

UNITED CHURCH CAMP MEETING ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
July 31, 2008  
CLOSED PAVILION, BERWICK

**Constitution & Opening**

The Annual meeting of the United Church Camp Meeting association was held in the Closed Pavilion on July 31, 2008. The President Peter Woods welcomed everyone & constituted the meeting at 2:00 p.m. in the name of Jesus the head of the Church. The President then read the Camp's Vision Statement and called on Carman Burns to lead in opening prayer

**Memorial Silence**

The President invited the meeting to observe a memorial silence to remember campers who had died during the past year. Margaret Schurman was named.

**Adoption of Minutes**

The minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting were circulated & it was moved by Jack Spencer and seconded by Les Wood that the Minutes be approved. **Carried.**

**Treasurer's Report**

Grant Warwick presented the audited financial statement to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007. It was agreed that the report be received for information.

**Committee Reports**

Committee Reports were received as presented in Appendix 'A'. Discussion around these reports followed & questions were responded to by the committee chairs. It was moved by, Sharon Whiteway seconded by Cindy Easson that all reports be received. **Carried**

**New Business - 2008 Budget**

Tim O'Neill presented a proposed operating budget for 2009 (Appendix "B") It was moved by Tim O'Neill seconded by Dawn Wood that the 2009 budget be approved. **Carried**

**New Business – Open Pavilion**

Gordon Cameron moved that the proposals for the future of the open pavilion outlined in the Long Range Planning Report be approved as the direction we wish to move in redesigning the open pavilion. Seconded by Susan MacAlpine-Gillis. **Carried**

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Don Hill and Lester Settle closed with prayer.

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Peter Woods  
President

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Jack Spencer  
Secretary

## APPENDIX “A”

### REPORTS TO THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING OF *THE UNITED CHURCH CAMP MEETING ASSOCIATION*

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – 2008

The Finance Committee spent most of the past year on three issue areas: financial situation, facilities and fund/revenue raising.

##### **Financial Situation**

The Treasurer’s report and the financial statements describe in detail the fiscal position of UCCMA. For the past two years (2006 & 2007), we have enjoyed surpluses for the first time since ?. This has been the result of both increases in revenue – from operations and donations – and reductions in expenses. In 2007, increased accommodation and registration fees raised income from operations by almost 30 %. Greater use of volunteers in the kitchen and donations of air miles points for travel of worship leaders helped trim expenditures by 5%. Finally, donation income rose by 15%. The cumulative effect was a surplus of over \$55,000.

The dramatic improvement in our financial picture over the last two years was due to both the increased support from our campers and to the commitment of our dedicated volunteers. This allowed us to purchase a new tractor and build two new roofs without having to borrow from our bank. It has also resulted in our establishing a Reserve Account – with a target level of \$50,000 – which can be utilized for large unanticipated expenses should they arise.

The other consequence of the positive financial situation is that we can establish a long-range strategy for enhancement of our physical facilities and of our programs with greater confidence that we will be able to carry through on it.

##### **Facilities**

The report of the Long Range Planning Committee provides details about current plans for physical facilities. In brief, as individual Association families contribute the cost of construction, new cottages will be built in the lower campground area. A “demonstration” cottage was largely completed for this year’s encampment and the expectation is that four additional ones will be finished for next year, freeing up existing cottages for new occupants. The Association will finance the building of a duplex in an area near the dining hall. Improvements/renovations to the open and closed pavilions are in the planning stage and construction of a new youth centre has been given a high priority.

##### **Fund/Revenue Raising**

There were two main thrusts to our deliberations on raising the income we require for ongoing operations, capital projects and program development. First, Les Wood is spearheading an effort to add to the list of groups which rent our facilities in the June – September period. It was decided that, rather than engage in open-ended marketing of the camp, we would approach specific groups which share our values about how the facilities are to be used. To that end, Les has been in discussion with the Halifax Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church about their interest in renting.

The other thrust has been to consider how best to tap into the resources of foundations in Canada which support charitable organizations and for whom our Association might be a match. There is an organization, Foundation Search Canada, whose database can be used (for a fee) to find such matches among the 9500 foundations in Canada.

