



## DEAD RIVER CAMPERS NEWS

SUMMER — FALL — WINTER 2016

ISSUED FEBRUARY 2017

### ISSUES OF INTEREST

**Newsletters 2016:** Due to an extremely busy schedule for DRCI staff in 2016 we are just now completing the last Newsletter for 2016. We are hoping to get the Newsletter back on a quarterly schedule or so for 2017.

**Board Activities:** The Board had meetings since the last Newsletter edition on April 10, May 10, May 31, June 13, June 28, July 20, August 17, September 1, September 21, October 19, November 30 and December 21 to finish 2016. The Board also continued to meet with members of Township Fire Departments, Central Dispatch, Emergency Management and Township Supervisors to continue working toward a number of fire and safety initiatives for our Shareholders.

**Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting of Shareholders was held on Saturday, July 2nd 2016 at River Rock Lanes and Conference Center in Ishpeming. The doors opened at 8:00 AM and the meeting started at 9:00 AM after it was determined that there were 213 Shareholders responding by proxy or attending in person. In order to conduct business at least 200 Shareholders are needed from the total of 399 Shareholders.

This year two candidates had submitted nomina-



**Fireworks Photos by  
Darryll Sundberg**

tions for election as Directors with one Director elected from a plurality of votes.

The Director elected for a four-year term at the meeting was Lee Woods. The results for the vote for the Directors as counted by the law firm of McDonald & Wolf, PLLC were:

| Director          | Votes      |
|-------------------|------------|
| <b>Lee Woods</b>  | <b>115</b> |
| <b>David Siik</b> | <b>98</b>  |

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

**Fireworks:** Thanks go out to the many individuals that made it happen. Someone counted over 90 boats in the bay that evening as the sun set with more still coming in when the counting stopped. We especially want to thank the Shareholders and non-Shareholder friends of



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DRCI who contributed to the event monetarily. For 2016 we received \$3,545 from 86 donors. See list of donors on last page. The total invoice for our fireworks was \$5,400 with



DRCI paying the balance. We want to thank Shareholder Kurt Collins and Spielbauer Fireworks Company for putting on another excellent show

for us. Truly a fireworks spectacular! We have them booked for 2017 already.

It is never too early to begin accepting Fireworks

donations for next year so at this time we are graciously accepting contributions for next year at any time.

**Future Fireworks Funding:** Since the annual Fireworks event has been such a huge success and with ever larger numbers of folks in attendance, at its July 20th, 2016 meeting the Board passed a motion to approve \$5,000 from DRCI for the 2017 fireworks display. In addition all donations from the Shareholders from the previous year will be used to supplement the DRCI \$5,000 to build a bigger display. The cut-off date for donations will be December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year for the upcoming display. What that means for 2017 is that \$8,545 will be the funds available for the 2017 fireworks display. Our scheduled date for the fireworks display is Saturday July 1, 2017 with Sunday July 2 being the alternate date if we are rained out.

## **W**ater thoughts from 2016:

The 3 Year Test Period continued dur-



ing the summer of 2016. The Year 1 of the test period started in August 2013. FERC suggested that Silver Lake Reservoir be filled to elevation 1485.2 feet and monitoring device readings stabilized to allow start of 3-year Test Period. This occurred on August 4, 2013 and the 3 Year Test Period began.

**Included is Hoist Headwater Elevation Test Year Comparison Chart. See Next Page**

**Year 1: August 5, 2013 to August 4, 2014**

**Year 2: August 5, 2014 to August 4, 2015**

**Year 3: August 5, 2015 to August 4, 2016**

Year 1: Hoist Headwater elevation was below target April elevation of 1337.5 feet start of month target.

Snowmelt raised the Hoist Basin water elevation quickly as illustrated on the chart. The Hoist Basin water elevation of 1344.70 feet was reached by May 17, 2014.

