



DEAD RIVER CAMPERS NEWS

2ND QUARTER 2013

ISSUED JULY 2013

ISSUES OF INTEREST

Board Activities: The Board had meetings last quarter on April 22nd, May 13th and 29th, June 10th, 19th and 26th.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of Shareholders was held on Saturday, June 29 at the Westwood High School Auditorium in West Ishpeming. The doors opened at 8:00 a.m. and the meeting starting at 9:00 a.m.

This year six candidates had submitted nominations for election as Directors with two Directors elected from a plurality of votes.

The Directors elected for a four year term at the meeting were David Grigg, Jr. and Darryll Sundberg. Thanks go out to Joe Ervin, Richard Helgren, Thomas Polkinghorne and Dennis Sippola for submitting their nomination for election. There were 216 Shareholders who submitted ballots out of a total of 397 Shareholders. The vote for two Directors was as follows:

Joe Ervin 71
Richard Helgren 49
Dennis Sippola 76
David Grigg, Jr. 100
Thomas Polkinghorne 40
Darryll Sundberg 89

Neither of the Board Resolutions received enough votes for a 2/3 yes vote even though there was over-

whelming support in favor of both resolutions, and both Shareholder resolutions failed.

The results were as follows:

Shareholder Resolutions:

Dave Jarvi Resolution

For: 88 Against: 121 Abstained: 7

Thomas Polkinghorne Resolution

For: 74, Against: 129 Abstained: 13

Board Resolutions:

Resolution #1 For: 168 Against: 43 Abstained: 5

Resolution #2 For: 177 Against: 31 Abstained: 8

The ballots again this year were counted by the law firm of McDonald & Marin L.L.P. For all the voting results please see the attachments to this Newsletter.

Thank you to all of our Shareholders who voted this year.



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Fireworks: Thanks go out to the many individuals that made it happen. Someone counted over 70 boats in the bay that evening as the sun set. We especially want to thank the Shareholders and non-Shareholder friends of DRCI who contributed to the event monetarily. As of this Newsletter, more than 77 donations for \$2,650 have been received and contributions are still arriving at our office. A

list of all donors is included on Page 8. If we have missed anyone for the listing, please let us know.

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. We want to thank the Anonymous Donor and the Little Dead Wednesday Night Social Club for their \$200 contribution each for the extra display as part of the fireworks finale.

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.

Marquette County Broadband Survey: There is hope once again that affordable high-speed, internet access could come to the Hoist Basin. Included with this Newsletter is a survey form for the Marquette County Broadband Survey. Please take a moment to complete the survey, and drop it off at the Negaunee Township Office, the Greater Ishpeming-Negaunee Chamber of Commerce in Ishpeming, or the Lake Superior Community Partnership Office in Marquette. You can also go to the SurveyMonkey.com website listed on the bottom of the form and do it online.

No matter what process you choose, please do it!

The survey is in conjunction with a thought surrounding the idea that there are underserved areas in Marquette County for high speed internet service and the Hoist Basin citizenry could truly reap the benefit of this survey confirming this situation.

The Hoist Basin has also been identified as a residential region where residents could be asked to have internet and cell coverage as a qualification of employment in the communities of Marquette County by current or future businesses. The estab-

lishment of high speed internet and reliable cell coverage could be a real boost to people wanting to live on the Basin and work in the area. Please do the survey!

Your Vote Does Count Thoughts: If you are receiving this Newsletter, you are either a Shareholder of Dead River Campers, Inc., or a guest to our list with an interest in the Hoist Basin. Our Annual Meeting just took place and we were able to conduct business with the necessary number of shares. We needed 195 and had 216 ballots submitted.

On the other side of that conversation, however, we were not able to affect any change to the two Board Proposals as there were not enough voters voting to make the 2/3's majority requirement happen. In this case, we needed 265 votes in favor to pass the resolutions. This response from our Shareholders obviously falls way short of that need.

If you did not vote, in the future please be aware that there is a provision to have your share voted by a proxy voter on the Board. Your vote is so very important.