However, before we can seriously contemplate seeking foundation funding, we need to establish priorities among our most pressing needs in physical facilities and program development. At this year’s encampment, we are using a short survey to get input from Association members on what they most value about Berwick Camp. As well, a small group of individuals from the Executive, Finance, Long Range Planning and Program Committees

supplemented by 4-5 other campers held a brainstorming session on long term development strategy for the camp. The results of both efforts will aid us in effectively framing funding proposals.

#### Looking Forward

We are in the process of doing an assessment of the legal and insurance risks which may arise from renting out the camp to other organizations. While the risks have always been there, the push to increase rentals has brought them to the fore. One example of such a risk is the liability we may be exposed to in the use of volunteers in construction/repair/maintenance activities. We are planning to complete a risk assessment in the coming year.

The Finance Committee needs to an individual to head up the Fund Raising sub-committee. This person's primary task for this year will be to oversee the preparation of proposals for funding from foundations.

For Budget 2009, we have estimated that costs of operations – food, electricity, supplies, etc. -- will increase, on average, by 6%. We have therefore, recommended to the Executive an increase of approximately 6% in fees for accommodations and meals. This will allow us to maintain the solid financial position we have been able to evolve to over the past three years and, hence, permit us to improve/expand our physical facilities and enhance our programs. It will also maintain the fiscal “cushion” (contingency fund) we should have for extraordinary expenses that can arise

Submitted By: Tim O'Neill – Finance Chairperson

### **FOOD SERVICES REPORT - 2008**

This year we have seen numerous changes once again in our food services operations. We hope that we have maintained all the good things from the past, and added some positive items to our program. During the spring, due to the generosity of a fellow camper, we were provided with many different items of kitchen equipment. Some of this equipment we have used and some we have been, or will be able, to trade for items that we need. We have been requested for several years by the Provincial Food Inspectors for the Department of Agriculture to replace the sinks that were “makeshift” to say the least, but provided a service for many years. A large double stainless sink with sloped wings on either side was one of the items we received. We received a walk-in cooler and a walk-in freezer for which we have been able to negotiate services and product in lieu. We have an additional 3 burner Bunn automatic coffee maker with a hot water spout for tea which we will be using for our expanded operation this year. We received many other useful items, enough to fill a 26' U-Haul truck. We wish to thank Dale Finnamore for thinking of us when this equipment became available.

We have had some staff changes this year. Lillian our baker was unable to return for health reasons. Her sister Cathy has moved back to Northern Ontario, Stan & Judy Dupuis who were Wilf & Judy's sidekicks in the Dining Hall have been replaced by Anna Freeman and Jack Morrison. Joining me in the Kitchen this year are Jocelyn & Greg Tingley to learn the ropes of what goes on in that area with the plan to take over the operation in 2009. I hope by the time you are reading this that they will have been joined by another couple who will be willing to work jointly to fulfill the service needed there. Debbi Delong will once again serve up her fare at noon from Wendall's Deli. Jeff Lynds will be continuing in the Canteen. Letha Mowatt is taking over the role as meal ticket sales person. As Letha can do so well: she will provide you with a smile at no extra charge, when you buy your tickets. Then we have other volunteers. The recruiter is Mary Lynn Cameron to whom I owe a great big Thank You!! Her work has made things so much easier you can't imagine. The teenagers who do a tremendous job serving your every need at every meal, and the cleanup work in the kitchen. Those persons who help with the barbeque, the Lobster Roll lunch, meal prep work almost all day long, and the runners who go to pickup items

that are in need. All are essential to our providing what I hope you find are high quality meals for your enjoyment.