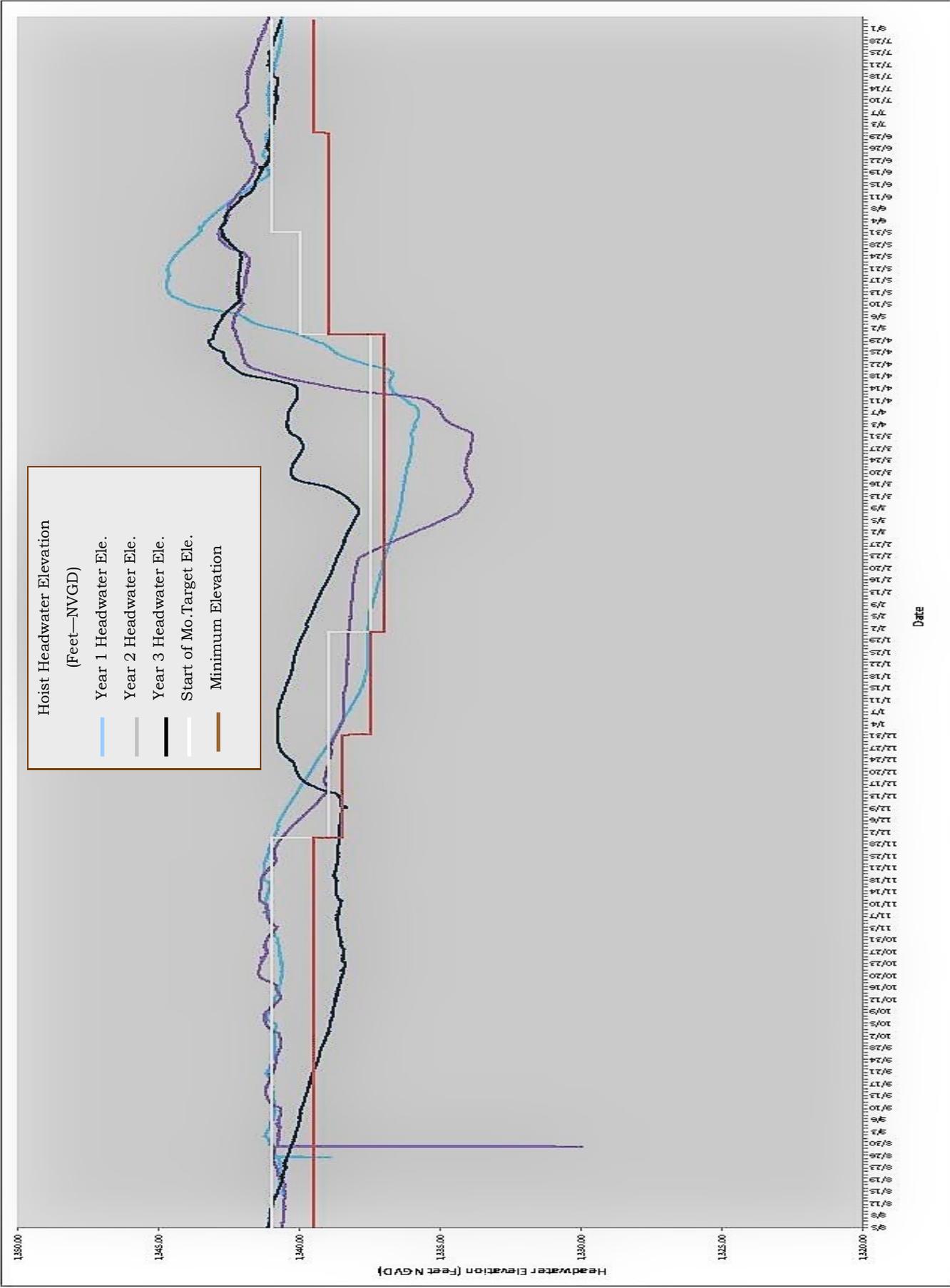
Year 2: Elevation deviation was requested by UPPCO. The Silver Lake Dam required repairs and water at Silver Lake had to be lowered to 1476 elevation to allow repair to be done safely.

Year 3: Planned Deviation was requested again by UPPCO, (See attached letters from UPPCO and DRCI). Silver Lake had not filled to the maximum elevation of 1485.2 feet as required. FERC required minimum discharge from Silver Lake to the Hoist Basin to allow

### **Our Posted Reward Signs**

**REWARD BEING OFFERED: The Dead River Campers Inc., is offering an ongoing reward of \$1,000 for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of any illegal activity on any camper's property on the Dead River Hoist Basin. If you have any information please contact the Michigan State Police at (906) 475-9922 or the Marquette County Sheriff's Department at (906) 225-8435.**

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Silver Lake to refill. The minimum flow releases from Silver Lake to the Hoist Basin in 2016 were April (25cfs), May (20 cfs), June (15 cfs), and July (10cfs). The Silver Lake water elevation Year 3 of test period rose approximately 5 feet from elevation 1475.3 feet on August 5, 2015 to 1480.33 feet by August 6, 2016.

