Bussone and Dave Jarvi

The Forestry Committee met on June 5th, 2012. Several topics were covered, the most important being the fire in the fingers area. Fortunately, the winds were from the south that day and the fire was small and minimal timber was lost. We discussed ways for fire departments to be able to get water for their trucks. Dave Jarvi is investigating this matter and looking for campers willing to let the fire departments access their properties for this purpose. Any campers willing to help or have any questions can contact Dave at 906-362-8252, or jarvidrb100@yahoo.com.

We have discovered more lands that are able to be put into commercial forest and are working on getting that done.

As presented at the annual meeting DRCI will be harvesting Timber along Clark Creek Rd., this winter season.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: **by Joe Ervin**

The DRCI Finance Committee did not schedule its normal 2nd Quarter meeting with our financial investments advisors at Wells Fargo. Instead, members of the committee channeled their energies and focus in the 2nd Quarter toward working closely with the DRCI Board to present a clear and understandable picture of the current and projected financial status of our Corporation.

In order to provide better clarity and promote a better understanding of our overall financial position, we decided to break out our financials into categories and then describe the specific segments within the categories that most affected either the expense or the revenue associated with that category.

The categories that were developed and segments broken down and defined and presented in more detail at the annual meeting were:

Re-occurring annual income – broken down by source of income and the background of the source of the income that included a further breakdown of the investment portfolio and our investment rationale.

Periodic income sources – here we presented and discussed the income derived from timber sales, lot sales and misc. income sources and their current status.

Core annual operating expenses – we presented the

The cutting will be take place on two parcels, one in section 32 and the other in section 33 between Seabloom and Rahoi camp properties. These areas are the last major areas of Jack Pines in our common lands and after this cutting we will have harvested over 80% of our timber. Future cutting will be limited to small tracts and hardwood thinning and on an "as needed" basis. As always we will be maintaining the 300' buffer zone in both areas but we will also be considering the effects of other non-member cutting in the area. The main objective when the Forestry Committee makes cutting recommendations is the aesthetic value of the Basin but in all future cutting we will also be considering the affects of non-member cuttings also. Other cutting for 2012-13 will be near the dam and be a hardwood thinning.

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

total annual "core operations" expenses, approximately 63% of annual income, and described and quantified the individual segments of that expense and factors that affect the annual expense either higher or lower.

Discretionary initiatives expenses – we discussed, in a fair amount of detail also, each of the individual initiatives that were done in 2011 and the initiatives under consideration for 2012 and early 2013.

We also shared the DRCI Finance Committee objectives, annually reviewed and approved by the DRCI Board.

Unofficial feedback received from shareholders following the meeting clearly reinforced this type of reporting and presentation of our financial status. It is our intention to continue to improve and refine our communications so all of our shareholders have a clear picture and ongoing status of our financial viability.

The DRCI Finance Committee is scheduled to meet with our financial advisors from Wells Fargo once again in early August.

The short and long term financial viability of our Corporation has never been stronger.

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

The following is a spreadsheet of data that your Fish and Wildlife Committee submitted to the Michigan DNR following a one week survey of 12 nets checked daily for a minnow count by shareholders at various locations around the Basin. A repeat of the survey will be conducted next spring. This minnow survey follows the Electro-Fishing survey conducted by DNR staff during the early

spring. Electro Fishing will be conducted next year as well. We have not received a DNR analysis of our minnow netting prior to this newsletter. We will report DNR analysis of both the Electro Fishing survey and the minnow netting immediately upon our receipt. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact any Fish and Wildlife Committee member.

Dead River - Hoist Basin Minnow Survey Week of: June 25, 2012 through July 1, 2012													
Species	Net 1	Net 2	Net 3	Net 4	Net 5	Net 6	Net 7	Net 8	Net 9	Net 10	Net 11	Net 12	Total
Shiner - Mimic	2												2
Shiner - Golden		4	10		11					3	1	1	30
Shiner - Blacknose			21			18	11						50
Shiner - Big Mouth				2	7								9
Shiner - Bluntnose											1	1	
Shiner - Common								35					35
Fathead			12		9		4		10	4			39
Hornhead Chub								13					13
Pear/Red Dace			6		1			2					9
Perch	2	1	1		6	33	16	3	10	2	1		75
Pumpkin Seed/Sun			273					8					281
Blue Gills			2										2
Bass	3	2			6	71	25	10					117
Walleye	1	3	4										8
Lake Trout									1				1
Northern Pike				3	1	8	17	26					55
Totals	8	10	329	3	36	137	73	98	20	9	2	2	727

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 Busone at 485-5901 or 362-2325. 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. 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 shareholder's 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: (Updated June 2012) 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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