This is a good chance to tell you about some slight changes in how we will provide food services here at camp in the future. At the suggestion of our current President, Peter Woods (2 plank), and the incoming President in a couple of years, Gordon Cameron, they felt there is a need to split up the workload among more people. I, Les Wood (1 plank) named by Wendall Brown and my predecessor in this job are by some accounts clueless in the number of hours we put in before, during, and after camp. We did, and do it, because we enjoy(ed) it, but it really is more than one person should do. Thusly the reason why we are suggesting that Jocelyn and Greg be assisted by another 2 person team to share the load. This will enable everyone to have the ability to take some days to enjoy camp, and have backup as required. In addition Peter and Gordon have asked if I would agree to stay on in a Co-ordinator of Food Services role. This will entail working with the Kitchen, Dining Room, Ticket Sales, Lobster Lunch Take-out Fund Raiser, The Deli, The Sunday Night Barbeque, and anything that would fall under the heading of food. That is of course with the obvious exception of the Cookie Cottage. We all know you don't mess with a successful product, and the Ladies in the Cookie Cottage certainly need no assistance from me, that's for sure. I have agreed to this proposal and will look to hopefully take some guidance from the Nominating Committee and have most people in place a year or more in advance, knowing circumstances are always subject to change, so that the planning can occur and the preparation will be easier. We have very competent people in these jobs and we must ensure that they have the assistance necessary. That is where you come in. WE NEED YOU! Food Services is not the only place, many areas are in need of volunteers. Some camps that come here have mandatory army style volunteers. We don't think that is necessary. We are throwing out the challenge to you. If you have a hour, or a few, ½ a day, ¾'s or more, you will be welcomed. See Mary Lynn Cameron and let her know you are available. She will find you a spot to assist.

This year we have made two new additions to our program and we would like to know what you think. Please give us some feedback. In the morning, from 7:30 to 9:30, we are offering at the end of the Dining Hall a Self Serve Continental Breakfast. You can have juices, fruit, dry cereal, muffins, toast, with jam or marmalade, tea, coffee, or milk. This will be \$4.00 in the jar on the honor system, and you can come in the door at the Main Gate end of the Dining Hall, bring your paper, yesterday's Hemlock Happenings, a book, or just yourself and enjoy a relaxing meal of your choice, at whatever time you would like in those 2 hours. Regular Breakfast will always be available at 8:00 am.

At Supper you will have the choice of eating in, or having the same meal in a take-out format. It will be the same basic meal that you can take to one of the 12 new picnic tables that are surrounding the Dining Hall, take it back to your accommodations, feed those folks who happened to unexpectedly drop in, or if you would just prefer a quieter setting, this is an alternative, and we have the answer. But we need is to know in advance so that the meals can be put together just before 5:00 pm. We are thusly asking that you pre-order the meal by 3:00 pm on the day you wish to take advantage of this offer. A standard supper meal ticket can be purchased, and the price will be the same as the meal eaten in the Dining Hall. The cost of the containers equalizes the price we must charge for either option. Again let us know what you think of this idea.

Last year we had more than a normal amount of problems with the automatic dishwashers. As a result we made the decision that their maintenance needed to be contracted out to a professional company. This has been done and we have seen some positive results, and we should have less inconvenience as a result. We are looking at other areas where this may be appropriate. Hot water heaters have been contracted for years. Our refrigeration service is done in this manner, our plumbing and electrical needs when necessary are done that way, our roof replacements are done by contract. It is not inexpensive, but when it comes to food we have no room for error. You are all aware of problems that have occurred in North America with

tomatoes, seafood, beef, chicken, hamburg, dairy items, in what we would like to think is a safe environment. We must be always vigilant and have been working for many years to improve the safety of our operations. We have already had 2 visits from the Food Inspector this year. This all has an impact on the cost of our program and I don't need to tell you what has happened to the cost of propane in the last 12 months. I can assure you that the price we pay is one of the lowest in the Maritimes because of a business here in the valley that makes sure our price is the same as his. He volunteers his price to us, so as you can see there are many ways one can volunteer for Berwick Camp. I would also like to make mention of our staff. Sharon, Crystal, Ervin, and Karen, all provide us with excellent support, and to those who rent our facilities. It is important for us to recognize the contribution they make on a day by day basis from early May to the end of September. We appreciate their efforts and please tell them how thankful you are for their work for you and others. Tell me what you think of the Food Services operations. My address and email is at the end. Take a moment when you get home to reflect and drop me a note telling me what you liked, but as important, what you feel needs improvement and make a suggestion as to what we might do. We strive to do a better job every year, and feedback is an extremely important tool. Volunteer your opinion!