The founding fathers made sure that change could take place, and in the same breath, it would take a 2/3 majority of us to make it happen for some items. Standing on the sidelines watching the game was never in their minds when DRCI was created.

Fire, Fire Trucks, and being Prepared: At the annual meeting we were fortunate that the Ishpeming Township being present with one of its big red trucks. Although it was not the largest, it was certainly large and the whole idea is to give campers a perspective on what needs to fit down your driveway if you expect to have any help in times of emergency.

Your driveways are your responsibility, your access roads are your responsibility, and by that we mean



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Bruce Bussone

making sure that something really big and red can fit down that particular road. In all seasons! Low hanging limbs, narrow spots, and being able to turn around in your backyard are all factors that you should be considering. Food for thought please.

That being said, there is a process for tree removal (check the REMINDERS on Page 8) and Bruce Bussone is our go-to guy that will review your permit for your tree cutting needs. Generally, permits are approved for tree removals needed for construction of buildings and clearing within certain limits around your buildings. Removing trees to improve your scenic view is generally not permitted. Tree cutting permits are available on the website and Bruce usually is very timely in reviewing the permit requests. Permits are good for one year. There is no charge for Bruce to come to review your permit request.

While we are on the subject of fire, standing dead trees are a real hazard on your property. You probably are aware that the huge fire in Colorado recently was accelerated by the forest being full of bug infested standing dead spruce trees. Standing dead trees need to be removed. Please survey your property and talk to Bruce about making our properties as safe and fire resistant as possible, as soon as possible. You are protecting all of your neighbors by doing this.

New 2012 Wilderness Fire Vehicle: Negaunee Township Fire / EMS Department recently accepted delivery of a 2012 Ford F-550 4x4 Crew Cab. This new unit will be used primarily for fires in the urban interface and wildfires. It will also assist local fire departments and the DNR when needed. This is the type of unit that would access our campsites when larger vehicles aren't able to do so.

Shareholder Dave Jarvi. Dave is still working on a list for the fire departments for access to water. If you believe your place could be used for access to water in the event of a fire, please let him know. This information is very important to the fire departments and 911. Dave's contacts are listed at the Forestry Committee report, page 7 of this Newsletter.

The unit was built by CSI Emergency Apparatus, LLC of Grayling, Michigan, at a cost of \$162,816. The unit will replace a 1986 4x4 pick-up truck which has become inadequate for today's use.

The unit features seating for five firefighters, a 300 gallon water tank (with a 10 gallon Class A foam proportioner unit), a 19 hp Kohler diesel pump, and several compartments for tools and equipment. It also features a water discharge manifold which can be used to support a pumper unit in the winter season when accessibility to a structure is limited due to snow accumulation. A pumper can supply water to this unit so 3 fire lines can be discharged to fight a structure fire. It also has two 100 ft., 3/4 inch booster lines for quick fire attack.

According to the Negaunee Township Fire Department, all firefighters are trained for this unit as of October, 2012.

E-mail Address Acquisitions: The Board has been providing the Newsletter via e-mail and to date we have about 125 on our e-mail list. We are asking again that all the Shareholders who use e-mail to please provide their e-mail addresses. The expense associated with the Newsletter is certainly controllable and the cost could 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 following e-mail address to send your

Ishpeming Truck



Negaunee Wilderness Truck



electronic contact info.

(drcicampers@gmail.com) If you have multiple Shareholders who would like to receive the Newsletter, please provide their addresses too.

Art on the Rocks, NOT!

This is a picture of the Holyoke Waterfall, at the moment, permanently decorated by someone with a pressure can of paint. Of all the locations on the Basin that most of us enjoyed boating by, the Holyoke Waterfall has always been something to check out on each boat trip.

We are receiving comments from Shareholders that the pressure can art-work is totally out of place and they wished for it not to happen to begin with, and would like it removed. Maybe not as easy as one might think, however, the Board is looking into either sandblasting it off the rocks or attempting paint remover.