Year 4: UPPCO recommended a fourth year of testing. The Silver Lake Reservoir had not yet filled to FERC required refill elevation of 1485.2 feet. The Silver Lake water elevation over Year 3 of the test period rose 5.03 feet from elevation 1475.3 feet on August 5, 2015 to 1480.33 feet by August 6, 2016.

Summer target elevations for the years 1 through 4 above were as follows: Year 1 —1341, Year 2 —1342, Year 3 —1342 until July 1, then 1341, Year 4 — 1341.

Looking back over the summer of 2016 the water elevation started off over 1342 in mid April and gradually decreased to the mid 1340's by mid August and back to about 1341 by the end of the summer recreation period. Overall the summer recreation period had an average elevation of 1341.10 ft. The summer recreation period has been in the 1341 average range since 2013 with a few exceptions of higher water levels in the early part of June and lower at the end of August. The Basin was operated under approved water level deviations in years 2 and 3 as noted in this article and requested by UPPCO.

The Agencies and UPPCO will be meeting early March to review the snow-pack conditions and make a determination as to spring target levels for the Hoist Basin.

**Unified Address Signage is being accomplished with the assistance of the three Townships.** We spoke at the Annual Meeting about our plans to improve the ability of EMS, Fire and Police around the Basin to find your property with the creation of a Unified Address Signage System. In conjunction with Teresa Schwalbach from Marquette County Disaster

Preparedness, and Captain David Lemire from the Sheriff's Department, we pulled together a group of agencies that all will be positively impacted by these efforts.

The address signage system is distinct to each Township in color. The signs are much like license plates with a reflective background and colored letters. Each sign will have your address and the Township's name. Your individual family name will NOT be on the sign for security reasons.

Each sign package has the sign, a typical metal post (like a stop sign has), and the bolts necessary to attach the sign to the post. We are asking that the signs be located at your driveway edge to the primary access roads around the Basin. If there is one road providing a few homes



Sample Fire Address Sign

or camp sites access, we would like the signs all placed at the primary turn off from the "main road" and you can then do family names signage when your location turns off to only your home or camp further in.

As Undersheriff Mike Klein said at the Annual Meeting, this process will dramatically speed up

**E**-mailing the Newsletter: Thank you to all who have sent us their email addresses. We now send out about 189 e-mails, reaching 158 different Shareholders and multiple Shareholders per share. That leaves 253 Shareholders that still receive the Newsletter via-mail. Our savings is significant. Send us your e-mail to add to the list to [drcicampers@gmail.com](mailto:drcicampers@gmail.com). The e-mail list is for the exclusive use of DRCI to correspond with our Shareholders.

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help arriving at your location in time of need. With the signs also sharing the Township name, it will also point out when a road has transitioned from one Township to another as some roads access more than one Township and it can be very confusing at times.

The signs are provided with a 7 foot metal post. We would like to have you install them with approximately 60 inches of clear air space between the bottom of your address sign and the surface of the ground. This will hopefully insure that winter snow will not bury most if not all of the signs around the Basin.

If you have a neighbor that might need some help and it is agreeable with them, please pick up that person's sign assembly and help them install it.

Why are we asking that you install your own sign? We hope that you know your property well enough at the road/driveway entrance to make a safe installation happen. If not call Miss Dig and they will locate any hidden lines, typically power and telephone lines, around the Basin.

As of this writing about 100 signs are at the office yet for Negaunee and Ishpeming Townships. So, if you haven't yet picked up your sign we encourage you to do so.

Signs for Champion Township are in the works and as soon as the snow melts efforts will be made to locate the individual

campsites and select address for our Shareholders in the Township.

Thank you for your support and help as we make access and navigation issues a thing of the past on the roads around the Hoist Basin.

**The evolution of North Basin Drive (NBD):**

Shortly after the DRCI incorporation, neighbors on NBD took upon the task of making the road an all season road, which was clearly not going to be easy or inexpensive.