We are here working for you our campers. It occurs because there are volunteers. We appreciate all their work. Come and join them. Require them to carry slightly less load. Let your feeling of contribution be rewarded by being involved. The tiredness will go away. It makes a warm spot glow in your heart and spirit. Thank you and God Bless!

Les Wood - Food Services Co-ordinator, 7 Matthew's Terrace, Amherst, N.S.. B4H 0B6  
leswood@eastlink.ca

### **Leadership Search Committee Report**

The work of this committee continued through the past year with the following members involved: Lois O'Neill, Susan MacAlpine-Gillis, Tim Crooks, and Don Hill as Chair. On occasion, assistance was provided by others, including Sandy MacLean. It is the responsibility of this committee to find highly qualified persons to be Evangelist, Bible Study/Theology for Today and Youth Program facilitators.

For this encampment 2008, the Committee is delighted to have assembled a very strong leadership team with Evangelist: Peter Short; Bible Study/Theology for Today: Donna and Jim Sinclair; Youth: Robyn Brown-Hewitt and Dave Hewitt.

This is the third year that Robyn and Dave have led the Youth Program and we are deeply appreciative of the outstanding leadership they have given our youth, and extend sincere thanks to them. They will be turning this leadership over to the Rev. Dr. Andy O'Neill and his partner, Jenny, who will be able to build on the solid base established.

At the 2009 encampment, the Evangelist and Bible Study duties will be a team effort as the Rev's. Joan and Peter Wyatt will be with us from Toronto. There, Peter has given outstanding leadership as principal of Emmanuel College of Victoria University (TST and UofT). Joan served for seven years at Vancouver School of Theology and is now on staff at EC.

Leadership search continues its explorations for leadership at Berwick in the years beyond 2009, with some exciting announcements in the offing.

The BLSC, on behalf of the Program Committee, has participated actively in the evaluation process of the various Berwick program facets in the past number of years, designing the evaluation materials and helping carry out the evaluation process. We received outstanding assistance and cooperation from the staff at Phoenix Youth Programs in the analysis of the evaluation results. Our sincere thanks go to them and Tim Crooks for that significant help.

Respectfully submitted: Don Hill, Chairperson

## Local Arrangements Committee Report

### Booking Schedule for 2008:

June 5 - 9	Work Week
June 20 - 22	Ecumenical Youth Rally
June 27 - July 1	Baha'i Family Camp
July 11 - 17	Ashram
July 25 - Aug. 3	UCCMA
Aug. 8 - 23	Nova Scotia Choral Federation
Sept. 5 - 7	Annapolis Valley Honour Choir
Sept. 11 - 16	Camp Mini Ha Ha
Sept. 19 - 21	Acadia University Bands
Sept. 20	Shooterbug Photography 1 hour Wedding Pictures
Sept. 26 - 28	Musquodoboit High School Band

\* It can be noted we have two new renters this year, Acadia Bands and Shooterbug Photography.

It has been a pleasure to meet and make contact with those responsible for the camps booking this beautiful facility. I have done several walk-throughs and worked closely with the housekeeping and grounds staff to ensure they know what the needs are, for the incoming camps.

With the new pricing policy adopted for the 2007 camp season, campers were given a grace period to adjust. For the 2009 camp season all camps should be at the new pricing.

This being my first year in this position it has been a time of learning and I thank God for the blessing of patience and support which has been shown me. A special thank you to Sharon Bent, and Ervin and Karen Sanford for being so kind and accommodating to work with. God Bless.

Respectfully submitted, - Cindy Easson C-111, Local Arrangements Chair

### **Long Range Planning Report 2008**

The long range planning committee continues to move forward on the items identified as important issues and seeks to develop strategic plans on other areas.

The accommodation situation at camp was identified as a top priority. We continue to have more people wanting accommodations at camp than we have available. We do not know what the ultimate demand is. We do not know the number of potential campers who have simply given up applying as they have never been successful. Nor do we know the number of people who do not even apply to come to camp as they have heard there is "no room at the inn"

We have built one additional cottage in the lower camp area below the dorms. This is a demonstration cottage for the community we would ultimately like to have there. Our plan is to construct 4 more cottages like this one by next year's encampment.

