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DRCI was established in 1995
It is comprised of 399 Shareholders

DEAD RIVER CAMPERS NEWS



From all of us at Dead River Campers, Inc.

Year In Review:

It has been a busy year for the DRCI. We held our annual meeting on June 30th, at Westwood High School. We had our greatest voter turn-out, with 260 ballots counted. Joe Ervin was re-elected to the board for his 2nd term and Mike Nardi was elected to his first term.

The basin fireworks were delayed a week this past summer due to thunderstorms that rolled in, but once again the display was absolutely gorgeous and has become an annual gathering for many families around the basin

In August the DRCI sponsored the Youth Fishing Derby at the East End boat launch, the derby was put on the Fish and Wildlife Committee. There was a great-turn out, many fishing stories were shared and the kids had a great time afterwards at the picnic.

In the fall the DRCI board sponsored a Matching-funds Road Grant to road groups that wanted to improve the roads around the basin. The program was a success, as five groups took advantage of the grants and their funds were matched dollar for dollar, up to \$3,000. Road improvements were made all around the basin.

DRCI continues to work closely with the local and state regulators, as well as our forest management company. We are looking forward to seeing what is in store for 2019.



DRCI Board of Directors:

Jim Grundstrom — President
Lee Woods — Vice-President
Joe Ervin — Treasurer
Bruce Bussone — Secretary
David Grigg, Jr. — Trustee
Mike Nardi — Trustee
Charles Sundberg — Trustee

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Dead River Campers Association Update

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The 50+ year annual Dead River Campers Association meeting and banquet will be held on May 11th. It was decided to move the date to later in the spring, with the hope that the weather will cooperate and the snow will be gone and that our many snowbirds will have returned.

A special clothing order was placed for the holidays, but if you missed it and you are looking to add Dead River clothing to your wardrobe, be sure to stop in to the DRCI office, Monday—Friday from 9am to 3pm and check out the selection available. As always, the Dead River clothing will be available at the DRCA Annual Meeting and Banquet. DRCA hopes to see everyone there.

Excessive Speed on Basin Roads

DRCI has been receiving complaints about excessive speeds on camp roads around the Basin. This is no doubt a result of road repairs being completed by different road associations. Three Mile Road has been a particular problem due to the number of vehicles that use it as a cut across between North Negaunee and South Camp Road in addition to camp access. This all came to a head with an accident at Three Mile Bridge due to excessive speed. A week later a vehicle was run off the road by a black pickup traveling at high speed in the short sight area near Rundman Drive. There are several short sight distance spots between Three Mile Bridge and the horse corral. We have pedestrians, 4 wheelers and side by sides, some driven by kids who may or may not be legal, using these roads on a daily basis. We are asking that everyone using these roads in any type of vehicle keep your speeds to 15 MPH maximum and even slower in short sight areas before we have a tragedy. If a pedestrian or ORV is struck by a speeding vehicle, we could have a fatality. The Board is exploring the possibility of speed limits and enforcement if we cannot get this under control. Remember that some of these careless drivers are most likely not even campers.

Have You Moved?

Many people flock to the south in the winter and then back to the basin in the summer. More and more, people are making the basin their year round home. These are all wonderful things, unfortunately, in the hustle and bustle of everything, updating addresses, is often at the bottom of the priority list. Please help us keep you informed! If you have moved, drop us an email or a note with your new address, so we can be sure to keep you updated with everything happening on the basin.



UPSET Tip Line:
(906) 228-1002

CAN YOU RENT YOUR CAMP?

**By: Bill Hall, Attorney At Law
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From time to time, campers have asked whether they or their neighbors in our development are permitted to rent a camp to others. With the advent of VRBO and Airbnb, short term rentals have become much easier to do. Consequently, more campers are asking this question of our board of directors. The short answer is "NO", you cannot rent your camp. Here is the history behind that answer.

No rentals were permitted when Longyear owned the development prior to March of the year 2000, as every camper signed a seasonal license agreement that prohibited leasing a camp to others. When the campers banded together to purchase the development in 2000, they resolved to continue to limit the development to single-family residential and not commercial use, by saying so in the purchase documents.

Specifically, when we each purchased our camp, we took title subject to and agreed to comply with a recorded Declaration of easements and use restrictions. The Declaration limits use of each camp in our development, providing:

Lots shall be used solely for the construction of one single-family residence and structures and out buildings incidental to the use of it (including, without limitation, 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 recreational uses.

In several recent decisions, Michigan courts have confirmed that short term rentals are commercial in nature, and not consistent with single-family residential use. Those courts have consistently held that short term rentals violate use restrictions such as that found in the Declaration that limit use of our camps to use for single-family residential purposes.

This is why your board of directors has consistently taken the position that camp rentals are prohibited in our development. Absent an amendment to the Declaration voted by two-thirds of our camp owners to permit such rentals, the limitation of camps to single-family residential use will continue.

A note from the desk of :
Denise Platteborze
DRCI Operations Manager

ANNUAL MEETING DEADLINES:

We will have 2 open seats on the DRCI Board of Directors, as the seats of Jim Grundstrom and Bruce Bussone are up for renewal.

If you are interested in running for the DRCI Board of Directors or would like to submit a resolution, please note that the deadline for doing either is March 31, 2019.

Submissions and nominations can either be dropped off at the DRCI office, 213 East Pearl Street or mailed to DRCI P.O. Box 323, Ishpeming, MI 49849

Want to know what is happening with the State and Federal Agencies? Be sure to check out the DRCI website and click on the State/Federal Agency key under the Documents toggle.

DID YOU KNOW???

According to the DRCI Declaration, Section 4. 1 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 limitation, 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 recreational uses.



Gildan Heavy Blend Hooded Sweatshirt (18500)

Did you get everything you wanted for Christmas???

If you were hoping for an awesome Dead River sweat-shirt or t-shirt for Christmas but Santa forgot to deliver it, don't worry. New colors and sizes have just been ordered and can be purchased by stopping in the DRCI office Monday—Friday from 9am to 3pm .

Year in Review (in Pictures)

