

MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM, Inc.



MARCH 18, 1990 MEMBERS MEETING MINUTES and NEWS NOTES

SUMMER WORK HIKE AND MEETING SCHEDULE

July 8,

July 29,

August 5,
1990

Work on sections of the Mason-Dixon Trail along Muddy Creek Gorge is scheduled for all three work hike days. On all three days meet at the Gaging Station Bridge at 9:00 A.M.. Parking is available on both sides of the road at Gaging Station Bridge.

To reach Gaging Station Bridge, approach Paper Mill Road from Pa. Route #74. If going South on Route 74, as 74 makes a sharp turn to the right, go straight on the old black top Road, which is Paper Mill. Conversely, if going North on Pa. 74, as it makes a sharp turn to the left, go straight on Paper Mill Road.

Bring digging tools, primary trail construction tools, and cutting tools. Trail lunch and plenty of water are also needed. Hank Drummond (WTC) offered to come with a chain saw, and Kay Way will bring paint for blazes. Bill Cawthray suggested a stencil with M.D.T.S. logo for our blazes.

MEMBERS
MEETING

As July 8 work hike is the only one of three where the President, Treasurer and Secretary will all be able to be present, this date was selected for our "Trail Lunch Meeting". BRING NOTES along .

MEMBERS MEETING MINUTES MARCH 18, 1990

Meeting
Called,
Kay Way

President Kay Way called M.D.T.S. Members meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. , March 18, 1990 at the home of Ron Gray, Dallastown, Pa. Members present were: Rick Maerker, Marie & John Pittenger, Ken Trimble, Lois Schetky, Marion & Jack Schultz, Jean Funk, Henry Paul, Clair Piersol, Ron Gray, Jim Hooper, William Cawthray, Yvonne Blades, Warren and Vivian Davies, Dennis Schmuck, and Duane Hyson.

We all appreciated the refreshments, and were impressed with Ron's ingenuity in building an underground work area that is connected to his home through the basement, yet is under his back yard.

Correction
Jan. 28
Minutes

Yvonne Blades offered to "help plan a hike" that would be advertised in area hiking club newsletters; not lead one. Yvonne stated she did not know her fall plans.

Summary:
Tres. & Membership
Report
John Pittenger

As of 3/14/90 M.D.T.S. checking account balance was \$987.51 and our C.D. balance was \$1083.54

Membership payments and donations from clubs, corporations and individuals still continue to arrive. (5/1/90) ;

John reported that the published roster included some 45 groups and/or individuals who have not yet responded to our mailings for 1990 even though we have supplied them with return addressed and stamped envelopes and invited their responses.

John agreed to share this detail with a few officers so that our records may be appropriately noted for the continued contributions and interest, financially or otherwise, that they are making on behalf of M.D.T.S., Inc.

TRAIL
RELOCATION
Yvonne
Blades

Yvonne scouted, then YvonneBlades, Turner Darden, and Bill Cawthray blazed the relocation of our trail in the Susqueanna State Park. Barbara Davidson and Yvonne Blades measured the relocation; 2.2 miles have been added to our trail system. Some time in the future there could be a further cut off as the park is building a boat ramp.

You will be approaching the relocated trail from the North as you go under I-95 and walk approximately one mile past the quarry. The trail goes to the road and ends on 352, then goes to Lapidium Road, almost to the boat ramp. The trail goes up the hill to the left, crosses through the woods, crosses a paved road to a Horse Trail. Follow the Horse Trail to Copowingo Mill, pick up trail through the woods close to Deer Run. Cross Bridge at Deer Run; pick up Horse Trail (second one) and follow it into the old trail.

Rick Maeker and Bill Cawthray will scout^{an} alternate route for a by-pass of the present overgrown trail from I-95 to the Quarry.

White Clay
Creek Preserve
Warren Davies
Pendell Trail

Three bridges along Pendell Trail in the White Clay Creek Preserve were moved off trail by last year's July 5 flooding waters; one disappeared, the second moved 20 feet and the third moved 50-60 yards. Warren offered Bill Morton a ~~work~~ party to place/replace bridges. This offer was declined with statement "work would be done soon".

Status of
Development
along trail
South of
Dowington.

Clair Piersol recommends leaving the trail as it now is in spite of development. 90% of the trail in the old YMCA property is intact, and 100% intact from the top of the Ridge to the abandoned road. Clair found no problem with the developer on use of our trail, but if a problem should arise, we could go on School District property.

Clair Piersol

Pennsylvania
House Bill
1567
Marion Schultz

Pennsylvania House Bill 1567 is a land use bill that would give land owners who allowed their lands to be used for public purposes (hikers-bikers, etc.) some protection against law suits for negligence by the using non-fee paying public. Marion suggested M.D.T.S. Pa. members write to Representatives from their home districts. Some action was to be taken in late March on this bill.

Earth Day Hike
Kay Way

Kay Way will lead Earth Day Hikes on April 21 at 9:30 A.M. as per Philadelphia Electric Company Contact, between Sures Landing and Deer Creek. Update 4/28/90. About 15-20 people were led on hikes and seemed to enjoy the experience. Groups varied from Indian Guides to Senior Citizens.

Coalition
for
Natural
Stream
Valleys

M.D.T.S. continues to support the Coalition for Natural Stream Valleys in their effort to preserve some of the natural beauty of White and Red Clay Creek Watershed. Currently the Coalition is involved in an attempt to limit the size of road and/or bridges through the White Clay Preserve and Carpenter Park area. (Our M.D.T.S. Trail folks). M.D.T.S. has donated \$25 to this

Marie Pittenger

effort. For further information contact: [REDACTED]

Fairhills:
Rick
Maerker

Rick Maerker will contact Mr. Haskell, a land owner near the Fairhill area, regarding his offer to allow M.D.T.S. to use his land for our trail.

PADRAIC P. BOYLE

A message from Pat Boyle was delivered by Kay Way at our March 18, 1990 meeting. Pat wished to remind us that Charles Salkin of the Delaware State Park System was interested in hiking clubs and trails, and could be helpful to us in building and maintaining our trails.

Pat Boyle died Wednesday, March 21, 1990 of heart failure. He was in Pennsylvania having his Red Car serviced when his heart failed him.

Pat Boyle became one of the charter members of M.D.T.S. as it was organized in 1978. He served M.D.T.S. "behind the scene" in many ways, the last of which was as Treasurer and Membership Secretary of M.D.T.S. until October 31, 1989.

Pat will be missed.