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DEAD RIVER CAMPERS NEWS

New DRCI Operations Manager Appointed

We are happy to announce that Denise Platteborze has been promoted to the position of DRCI Operations Manager. Denise has been supporting the DRCI since 2002, as an Administrative Assistant. Denise knows our DRCI and we know her and appreciate her talents, expertise and commitment to our organization.

The DRCI election held in October resulted in the re-election of David Grigg to the board and the new appointment of Charles Sundberg to the board. Darryll Sundberg, our previous Treasurer and Operations Manager was not re-elected to the Board.

The newly elected board met on November 9, 2017 and decided to separate the operations role from the treasurer's responsibilities. Fortunately, we had Denise's long term and proven track record available to promote into the open Operations Manager position. Denise started in her new role following her appointment.

Annual Meeting 2018

The 2018 Dead River Campers, Inc annual meeting is set for Saturday, June 30, 2018. It will once again be held at Westwood High School, in the auditorium.

There will be two (2) seats available on the DRCI Board of Directors. The deadline for board nominations and shareholder resolutions is March 31, 2018.

If you would like to run for the board of directors please submit a letter of nomination and a biography of your qualifications by the above date.

All nominations and resolutions can be sent to:

DRCI
P.O. Box 323
Ishpeming, MI 49849

DRCI Board of Directors:
Jim Grundstrom — President
Lee Woods — Vice-President
Joe Ervin — Treasurer
Bruce Bussone — Secretary
David Grigg, Jr. — Trustee
Gary Goodman — Trustee
Charles Sundberg — Trustee



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Special Election Results: October 2017

Director	Votes
• David Grigg, Jr.	220
• Charles Sundberg	123
• Darryll Sundberg	121
• Withheld Votes	2

Dead River Campers Association Annual Meeting and Banquet



It's that time of year again! Let's get together with our friends, family and fellow campers to conduct a little bit of business and have a lot of fun. If you missed the meeting last year, you missed an exceptional gathering!

Membership is not limited to land owners on the Dead River Basin. Anyone who has an interest in, or enjoys the Dead River Basin is welcome to join the DRCA, please feel free to bring you friends and neighbors

2018 dues- \$20 per family, and can be paid at the door, or if unable to attend, may be mailed to:

Dead River Campers Association
c/o Dave Bosio
845 Cottage Street
Ishpeming, MI 49849

If you have questions or are willing to volunteer to assist with the meeting, please feel free to call:
Dave Bosio @ 362-3598
David Grigg @ 362-4271
Dave Denofre @ 250-5060

You can email us at:
DeadRiverCampers@yahoo.com

Door open at 4:30 pm
Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm
Meeting starts at 7:30 pm

Please bring your favorite dish to pass

A-J Salad or Cold Dish
K-Z Hot Dish

Mark your calendars!

DRCA Annual Meeting & Banquet, April 14, 2018, 4:30—Midnight at St. Joseph's Hall, Ishpeming

Teamwork on the Basin

The Tonkin—Braastad Road team purchased and spread 20 loads of gravel along the triangle of roads. Money was collected from many of the road users, in what is an excellent and growing self-help tradition. Many thanks for the efforts of Glen Carlson, John Carlson and Dick Larsen for ordering the gravel and completing this project.



Finance Committee

Contributed by Steve Gutierrez

Economic growth appears to be more evident not only in the U.S. , but in many other parts of the world as we move forward in 2018.

It's impressive and gives some comfort to offset the negativism that is available to hear and read each day. As Warren Buffett of Berkshire Hathaway says, "I will put my money on the resourcefulness of the US economy over any other country and day."

Our conservative DRCI investment portfolio takes the long term approach to investing and is paying off in solid earnings growth while also allowing us all to not feel over extended in the event of a downturn. Interest rates remain historically low — and continue to track with low inflation.