The Basin is a treasure to all who reside or visit, and on behalf of the Shareholders we would like to ask for everyone's help preventing this from happening again at the falls, or anywhere else on the Basin.

To the person or people who did the painting, it would be great if you could remove what you did. Assuming that will probably not happen, the Board will attempt to come up with a solution as soon as possible.

DRCI Webpage Content: Many of our readers have visited the DRCI website and have commented in regards to how much they like the content. For those of you who have never been to the website, here is just a sampling of what you can find there. The first list is the Main Menu, which contains other documents under each menu item. For instance, under the Documents menu item you will find many of the documents and forms in use by DRCI. Please visit our website at your convenience and review the content. If you have any suggestions for improvements, please let us know. We are always looking for new

HOLYOKE FALLS



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photos and old articles for our "50 Years Ago...or So" Newsletter section about the Basin. If you have any you would like to share, please pass them on to us.

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Check out this link to the 10th anniversary of the Dead River Flood [http://www.crh.noaa.gov/images/mqt/Dead River Flood 10th Anniversary.pdf](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/images/mqt/Dead_River_Flood_10th_Anniversary.pdf)



Sandhill Cranes at West End of Basin

Photo Compliments of David Swanson



Another Beautiful Basin Sunset off the Little Dead

Photo Compliments of David Swanson

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Years Ago ... or So:

Verheyen Elected President Of Dead River Camping Group

NEGAUNEE — Andrew Verheyen, Negaunee councilman, was named to a second term as president of the Dead River Sports and Camping Assn. at the annual business meeting of the group held in the New York Club, Ishpeming.

Membership in the organization consists principally of residents from Negaunee and Ishpeming who have cottages on the Dead River in the basin area.

Other officers selected were Charles Markert, Ishpeming, vice president; Roy Smith, Negaunee, secretary, and Fred Zhulkie, Ishpeming, treasurer.

Reports were presented at the meeting by the road, power line and fish committees. Committees were named to complete arrangements for the annual party in April at which prizes will be awarded to winners in various divisions of the 1957 fish derby.

Association members unanimously approved a motion to support establishment of a highway post office system between Mackinaw City and Ishpeming.

Two films, "Sharpshooter" and "The Cotton Tail," were shown following which refreshments were served.

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Years Ago

MARQUETTE — Heavy rains during the last week have given Dead River a normal flow of water. This has brought an end to the electrical power famine and all businesses are receiving their full current requirements.

Copied From the Mining Journal "90 Years Ago" section July 1913



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SAVE THE DATE

DEAD RIVER BASIN FISHING DERBY

SATURDAY AUGUST 17, 2013

REGISTRATION BEGINNING AT 8:30 AM AT EAST END BOAT LAUNCH

Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren 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



COMMITTEE REPORTS



FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE:

By: EARL HAWN, CHAIRMAN



We are making our final preparations for the Kid's Fish Derby that is scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 17, 2013 this year. Please complete a registration form and mail it to the DRCI offices or bring it with you Saturday morning at registration. Registration will take place at 8:30 a.m. at the East Boat Launch. Fishing will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Hot dogs, chips and a beverage will be available for the kids following the event as well as gift bags and opportunities to win some rather handsome prizes.

If you are coming by boat, you may want to bring along a few extra lawn chairs to sit on for the activities following the fishing at noon.

Above all, we want this opportunity to focus on the children and grandchildren of our Basin community and we want all of the kids to have fun!

This past month, all of our Shareholders had a great opportunity to informally meet with our DNR partners to discuss our fishery during an evening conversation held at the east end boat launch. The weather was perfect and those in attendance really appreciated the willingness of George Madison, DNR Fish Biologist, and Phil Schneeberger, DNR Coordinator Lake Superior Basin, to share their knowledge and background of our fishery. Both gentlemen listened carefully to the comments of our Shareholders and answered the questions that were asked of them.

We just completed our minnow surveying (netting) project this past week. The data is being assembled and will be available for the website and our next Newsletter. One of the more obvious results from this year's survey was a significant increase in the number of little Northern Pike that showed up in our nets. The high water and weather seemed to make things quite romantic for spawning of this species.

