MASCN-DIXCH TRAIL SYSTEM, INC. MEETING January 11, 1981 1:20 p.m. at R. Tobias', Roherstown Pa. 1. 22 persons in attendance: Derr, Gray, Toland, Hooper, Tobias Darden, Piersol, Yost, Boyle, Shaffer, Rhodes, Shaffer, Honis Reiber, Figdore, Way, Henkel, Boyle, Fittenger, Sohns, Sohns 2. Minutes of last MDTS meeting on June 8, 1980 were accepted. 3. Treasurer's Report, P. Boyle: Balance as of 1/11/81: \$150. Report was approved. 4. R. Yost: Distributed copies of cooperating landowner agreements. There are two forms. One includes camping area permission. The forms were drawn up by Marsh, Nichols, Arst & Tunnel. The forms have the approval of our insurance co. Discussion of agreement: The 90 days written notice is flexible. It is not a legal easement. The property owner can terminate at any time. If the landowner does not want to sign, it is o.k. Be sure the landowner is fully aware of the purpose of the trail . It is alright to photocopy the blank forms for use. 5. R. Reiber: Shiloh Troop 94, B.S.A. of York, Pa. will accept construction and maintenance of the MDTS section between

- Wrightsville and Whiskey Springs under the leadership of Richard Reiber and George Figdore with guidance from Dan and Earl Shaffer.
- 6. Trail Coordinators' reports: T. Darden - Eastern section MDTS: Chester County Trail Club: The Brandywine Trail is complete. It needs repainting of blazes to blue (C. Piersol). Chadds Ford to White Clay needs contact with landowners (K. Way). The head of Creek Road is the beginning of the U. of Del. Cuting Club's section along White Clay Creek to Iron Hill. They may have to use the road if they cannot get DuPont Co. permission for trail along White Clay Creek.
 Batona Club: Iron Hill to Elkton: No Report.

Wilm. Trail Club - Elkton to Perryville: Trail is blazed through Elk Neck State Park. Realignment of trail scouted to Perryville. It needs blazes and property owner permission. Blazing will proceed shortly.

R. Tobias - Western Section MDTS WTC - Havre De Grace to Peach Bottom power plant: This must be coordinated with the State of Maryland and Phila. Electric. York Hiking Club - Peach Bottom power plant to Wrightsville: Much progress has been made. The portion between lock 12 and Urey Overlook should be complete by July 1981 (R. Gray). There is tentative permission in the Safe Harbor area which has been scouted by C. Reachard. Trail will be routed around Indian Maiden Falls. There are toilet and water facilities at Lock 12 and Otter Ck. available for use.

Shiloh Troop 94 - Wrightsville to Whiskey Springs: There is a tentative route, with an effort to get off roads. (R. Reiber) 7. Trail Marking:

Discussion on side trail marking. Agreement that it should. be distinctive. T. Darden introduced a motion on turn marking: Double Blazes, vertical, with top blaze offset in direction of turn. Motion passed.

- 8. R. Tobias suggested a need for a person for mapping, perhaps a non-hiker. MDTS needs an overall map of the whole tentative; MDTS Trail on one card, and maps on 8½ x 11° working sheets in a notebook.
- 9. R. Tobias suggested MDTS acquire books on trail maintenance and construction.
- 10. R. Tobias suggested a workshop with the York Hiking Club inviting Robert D. Proudman, author of "The A.M.C. Field Guide to Trail Building and Maintenance."
- 11. Membership dues are due January 1, 1981.
- 12. The next meeting will be May 10, 1981 at the York Hiking Club Cabin.
- 13. This MDTS meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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David H. Toland

MDTS Secretary

Correspondence Received:

MDTS has been informed by Oresti Unti, President of Batona Hiking Club, that Doc "Jimmy" Schneyer who founded the Batona Club in 1928 has passed on. Jimmy Schneyer's "love of outdoor life, the beauties of nature, and his concern for conservation were an inspiration to hikers and all those who had the privilege of knowing him." The Batona Club is a living memorial to Doc Schneyer.

We of MDTS extend our condolences to the relatives and friends

of Doc Schneyer.

