



Dear Three Mile Family:

November 2014

What an amazing year we had! Our island continues to be a beloved place for so many people, made special by the commitment to return with families and friends, and the devotion to help maintain Three Mile's beauty through camper volunteerism, Croo passion, and staff work ethic.

The Rec Hall renovations were finished in the spring and we had 85 Three Milers celebrate a Grand Re-Opening during week one. The consensus was that while it is the same building, on the same dock, it is a completely new and fascinating space. The architect and builders did a wonderful job. Dinty Child, our maintenance and off season manager, oversaw every step of the project and is to be congratulated. The finished product is beautiful and will serve the camp well for many years to come. I would like to thank our capital campaign committee, led by Nancy and David Grant and Jane and Peter Goedecke, for raising over \$318,000, with contributions from more than 50% of our community. They worked with more than a dozen TMI volunteers and professionals at the AMC to make this project possible.

In other news, Stroker Rogovin led a team of volunteers to restore and insulate the Change House. According to Tree Tsar Jay Maciejowski we used significantly less wood this past winter. Stroker, Jake Barker and the Croo also rebuilt the cubbies along with a beautiful cabinet for the new Rec Hall. The dock is looking good!

Jesse Ritch, Vice Chair of the Committee, had the Appy shipped to Maine for the winter where she underwent a major restoration. We won't need a new boat for some time, making us more sustainable.

This year marked our third year of Music Camp, where talented musicians studied and made music for a week in June. Our off-season programs are becoming an integral part of camp. An exciting new program, **Healthy Eating and Cooking for the Outdoor Adventurer** will be held September 13-18, 2015, with renowned Nutritionist and Food Expert John Bagnulo and Chef Stefanie Sacks. Check for updates at 3mile.org.

Keeping the cost of camp down is always a focus for Will Holmes and the Committee. However, as costs like food and labor rise, the Committee needed to raise rates 3%. Increasing occupancy will help keep rates steady. Sign up for an additional week during week one (our lowest occupancy week) or a fall weekend; and bring your friends. Check out the **Summer Sampler for a half week during Week One!** A separate, reduced rate registration form is enclosed.

What else is going on? Volunteer extraordinaire Jack Tricky is leading the effort to install a new leach field. Continuing efforts to increase accessibility included putting a railing on all cabins with four steps, putting ladders on some cabin docks, and adding a ramp to the side of the store. The east side of the Main House and the store are being re-decked this winter. The Committee continues to focus on the future by approving a long-range plan to guide us through 2018. You can stay up to date by checking 3mile.org and enjoying our Facebook page, AMC Three Mile Island Camp, managed by Brookes May. Currently we have 535 friends!

Three Mile Committee chairs have the privilege of serving for four years. With my term coming to an end in just under a year, I am delighted to announce that the next Committee chair will be Gillian King. Gill has been coming to Three Mile for 9 years with her extended family and has had two children on the Croo. As treasurer for the past 5 years she has been a tireless advocate for keeping our finances on a sound footing and has the full support of the Committee, the managers, and the AMC. I have enjoyed working with Gill immensely and look forward to the transition.

In closing, I would like to thank the staff, the Croo and the volunteers who have made my involvement in the TMI community a delight. Will runs a tight ship, hires the best staff and Croo, and keeps our island in top shape. Joy and Ginger have both been wonderful to work with. Tracy Munn, former vice chair and chair of the management subcommittee worked tirelessly and kept me in line. Vice Chair Jesse Ritch has been a wonderful sounding board. Larry Barker, who leads the maintenance subcommittee, works year round and keeps the Committee on its toes. Dave Carpenter, our volunteer archivist, manages our reservation forms, our minutes and our permanent documents. It's a fantastic community, on and off the island.

Enclosed is your reservation form. Consider adding a Week One visit and bring some new folks to TMI next fall. See you on the dock!



Neil Burns
TMI Committee Chair