Initially the need was to improve road drainage and get water that was running down the middle or across the road to drain off the road and then down along the edge of the road.



Photos by Jim Grundstrom



Neighbors banded together and formed the North Basin Drive Road Association and started collecting energy and money. There was created a group of individuals with passion and desire and they

became the Board and started formulating the plan. The first task was, could they raise enough money to get a start on the worst situa-

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**NMU LTE** internet access is now accessible to many of our Shareholders on the Basin. For more information go to [NMU.edu/LTE](http://NMU.edu/LTE) or you can email Mr. Donn Wolf at [dwolf@nmu.edu](mailto:dwolf@nmu.edu) to see if your location can get access.

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tions?

Their efforts were successful and money was collected and a water run-off plan was developed for the road. A Soil Erosion Control permit was acquired and a contractor hired. Ditches, fabric and riprap rock were all accomplished and culverts were installed as needed by the plan to control the spring runoff.

The North Basin Drive Road Association , NBDRA, was on its way to finally making a passable road even in the spring. The story had it that either neighbors stayed in town at alternate homes for a few weeks each spring, or snowmobiled in to their homes during the melting times.

Success created better fund-raising opportunities from the neighbors that saw the situation getting better regarding the road. The funds began to increase which allowed for more improvements. New neighbors purchased cottages and started building new homes which increased the desire for a better road also.

We consulted with excavating contractors in the community and a plan was developed to deal with the “worst places first” so to speak. There were still sections that had mud in the spring due to soil conditions even though you would consider them higher elevations above the water and could drain themselves. That was truly wishful thinking.

As the NBD neighborhood grew, so did the quantity of earth moving equipment that neighbors brought with them to the neighborhood. To the neighborhood’s success, neighbors started volunteering their time and equipment for road work, as they already did for snow removal.

The philosophy early on, and still is, turned out to be monies raised went to materials that would improve the road, and graciously the equipment and in most cases fuel were gifts to the neighborhood by the owners. It was the idea that we could really get some trac-

tion and see results by doing the work ourselves.

When the worst areas were fixed, and we moved to the next list of areas needing fixing. Those where accomplished and we moved to the spots that did not require drainage and fabric and rock, and only recycle mix was needed to make it very drivable.

It was a great celebration so to speak when we accomplished the first time completing all 2.5 miles with a 10 foot path of recycled material on North Basin Drive.

In the following years the width has increased with a goal of being able to pass on the recycle, and better drainage solutions were developed in preparation for spring.

Times have changed and so have the regulations that control working with our roads around the Basin. Soil Erosion is everyone’s responsibility and within 500 feet of the water’s edge a Soil Erosion Permit is required before any work can start.

Certainly Miss Dig is now one of the most critical calls anyone can make before even thinking about placing a shovel in the ground. As more buried wire arrives around the Basin, the dangers of hitting the wires and having a life changing moment are more and more real.

Because in most cases Dead River Campers, Inc. is responsible for sections of the roads as they cross DRCI lands the DRCI office should be contacted to just let us know when officials and inspectors call and ask what is going on.

**C** **Caution to snowmobilers regarding possible unsafe ice:** Of particular concern are

ice heaves and ice caves that occur when water is released from the Hoist Dam as it has been this winter. When the water is released and the elevation is lowering rapidly it’s possible for a layer of air to get trapped between the bottom of the ice and the water in the lake. The gap sometimes



**File Photo**

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**Ishpeming Twp.  
Truck**

Shareholder lots. Of the 3,500 acres about 3,250 acres are managed for forest lands listed in the Michigan Commercial Forest Program. The length of our property ownership is over 12 miles from our property to the east by the Hoist Dam to our property limits west of CR AAO bridge.

The Basin is essentially a small community and as such the Board is interested in doing it's part to provide for any emergency needs of our Shareholders with accessibility to the campsites.

Last September the Board began to

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causes the ice to break and reform, creating ridges or caves that can be hundreds of feet long and difficult to see, especially at high speeds and at night. When riding on the Basin slow down and be safe. If you are not familiar with the part of the Basin where you are riding take the time to check it out.