These will be small cottages with a bathroom that are funded by individuals for the use of their family. The executive has created a "succession" process identifying the priority these folks and their families will receive for the use of the cottage. If anyone is interested in funding a cottage and receiving a tax receipt for the donation please see Susan McAlpine-Gillis in the Temple Apartments or contact her at Cole Harbour United Church.

The executive has agreed to fund the building of a new style accommodation unit for next year's camp. It will be a "motel style" unit which will consist of a bedroom and a shared three piece bathroom. These units will be built as a duplex or a quadplex in the area between the dining room and the main street of Berwick. They will start from the dining room and continue down the road to the middle gate. The potential exists for 18 of these units on this road.

These units will not have cooking facilities. The campers staying there will take their meals at the dining room. The close proximity to the dining room and worship areas will accommodate campers whose mobility is impaired. Eventually this area and some rooms will be made wheelchair accessible and suitable for those with walkers.

The other facility areas identified as important are a renovation to the open and closed pavilions as well as improving the grounds and a new youth centre.

Meetings have occurred during the last encampment and this one to discuss improvements to the open pavilion. During the fall, a group met to develop a draft improvement design for the open pavilion. The recommendations of this group were presented to campers at a meeting last Tuesday afternoon.

The basic strategy of the design addresses the key issues of designing the platform to be flexible in its use, improve the comfort and sightlines of the audience and incorporate the ability to use technology to enhance the experience. The group came up with a design strategy of the following.

1. Use decking to create a terrace effect for using the natural amphitheatre of the open pavilion. There would be three levels from the front of the stage to below the first major tree. The terrace would be approximately 10 feet wide.
2. Use chairs in the terraces for seating. This would allow those who wish to bring their own to become closer to the "action". The benches would be eliminated.
3. The platform/stage would be extended out approximately 12 feet with a rounded front to create the amphitheatre effect. The stage itself would be flat. Portable risers and platforms would be built and used as needed on the stage.
4. The roof on the stage may be removed providing the issues surrounding sun exposure can be adequately dealt with.
5. A storage room at the back of the stage would be built to accommodate the portable risers, equipment and chairs.
6. The sound booth would be moved to just in front of the first tree closest to the centre and front of the stage.

The plan for the construction of these areas (pavilions, grounds and youth center) is to take them to the detailed planning stage and then build them as we have the funding for them. The finance committee is in the process of establishing a fund raising committee for this purpose.

The single biggest obstacle for these improvements is finding a camper who will co-ordinate each of these areas. We need 5 people to co-ordinate these 5 areas. If we do not have a person we will not be able to do these things.

The next area that we will be looking at in depth is the programming at camp. This analysis process has started. Stay tuned!

Thanks to all who have helped and are continuing to help and will help as we make a good camp even better.

Submitted by Gordon Cameron - Chairperson

### **Maritime Conference U.C.W.**

The U.C.W. Cottage is hosted this year by women from the Chignecto and Prince Edward Island Presbyterians. They will provide campers with cookies, tea and coffee. Campers look forward to this hospitality each year and the women of the U.C.W. enjoy their time in the cottage. The doors are open to drop in for refreshments and conversations.

This year is biennial year for the U.C.W. In April our meeting was held in Moncton at Humphrey Memorial Church, with Anna Peters chairing the planning committee. A great deal of organization was necessary for this event, in service to approximately seventy-five women across the Maritimes and Bermuda. It was three days of friendships, old and new, music, worship, study, skits, and interest groups, which I'm sure energized most of the women present.

U.C.W. Afternoon has been a long-time tradition at Berwick Camp. This year it will be held July 30, at 1:30 p.m. I expect a good turn out to support the gals (Marilyn Conklin and Jean Smith) who have been prepared the program which is usually valued and enjoyed by all. At the end of the program we meet together for cookies and tea and conversation, under the hemlocks, in front of our beloved U.C.W. cottage. U.C.W. is alive and well all across this country of ours. Thanks to all who continue to make it so. God Bless you all!

Respectfully submitted, Letha Mowatt, President Maritime Conference U.C.W.

