

CAMP PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT August 2020 – May 2021

The Camp Property Management Committee (CPMC) maintains structures at three residential camps, a fleet of camp vehicles, as well as maintaining and conserving 800 acres. Additionally, the committee maintains institutional information documents, including maps and site plans for the properties and an annual calendar. CPMC Committee met seven times in the ten months from August 2020 until May 2021, all via Zoom. Additionally, we met in February with the Camping Program Committee via Zoom.

MEMBERSHIP

The clerking duties of the committee are currently shared between two co-clerks, as decided in September 2020. The Committee has grown in membership but still could use additional members.

BUDGET

In December, with the understanding that **expenses have increased and** revenue decreased, the Committee reviewed the capital projects budget for **2021 and gave final approval in January, sending the approved budget to Stewardship and Finance. Some projects were postponed and others were rescheduled for fall so that we would be able to determine if there would be funds available for them.**

The committee has brainstormed on ways to enhance revenue safely during the changed conditions of the pandemic. Property maintenance and equipment inventory while the property has been less utilized than usual are also topics the committee addressed frequently. The committee notes that seeking ways to enhance revenue may present an opportunity by bringing our facilities and therefore BYM into closer connection with the larger geographic community. Adapting our properties for additional uses in the future may have benefits, what one committee member termed “nourishment,” beyond the immediate financial concerns we are addressing. We seek to align our mission with our financial needs.

Two examples of additional revenue streams the committee has implemented:

- The Caretakers’ Cabin and the First Aid Cabin may now be rented using AirBNB;
- Campsites at Catoctin were rented in the fall (2020) and spring (2021) using HipCamp. Campsites will be rented again this fall.

The committee’s budget is also the beneficiary of a \$103,600 restricted gift to capital projects at Shiloh. This gift will fund all the planned Shiloh projects for the next few years.

WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee spend substantial time working with the Camp Property Manager reviewing and approving capital management plans for the camps, as well, as assisting with Family Camp Weekends and volunteer projects. The Committee participated in David Hunter’s annual review. The committee is also involved in the Catoctin Caretaker search process.

The committee restructured Work Days to meet both an increased work load and a decreased number of volunteers on site at any given time (due to physical distancing).

FAMILY CAMP WEEKENDS (FCW)

In the Spring and Fall the Camping Property Management Committee and Camping Program

Committee supported **6 Family Camp Weekends**. The Family Camp Weekends (FCW) still provides the Camping Property Management Committee and Camping Program Committee with opportunities to physically connect with our residential camps. **Unfortunately, the Family Camp Weekends were canceled in the Spring of 2020 due to the virus.**

- Catoctin: The spring of **2019 FCW was attended by 63 and in the fall 60**. Some of the work included **tearing down a cabin, weeding and repairs to enclosures for the new hazelnuts and removing invasive plant species, graffiti removal, etc.**
- Opequon: The spring **2019 FCW was attended by 26 and in the fall 23** joined us. **The ages were 4 through grandparents.** The work completed included **cleaning and painting lower bathhouse, replacing tree protectors, cleaning the shower trailer and upper bathhouse, building 2 new picnic tables, weeding and graffiti removal.**
- Shiloh: the **2019 spring FCW was attended by 34 and in the fall by 33**. The work included **painting, tearing down one of the Dogwoods cabins to make way for a new one and clean up around the pond.**

Other accomplishments include replacing the roof on the lodge at Catoctin, replacing the roof on the dining hall at Opequon.

The committee is working towards securing a deer hunting rights lease with a local hunter's organization in Fall 2021 that will help reduce our deer overpopulation problem at Catoctin as well as bringing some much needed revenue.

It was brought BYM's attention that racism has been present at BYM camps through a letter from a Friend and former camp director and caretaker. The committee had conversations regarding both the content of the letter and the ways in which CPMC might respond. This issue was examined again with full hearts at the Joint Committee meeting with CPC in February. A Minute of Appreciation was created for this Friend for all his work with the Camps, campers, and the community.

The Committee again thanks David Hunter for his dedication and hard work. We also thank our volunteers for their commitment to our camps.