**D**ead River Campers, Inc.,  
Emergency Vehicle Access  
and Drafting Station Location  
and Design for Fire Fighting.

As background to this initiative, Dead River Campers, Inc. (DRCI) was created in the mid-1990s to negotiate the purchase of land around the Dead River Hoist Basin. The Dead River Basin spans across Negaunee, Ishpeming, and Champion Townships of Marquette County. There are 399 Shareholder owners of the DRCI Corporation with each Shareholder also a lot owner in one of 27 Assessor's plats or on one of the individual metes and bounds lots not in the plats.

Our land holdings consist of approximately 3,200 acres of Hoist Basin bottomlands, and about 3,500 acres of lands not included in the



**Negaunee Wilderness Truck**

look into a comprehensive program approach for emergency vehicle access throughout our Basin property which includes the evaluation of the relative condition, and possible investment needs (cost to improve), of each road segment for accessibility obstacles where the firetrucks would need to access a water source and both firetrucks and emergency vehicles would need to turnaround with the specific focus on the road's capacity to support emergency vehicles.

The Board is interviewing prospective consulting firms to help us identify locations for dry hydrants or direct access to the Basin or adjacent

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water courses for fire protection. Additionally, identifying where firetrucks and other emergency vehicles can turn-around is of importance.

The photos above indicate the size of these vehicles and a firetruck needs a lot of room to travel our roads and turn-around. In addition the road must be able to support the weight of these vehicles.

**Annual Meeting Announcement:**  
The Board has set the date for the 2017 Annual Meeting for Dead River Campers, Inc. The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday July 1, 2017 at the Westwood High School Auditorium. The meeting packet that will arrive in the mail will be addressed to you as a Shareholder, or to one of the Shareholders if the property is in multiple names.

There are two positions open on the Board of Directors this year. Shareholders interested may submit a nomination for another Shareholder or themselves in writing, or by email which must include a biography and resume stating qualifications, goals and the type of information that will assist the membership in making an informed vote. This information must be received by the Board by Friday May 26, 2017 by noon.



Photo by Bruce Bussone

Resolutions – Any DRCI Shareholder wishing to submit a Resolution must also do so in writing or by email by Friday May 26, 2017 by noon.

Please send written nominations as discussed above and Resolutions in the format prescribed in the DRCI Bylaws to DRCI, P.O. Box 323, Ishpeming, MI 49849. Any questions, please e-mail the Board at: [drcicampers@gmail.com](mailto:drcicampers@gmail.com)

| DRCI Lots For Sale | Location                                      | Front Footage/Acres          | Listed / Sold Price |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Lot 1              | Off of Clark Creek Rd - North Side of Basin   | 354 Front Feet / 8.62 Acres  | Sold - \$90,000     |
| Lot 2              | Clark Creek off Red Road - Ishpeming Twonship | 300 Front Feet / 1.07 Acres  | \$80,900            |
| Lot 3              | Stickney Rd - Champion Twp.                   | 200 Front Feet / 3.18 Acres  | \$80,900            |
| Lot 4              | Barnhardt Dr - Ishpeming Twp.                 | 450 Front Feet / 3.6 Acres   | \$75,000            |
| Lot 5              | No. 9 Rd - CR GGG - Ishpeming Twp.            | 905 Front Feet / 12.19 Acres | Sold - \$150,000    |
| Lot 6              | Road 1 off North Camp Road - Ishpeming Twp.   | 218 Front Feet / 1.9 Acres   | \$39,600            |
| Lot 7              | South Camp Rd. - Ishpeming Twp.               | 704 Front Feet / 2.8 Acres   | \$75,000            |

The lots for sale can be viewed by visiting DRCI's website and following the menu to the link to Century 21 Prime Realty.

## Forestry Management Update:

# Local groups receive wildlife habitat grants

By CHRISTIE BLECK  
Journal Staff Writer

October 8 2016  
Marquette Mining Journal

MARQUETTE – The Michigan Department of Natural Resources announced the recipients of the 2016 Wildlife Habitat Grants.

A total of \$933,892 was awarded to various conservation organizations, units of government, landowners and nonprofit organizations for projects to be completed by Sept. 30, 2018.

Examples of funded projects include enhancement of large grassland complexes, winter deer complexes, mast-producing food sources, forest openings and small game habitat.

Green Timber Consulting Foresters, based in Pelkie, was awarded \$52,668.

Justin Miller, president of Green Timber Consulting Foresters, said its Basin Habitat Project will focus on Dead River Campers, Inc. property that surrounds the Dead River Basin in Marquette County.