### **Publicity Committee**

I would like to publically acknowledge the wonderful help of Kim Curlett in the preparation of the brochure... when I was suddenly called to Edmonton to care for my oldest daughter. Bless her! They were printed in NB and picked up for mailing by Margaret Gunn Robertson.

Buttons were ordered in Moncton as usual... and have been ready for a month or two now... the bill will be submitted to the Treasurer at camp. Thanks to Bob Smith for picking them up there... and bringing them to camp.

Children's bracelets were hard to acquire this year... but were finally purchased through a contact of Rhonda Rafuse in Trenton. Thanks Rhonda! She will submit that bill at camp as well.

Cheryl Hartlen – Publicity Chairperson

## Nominating Committee Report

2008-2009 Executive & Committee Chairs - United Church Camp Meeting Association

Office	Name	Yrs Left in Term
President	Peter Woods	2
Past President	Stephen Spencer	2
1st Vice President	Gordon Cameron	2
2nd Vice President	Tim O'Neill	2
3rd Vice President (Superintendent of Worship)	Rev. Donna Lovelace	2
Secretary	Jack Spencer	1
Treasurers	Grant & Sharon Warwick	1

### Committee Chairs and Executive Members

Finance	Tim O'Neill	2
Food Services Chairperson	Les Wood	1
Leadership Search	Don Hill	1
Long Range Planning	Gordon Cameron	2
Nominations	Stephen Spencer	2
Public Worship & Program.	Bethe Benjamin and Sandy Porter	3
Property & Grounds	Don Rockwell	1
Registrar	Margaret Gunn-Robertson	1
United Church Women	Phyllis Munroe	1
Youth Representative	Breanna Redden-Kelly	1
Youth Representative		1
Member At Large	Susan MacAlpine-Gillis	1
Ashram – Corresponding Member	Doug Armstrong Brenda Ellison	1

### Sub - Committee Chairs

Archives & History	Reg Short	1
Canteen	Jeff Lynds	1
Dining Room	Wilf Butler	2
Fundraising Co-ordinator	To be appointed by Finance Cte	3
Housekeeping	Andrew O'Brien	2
Kitchen Co-Ordinators	1. Jocelyn and Greg Tingley 2. ???	3
Law & Safety	Ken Moors	3
Local Arrangements	Cindy Easson	2
Meal Ticket Sales	Letha Mowatt / George Collier	2
Personnel	Bruce Tupper	3
Publicity	Cheryl Hartlen	2
Recreation	Joanne MacGillvary	1
Welcoming	Janet Sollows	1

**A reminder** for committee chairs to attempt to have someone in mind, or lined up, to take over once your term is finishes. **Ideally** they should be in place for the final year of your term so as to learn the ropes.

## PROPERTY AND GROUNDS REPORT 2008

### PERSONNEL

Darrel Lohnes decided not to return to Berwick in January and resigned as Camp Custodian. In late January I offered the position of Custodian to Irvin Sanford who has been assisting Darrel. Upon his acceptance, his wife Karen was recruited to be his assistant. This arrangement has worked out exceedingly well. Irvin has proven to be a diligent worker and has demonstrated the willingness and ability to do that which is required in his day to day activities. Karen is also a willing worker and obviously enjoys her work and is fully capable of doing what is required of her. The overall environment in the camp is much improved and many people have commented on this fact.

### WORK WEEK

Work week was held this year from June 5th to 9th and it was disappointing in that only about a dozen showed up to work. The wash up house was started and subsequently completed by staff, and is now in service. A couple of cottages were painted and another had a new floor installed. The No 4 senior apartment was also partly painted. New dehumidifiers were installed in the seniors unit 1 through 3. After running several days they seemed to be cycling on and off to maintain the humidity settings. These new units are much quieter than the older units and should not have a noise problem. All four lower apartments were repainted in July.

### EQUIPMENT

A post hole digger attachment was purchased for the tractor to assist in the replacement of the perimeter fencing. It was also to be used for the erection of foundations for the new cottages but, changes in the building code precludes this use.

A golf cart was purchased for use around the camp and it has been used extensively by the house keeping staff in their day to day activities. This has precluded the use of private vehicles for this duty.