Speaking of Northern Pike, this year the rules limit you to one Northern Pike over 24" and there is no size limit on the remaining 4 Northern Pike for possession. Total possession limit is 5.

We were pleased to see in our nets what we believe were a few of the bluegills we stocked this past year. The fish looked very healthy and they seemed to have dispersed nicely.

As a reminder, please be cautious when approaching our eagles' nest. The birds are a majestic part of our Basin and we don't want to disturb the peace they have come to enjoy over the years at their home. The following is an excerpt from an e-mail we received last year from Clemson University who has been studying the eagles in the U.P.:

There are 31 total breeding areas in Marquette County. This bald eagle breeding area is designated "MQ-27a".

Often, bald eagles will have multiple nests per breeding area; however, they will only nest in one per year, and may periodically switch nests. We designate nests by lower case letters. In the case of your breeding pair, so far they only have one nest in their entire breeding area ("a") and it was located by our pilots and likely built in ~2002.

Since 2002, the pair has produced 8 nestlings with eggs laid 6 out of the last 9 years.

This fall we will be working with the DNR to develop the next Six-Year Hoist Basin Management Plan. If you have any suggestions you would like to see discussed in development of the plan, please let one of the committee members know your thoughts.

On behalf of your committee, we thank our partners at the DNR, the DRCI Board who has been supportive in our initiatives and we thank you for your support, interest, and care of our fish and wildlife in and around the Hoist Basin.

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



Happy Fisherman Lee Woods with a nice Walleye. Wonder where he caught it? Photo from Lee



FORESTRY COMMITTEE:

by Bruce Bussone and Dave Jarvi

By the time this Newsletter is out to all, the Forestry Committee will have met to review the past years' cutting and discuss our future plans.

Commercial Forest Land: The MDNR has tentatively approved another 8 parcels encompassing 319.10 acres under the Michigan Commercial Forest (CF) program for Tax Year 2014. At 1.25 per acre this will decrease our property taxes for these parcels. Currently DRCI has 27 parcels encompassing 2,770.84 acres listed in CF and managed under our new 20 year Forest Management Plan.

The new CF acreage will be examined by a DNR Forester to determine eligibility for listing in CF. The DNR will then hold a public hearing in late Summer/early Fall 2013 to review our application.

A number of our parcels that could be listed in CF are not eligible as they are not contiguous to existing CF parcels or they are less than 40 acres.

Fire Department Access:

Dave Jarvi is still working on a list for the fire departments for access to water. If you believe your property could be used for access to water in the event of a fire, please let him know. This information is very important to the fire departments and 911. Call or e-mail Dave at anytime for answers to any of your questions or to be added to the list.

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



FINANCE COMMITTEE: by Joe Ervin

The DRCI Finance Committee met on May 9th at the Wells Fargo building downtown Marquette.

We reviewed our investment portfolio performance and while the majority of the portfolio equaled or outperformed the comparative benchmarks, we did review the underperformance of our relatively small investments in emerging markets and complementary strategies. Wells Fargo did recommend we exit the Hussman Fund in our complementary strategies segment and with the Committee's concurrence, the fund was to be sold and the funds reallocated.

We did discuss, briefly, if we should consider "hedging our recent gains" and the topic was deferred to the next quarterly meeting.

The Committee did concur with the recommendation to the DRCI Board that current efforts to reduce the core operating expenses in order to allo-

cate more funds to discretionary projects be continued.

We did discuss the proposed structure of the financial update presentation for the upcoming DRCI 2013 annual meeting and confirmed that an approach similar to 2012 with updated financials would provide an informative update for our Shareholders.

Progress continues on strengthening the overall financial foundation of the DRCI and we continue to be aligned with our stated objectives and priorities.

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

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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 362-2325. 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.

DRCI Website: Visit our website for other areas of interest such as Dam Safety and Inspection, Climate Prediction Center and Interactive Snowfall Information and many more. www.deadrivercampersinc.com

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