Miller said the focus of the Basin Habitat Project is to increase food sources for wildlife and improve habitat by diversifying food sources in an

ever-changing environment, with whitetail deer, black bear and grouse the three main game species in region.

Three acres of food plots will be created in different locations and geared toward making general wildlife habitat, he said.

Five different areas will involve oak/shrub plantings, including northern red oaks and shrubs favored by wildlife species like hazelnut, cranberry, hawthorn and crabapple, according to Miller, who noted a total of 200 shrubs will be planted.

Five acres of precommercial timber stand improvement will involve removing young trees that are crowding out more favorable species like oak, he said.

“Young trees of unfavorable species in these areas would be cut to allow for more sunlight and allow more favorite species to expand,” said Miller, who pointed out the desired species are red oak, white pine, yellow birch and hemlock.

An 89-acre pine planting will consist of 50 percent red pine, 25 white pine and 25 percent jack pine, with openings to be maintained in that area, he said.

Dead River Campers has 400 members, whose 3,100 acres are enrolled in the Commercial Forest Act that allows the land to be open to hunting and fishing, he said. These project’s activities will take place on this commercial forest acreage.

Miller said most of the work will be in 2017.

The Wildlife Habitat Grant Program began in October 2013 and is funded with a portion of the revenue from hunting and fishing licenses sold each year. The grant program is administered by the DNR through a cooperative effort between its Wildlife Division and Grants Management Section.

The grant program’s main objective is to enhance and improve the quality and quantity of game species habitat in support of a specific goal from the DNR Wildlife Division’s strategic plan.

To learn more about the Wildlife Habitat Grant Program, visit [www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants).



**O**ur forestry consultants, Green Timber Consulting Foresters, will be soliciting bids for timber harvesting on Management Unit (MU) 3 & 4 for 2017-18. MU3 areas are along South Camp Rd. and CR GGG around Four

Corners Dr. MU4 is along CR 510 near the boat landing and S. Basin Dr. These harvesting operations will take place over the next two years depending on the timber market. See the attached maps of the cutting areas.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE: by Steve Gutierrez

If you were to ask the financial community what is the biggest global “happening” this year the likely answer would be “Brexit” and its possible future impact on the European and U.K. economy. That aside, our U.S. economy continued its slow growth pattern through the summer months while the fall U.S. elections sucked up all the media oxygen.

At this writing the year to date results for U.S. stocks and bonds remain up 6% and 4% respectively. Our portfolio is tracking this rate of growth with virtually identical gains to these markets. We

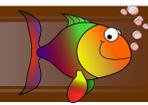
have a “stay the course” conservative portfolio in place today while watching for any opportunity to upgrade our current investments for yield and higher quality.

Many thanks to our Wells Fargo investment team and the members of the DRCI Finance Committee for their continued efforts on behalf of all our campers.

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



# COMMITTEE REPORTS



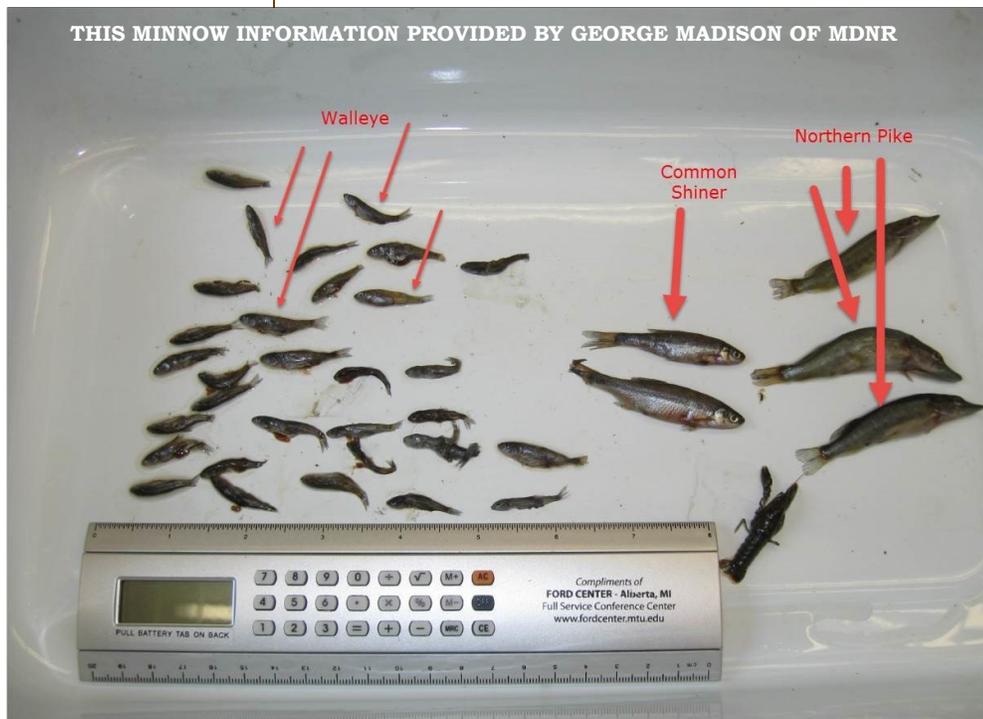
## FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE REPORT:

By: LEE WOODS, CHAIRMAN



This summer does not seem to be as good a fishing year as we experienced last season, although reported numbers of fish caught has been similar. Legal size Walleye have not been reported in numbers that were last year. On June 28th, 9,979 — 1.85" Little Bay De Noc strain Walleye were planted in the Basin.

The Fish Committee used 10 nets supplied by the DNR to survey minnow populations in the Basin between June 28th and July 5th. Preliminary reports indicate more fish were caught than last year including some fathead minnows. We didn't capture many adult minnows in the 2" to 3" size. The results follow:



### Hoist Basin Initial Minnow Netting Report for 2016.

- ◆ Netting from June 28 through July 5
- ◆ All 10 nets were set and tendered in the same spots as previous nettings
- ◆ Most nets were checked daily
- ◆ Weather conditions were good
- ◆ 4th of July weekend boat traffic was extremely busy and we had several collapsed nets reported. Bad week to net—prefer earlier.
- ◆ Check nets for rips—two nets were torn when they were put them in. Tried to patch them, but rips were too large.

#### Comments on the Netting:

- ◆ It looks like we had a better netting than last year even though there still seems to be an absence of adult 2"- 3" minnows. (Why?)
- ◆ We hope the reported Fathead minnows and also maybe in a small frozen sample kept are accurate. This would indicate that our stockings of Fatheads may be helping. It's been three years or so since the last plant and we may want to continue in the future. Also possibility to plant more Bluegills.

- ◆ The Crayfish population is definitely back as we saw 100's of them with about 75 % about 1 inch.

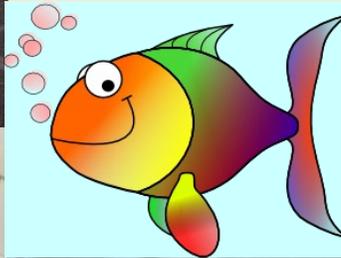
| Minnow Netting Results for 2016 |                        |       |       |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------|-------|
| Lot                             | Description            | 2016  | 2015  |
| A                               | Northern Pike 3 Inch   | 93    | 58    |
| B                               | Northern Pike 14 inch  | 1     | 1     |
| C                               | Walley 9 - 10 inches   | 3     | 9     |
| D                               | Small Perch 2 1/2 inch | 36    | 6     |
| E                               | Bass 4 - 10 inches     | 31    | 6     |
| F                               | Golden Shiner 3 inch   | 1     | 1     |
| G                               | Sunfish 2 inch         | 12    | 0     |
| H                               | Sunfish 7 inch         | 1     | 0     |
| I                               | Fathead 2 inch         | 34    | 0     |
| J                               | Bluegill 2 inch        | 2     | 0     |
| K                               | Sucker Type 3 inch     | 1     | 0     |
| L                               | Inidentified 1 inch    | 1000+ | 100's |

**Committee Members:** Lee Woods, Chairman, Bruce Turino, Gary Goodman, Buffy Ervin, Chris Blank, Tom Polkinghorne, Clayton Johns, Loren Ameen, Mike Klein, John Parent, Dean Bockland

Just recently, Mike Klein has accepted the role of Chairman of the Committee replacing Lee Woods.