Arrangements have been made to borrow a golf cart from a supplier in Middleton. This will be at no charge and I understand the arrangement may continue from year to year. I would like to establish a service of transportation for those who require it within the camp such as, transport to and from the dining hall ,church service ,etc. etc.

### NEW COTTAGE

A contract was awarded in June for the construction of a 14 x 20 cottage to be located at the rear of Dorm A. The labour contract is for \$1500.00 and includes the supply of all carpentry labour. The material costs are estimated to be \$4300.00. The electrical costs will be about \$1200.00. The plumbing is being installed by staff with some assistance where necessary. The total cost of the completed cottage should not exceed \$8000.00.

The accepted method for supporting this type of building is by sonatubes. These are concrete forms with an inverted bulb like construction to provide maximum support. They are expensive to purchase and install. They require large holes which would mean hiring a backhoe to do the installation. In order to depart from this standard, we had to hire an engineer to provide a design using deck blocks that were acceptable to the authority. The first design was not acceptable to us in that the blocks had to be on the same elevation. The location of these buildings will not be on level ground. A second design was purchased from another engineer who met our needs and would also be acceptable to the authority. The total cost of these designs was \$730.00. We will not have to incur these costs for future cottages.

### SURVEY

A survey of the various buildings in the camp is about 80% complete. This survey will indicate the general condition of the camp and should provide some direction for the future.

Respectively Submitted: Don Rockwell, Chairperson

## Public Worship & Program Report - 2008

This year our theme was Stories on the Way... The theme was suggested by our evangelist The Very Rev. Peter Short and was embraced by the rest of the leadership, including youth and bible study.

I am pleased to report that as of the writing of this report it would appear that the program has been a success. This is in no small part due to the work that has gone on all year by the committee members, and the various sub committees.

The program committee for 2008 is comprised of:

### 2007-08 Berwick Program Committee

Bethe	Benjamin-Cameron	Incoming Co-Chair
Kim	Curlett	Member at Large
Holly	Hagerman	Youth Rep
Donald	Hill	Leadership Search
Jocelyn	Langille	Member at Large
Joanne	MacGillivray	Recreation
Freda	McCormick	Member at Large
Jack	Morrison	Member at Large
Karin	Pickard	member at Large
Sandy	Porter	Incoming Co-Chair
Brian	Reitzel	Member at Large
Joan	Richardson	Member at Large
Janet	Sollows	Welcoming
Jocelyn	Tingley	UCW
Ted	Tupper	Chair
Jakob	Creighton	Youth rep
Peter	Woods	President
Donna	Lovelace	Superintendent of Worship

We continue to focus on the goals we set 2 years ago.

1. To improve on our traditional youth program by providing a strong foundation that could be consistently repeated year to year.
2. To focus on the worship experience at Berwick.

In terms of our youth program I am pleased to report that in large part due to the return of David & Robyn we anticipate another successful week of youth programming.

One of the things we are trying new this year is the implementation of a third youth group to fill the gap in programming that existed for those youth who were too young for the youth group and too old for the vbs program. Shannon MacLean has been working to put together that new "in-between group". I am writing this report before camp this year so while I expect this to be a great success I won't know for sure for another week.

We welcomed the gospel choir God Sent on our opening Sunday.

We also had the opportunity to welcome Judy Savoy and her one woman show on the second Saturday.

Lloyd MacLean and Bruce Harding returned to the camp to lead us in music through out the camp. In addition to leading worship everyday, they also participated in the youth program. This will be the third and last year that we have been blessed by Lloyd and Bruce's presence. They have let us know that they will not be available next year so we will have a challenge to fill their shoes.

Working with Bruce and Lloyd to introduce some new music styles to camp has been a challenge, change at camp always comes with a price. The program committee is very aware that while this new direction has been embraced by the majority of the campers (as measured by the evaluations) there is a minority who would like things to stay the same. We have worked hard to try and introduce a balance between new and old. As I mentioned I am not at camp this year but I really hope that we were successful in reaching that balance. By the time you read this you will be able to answer that yourself.

There are other areas of programming at camp that go on, many more then I was aware of when I started in this roll. Rather then mentioning each one I will say simply that they all seem to be running smoothly. There have been a few hiccups along the way but in true Berwick fashion people have come forward to help when and where it is needed.

