

## 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The Camp Property Management Committee is pleased to report that the camp properties were generally well used, well cared for, and in many ways improved. We have had many improvements at the camps this year. The Committee depends on the dedication, skills, and knowledge provided by David Hunter, Camp Property Manager. We thank our Shiloh caretaker Jake Butler, and our Catoctin caretaker Don Frame, for their stewardship of our cherished camp properties.

The Camp Property Management Committee met several times this past year, including one joint meeting with the Camping Program Committee. Some members join the meetings via conference call. We are pleased to report that the properties are doing well and are tenderly cared for, even if there are seemingly endless issues that need to be addressed.

The camps are a treasured resource to most of the BYM community, some would say priceless. Many Friends rent the properties for Meeting or family retreats and events, and we hope to find ways to increase these rentals – please consider ways in which you and your Meeting might better utilize the camp properties. We encourage everyone to volunteer for one of the spring or fall Friends Service Weekends and enjoy the beauty of our camps, while helping maintain and improve the camps while holding down costs. The number of Friends Service Weekends has been decreasing in recent years. To encourage participation, David Hunter, with the help of the joint efforts of Camp Programs and Camp Property Management Committees, instituted a “mini-camp weekend”, which includes a few structured camp-type activities for families.

The Camp Property Management Committee is working closely with Ann Venable on strategies for marketing that would help raise interest and thus contributions to Camp property upkeep. David Hunter designed a small cabin playhouse that was originally used as a fun camp activity for the campers at Opequon. David unassembled the small cabin playhouse and brought it to Annual Session where it was used as a fundraiser. The small house was re-assembled piece by piece as the donations came in.

We take environmental impacts and considerations into account in all of our decisions. The CPMC’s “Green Working Group” has proved useful as a link between different BYM Committees and has provided some tangible information on alternative energy options for BYM, the camps, and others affiliated with BYM. We are developing plans that incorporate alternative energy production at the camps

as well as environmentally sustainable methods of construction and waste water management at the camps. We also look forward to continuing to participating in the vision implementation process which is ongoing within BYM.

Cabin replacements at all three camps continue on a rotating schedule and within budget. Larger capital improvements such as new bathrooms at Catoctin are in the design phase. We are working with Development Committee on a Capital Campaign for a five year plan to complete major improvements to camp's property.

On behalf of the committee,  
Alene Carteret (Homewood) and Gloria Victor-Dorr (Sandy Spring), co-clerks