

2014 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. In the spirit of John Woolman's plain speaking, almost all day-to-day work at Camp properties is done by others, especially the Camp Property Manager, David Hunter. The dedication, skills, and knowledge that he provides are a solid foundation upon which the Committee depends a great deal. We have had many improvements at the camps this year, such as wonderful new cabins built, and details of these will appear separately in the Property Manager's Report, prepared for October Interim Meeting. We thank our Shiloh caretaker Jake Butler, and our Catoctin caretaker Don Frame, for their stewardship of our cherished camp properties.

We continue to make progress in Capital Budgeting. One of our most important tasks is to plan for the maintenance and improvement of several million dollars worth of properties not only for the next 5-10 years, but for coming generations. Our work on budgeting has been assisted by many other Committees and the BYM Treasurer, and we applaud the hard work that has gone into compiling and making more information available about the Yearly Meetings financial position.

We are moving forward with greening the camp properties. A new utility and storage building at Opequon is designed to permit easy installation of solar panels on the roof, implementation of which awaits further budget and design decisions. We have engaged with the new BYM Development Director and other Committees to find ways to fund green projects. Near the top of the priority list is redesign of the Catoctin bathhouses, where we have plans for composting toilets. Research on wind and solar energy options at all the camps continues.

In this Committee's advance report from 1996, it was reported, "The disappearance of the (Shiloh) swimming holes in the riverhave prompted us to look into the feasibility of adding a pool to the plans...". Through the cooperation and hard work of numerous volunteers, campers began swimming in a new Shiloh Pond in 2012 -- some projects just take more time than others!

The ex officio participation of the Camping Program, Trustees, and the General Secretary has been excellent and is much appreciated.

We encourage all BYM members and attenders to make full use of our wonderful camp properties. We continue to seek ways to increase the utilization of the camps for family and community gatherings. You are also encouraged to participate in a

Friends Service Weekend to not only have an enjoyable weekend, but help maintain the camps and keep costs down.

On behalf of the committee and yours in the light,

Ron Lord (Sandy Spring) and Alene Carteret (Homewood), co-clerks