Your Programming committee continues to work to provide quality programming, for future camps. They have some ideas for next year and much of the leadership is in place for next year (thanks to Don Hill and the Leadership Search committee).

The Committee welcomes any comments you may have about this year's program, or about what you would like to see in future years. You can attach your comments to the evaluation forms, or approach one of the program committee members directly. You can also email the committee throughout the year at [program@berwickcamp.org](mailto:program@berwickcamp.org).

In summary, I would like to say a personal Thank You to all of the people listed in this report, and everyone else not mentioned here who has worked towards making the programs and worship experience at Berwick 2008 a success. This was a different year for me as I was unable to be at camp for the full 10 days. Beth and Sandy our new chairs stepped in and offered to be acting chairs a year early, this made my life a lot easier. I would like to say publically thank you to Sandy and Beth for taking over my duties this year with such skill and enthusiasm. It really makes my heart sing to know that the program for the camp we all love will be in such great hands.

Submitted by: Ted Tupper- Public Program and Worship Chair.

### **Registrar's Report**

My second year as Registrar has proceeded smoothly. Only 25% of the information kits were mailed saving time, printing and mailing costs as more and more campers use email. New this year was the pre-payment of accommodation fees, which gave us an accurate reflection of accommodation requirements and resulted in a more efficient check in procedure.

Demand for 'roofed' accommodation: apartments or cottages, continues to be strong. An Association trailer was removed leaving us with one less accommodation this year. We have 27 families on the waiting list for either an apartment or cottage. 19 of these families choose to camp, 3 stayed in town, 3 families squeezed in with other families and 2 used dorm rooms. We were fortunate to borrow 2 trailers but I certainly look forward to the construction of new accommodations.

**Current Accommodations**

97 Cottages: Full  
24 Apartments: Full  
52 Dorm rooms: Full: 1 cancellation; 2 delayed arrivals  
25 Lower campsites: 21 booked; 4 available sites  
76 Upper campsites: 49 booked; 27 available sites (\* many of these are small sites)

**Attendance**

	2008	2007
Families *	286	272
People	831	782
Adults	510	481
Adult student	35	36
Youth	140	142
Children	142	123

\* This figure in many cases represents extended families that share an accommodation. The actual number of family units is higher.

Once again it has been my pleasure to be your Registrar. I look forward to serving in this capacity one more year.

Margaret Gunn-Robertson

**Archives & History**

Since our last meeting very little has happened. Material for the archives was not received. Therefore, I would ask campers to forward any material they may have pertaining to our past, so it can be placed in the United church Archives in Sackville, N.B.

Good news comes from Lester Settle, a long time camper, who spent many years giving leadership in music. This year he was keen on gathering camp music which resulted in his finding reports of camp meetings dating back to 1805 in Canada and the United States. He also found information on Ashbury Grove, Hamilton, Mass. This is the camp that our founding father, E.C. Foster visited in 1871 and went on to start Berwick Camp in 1872 with the help of Methodist clergy and laymen. Ashbury Grove still has camp meetings going, and this year they start on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Lester Settle is planning to visit their camp this year. He feels strongly that we should start up a relationship with their leadership.

This is exciting and I suggest that our President send a letter of introduction and to invite one of their leaders to attend next year’s camp. Lester will be taking with him a copy of our first history book that outlines E.C. Foster’s visit and his experience at Ashbury Grove. Thanks Lester, for your research and stories of the first camp meetings in Canada and the United States.

Submitted by Reg Short.

**Ashram**

The Atlantic Christian Ashram (July 12-17) was a wonderful time with the Lord at Berwick Camp. The grounds were in wonderful shape and it was a pleasure working with Ervin & Karen Sanford. Sharon & Crystal cleaned the bathrooms for us which was a great blessing.

Our Evangelist was Rev. Peter Reid and our Bible Study leader was Rev. Joe Beesley. The messages will be available online at [www.atlanticchristianashram.org](http://www.atlanticchristianashram.org)

There were Youth leaders for different age groups. Again we thank you for the use of your wonderful camp. We appreciate it so much.

Submitted by Marg Sawler