All of the above allows for more accurate planning by us as owners and the DRCI Board as they look at alternatives to apply these growing financial resources to increase/enhance the value of the Basin and its one-of-a-kind lifestyle we all enjoy.

Committee Members: Jon Mommaerts, Chairperson, Bill Stream, Steve Gutierrez, Joe Ervin & Jim Grundstrom



Photo credit:
Denise
Platteborze

6th Annual DRCI Fishing Derby

By: Joe Ervin:

Great weather, participation, prizes, food and fishing stories shared. . . Great fun had by all!!

This year's celebration of our beautiful basin and recreation opportunities continued to build on our experiences from the last five annual derbies.

The addition of the huge circus-like tent at the celebration site was definitely a welcome addition that will be incorporated into future festivities.

Children, grandchildren and special guests of our shareholders fished in the morning, then gathered at the east end boat ramp to celebrate their fishing successes and share tales of "the ones that got away."

All derby attendees received a backpack with goodies inside and participated in a raffle drawing for fourteen fishing rods and tackle boxes. All generations were treated to lunch and an opportunity to catch up with their fellow neighbors around the basin.

As in previous years, the event was funded by DRCI fish and Wildlife Committee. A special thanks to Buffy Ervin, Dave Laitinen and the board members that planned and hosted this year's celebration!

We look forward to hosting an even bigger and better Fishing Derby in 2018.

Eagles Nest—Signage Added

On a few occasions over the last several years, it has come to the attention of the Board that certain groups from out of the area have trespassed on DRCI land to observe the eagles and have actually on one or more occasions climbed the tree to more closely observe the eaglets and the habitat of the eagles.

While we do understand that there may be federal funded groups that study the eagle population around the United States, our eagles are on private property and we would like them to continue to have the freedom they have had over the years without any interference from individuals or groups either locally or from out of state.

Our shareholders and guests continue to enjoy the cruise up the north shore of the Hoist Basin to observe the eagles in their natural habitat. Of concern, of course, is that if there is too much disturbance of their nesting area, they may leave the area and deprive us of what has been a wonderful experience observing our eagles.



We want to keep in

contact:

If you have moved, changed your e-mail address or recently sold/purchased your property on the Dead River Basin, please be sure send us your new contact information. We want to make sure to keep everyone updated on what is happening on the basin.

Fireworks on the Basin

Mark you calendars! We will once again continue with our tradition of Fireworks on the Basin. The date is set for June 30, 2018.

Many thanks goes out to Kurt Collins and Spielbauer Fireworks Company for the display that they put on this past summer. It was breathtaking. In 2017 we received \$2,784 in donations. Our budget for the 2018 display will be \$7,784.

If you would like to contribute to the Fireworks Display, you can send your contribution to:

DRCI Fireworks Fund
P.O. Box 323
Ishpeming, MI 49849



NMU LTE

NMU LTE internet access is now accessible to many of our Shareholders on the Basin. For more information go to NMU.edu/LTE or you can email Mr. Donn Wolf at:

dwolf@nmu.edu
to see if your location can get access.

Look for NMU representatives at our 2018 annual meeting. They will be happy to answer any of your questions or concerns.

Forest Management Around the Basin

By: Bruce Bussone

We will be continuing with our long range forestry plan by harvesting in four areas around the basin. These areas known as the "Waters Edge Cutting Plan." They are located along C.R GGG and 4 Corners Rd., the end of S. Camp Rd., by S. Basin Dr. and off C.R. 510 by the Hoist Dam. Maps and cutting descriptions can be found on our website. Green Timber Forestry Consultant will be supervising the operation while Holli Forestry will be doing the harvesting, starting the project after the spring breakup. We have limited their operation to between 7am and 7pm to keep the noise manageable. If there are any question or concerns please feel free to contact us.

Green Timber will be continuing our Wildlife Habitat project, we have partnered along with the DNR. They have planted Oaks and a variety of fruit trees on both the north and south sides of the basin and will continue this spring, all of this is possible through a grant from the DNR.