# KID'S FISHING DERBY 2016

**T**he Kid's Fishing Derby was held August 20th under less than ideal weather conditions. But, for those that came out to enjoy the day there were prizes, food and a great time. Thanks go out to the volunteers who have done a great job with the Kid's Fishing Derby.



Photos from Joe and Buffy Ervin

## 2016 Fireworks donors list with donations totaling \$3,545.

|                                   |                              |                                |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Amel, Matt & Sharon             | 29 Gravedon Construction     | 58 Nelson, Dan                 |
| 2 Anderson, Dale & Pamela         | 30 Gravedoni, Clark & Lisa   | 59 Nerenz, Anne                |
| 3 Anderson, Matt                  | 31 Greenlee, Ron & Rosiland  | 60 Neumann, Jonelle            |
| 4 Anderson, William & Charlotte   | 32 Grundstrom, Jim           | 61 Oberstar, Chuck             |
| 5 Argall, Shawn & Jeanne          | 33 Gutierrez, Steve          | 62 Oja, Dan & Parsons, June    |
| 6 Balconi                         | 34 Hallum, Greg & Jane       | 63 Olds, Ray & Ann             |
| 7 Blewett, Bill & Barb            | 35 Hammond, Steven & Valerie | 64 Paavo, David & Debora       |
| 8 Bocklund, Dean & Sharon         | 36 Hanson, Sharon            | 65 Partanen, Dennis & Kathleen |
| 9 Bonetti, Bob                    | 37 Hebbard, Jeff             | 66 Pearson, Ricky & Robin      |
| 10 Brugman, Todd & Judi           | 38 Heino, Paul & Cindy       | 67 Pepin, Tim                  |
| 11 Bussone, Larry & Mary          | 39 Holman, Joy               | 68 Perry, Vern                 |
| 12 Butcher, Thomas                | 40 Hume, Fred                | 69 Perry, Vern & Karen         |
| 13 Chinn, Gordie & Deb            | 41 Ketchem, Lynn             | 70 Peterson, Danny & Christal  |
| 14 Connors, Tom & MaryJo          | 42 Ketchem, Ron              | 71 Peterson, Peter & Joan      |
| 15 Dead River Campers Association | 43 Kinnunen, Jim             | 72 Piggot, Kevin & Lori        |
| 16 Denofre, David & Linda         | 44 Kivela, Gary & Paula      | 73 Poirier, Gary & Donna       |
| 17 Derocher, Jim & Linda          | 45 Kivisto, EJ               | 74 Rautio, Wayne               |
| 18 Diedrich, Randy                | 46 Koskey, Allan             | 75 Sparks, Bill & Mary         |
| 19 Dix, Chuck                     | 47 Kytta, Keith              | 76 St. Onge, Dave              |
| 20 Dolkey, Gary & Wanda           | 48 Laitinen, Dave & Janet    | 77 Sundberg, Charlie & Shirley |
| 21 Dolkey, Lillian                | 49 Larsen, Richard & Linda   | 78 Sundberg, Darryll           |
| 22 Duhamel, Don                   | 50 Larson, Bill              | 79 Tiseo, Toni                 |
| 23 Ervin, Joe and Buffy           | 51 Magnuson, Doug            | 80 Toms, David & Florence      |
| 24 Frei, Sam (pd Cash)            | 52 Markert, Scott            | 81 Treloar, John               |
| 25 Gagliardi, Tony                | 53 Micensky, Susan           | 82 Turino, Bruce & Mary        |
| 26 Garrett, Bill                  | 54 Nardi, Dominica & Barbara | 83 Warlick, Erin & Bradley     |
| 27 Goodman, Gary                  | 55 Nardi, John & Lynn        | 84 Wilson, Michael             |
| 28 Goupille, Rudy & Colleen       | 56 Naser                     | 85 Wise, Harvey & Ann          |
|                                   | 57 Nault, Pete & Ann         | 86 Wolfson, Paul               |

**We need photos for the Newsletter. If you have any photos of interesting things around the Basin please send them to us at [drcicampers@gmail.com](mailto:drcicampers@gmail.com).**



Photo from Bruce Bussone

## REMINDERS

**Water Surface Elevation.** If you are interested in the water surface elevation, log onto <http://www.upcco.com/our-company/helping-the-environment/efforts/hydroelectrical/hydrodata/>

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](http://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

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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.

**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.

**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](http://www.deadrivercampersinc.com)

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