

MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM, Inc.



NOVEMBER 6, 1988 MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES and NEWS NOTES

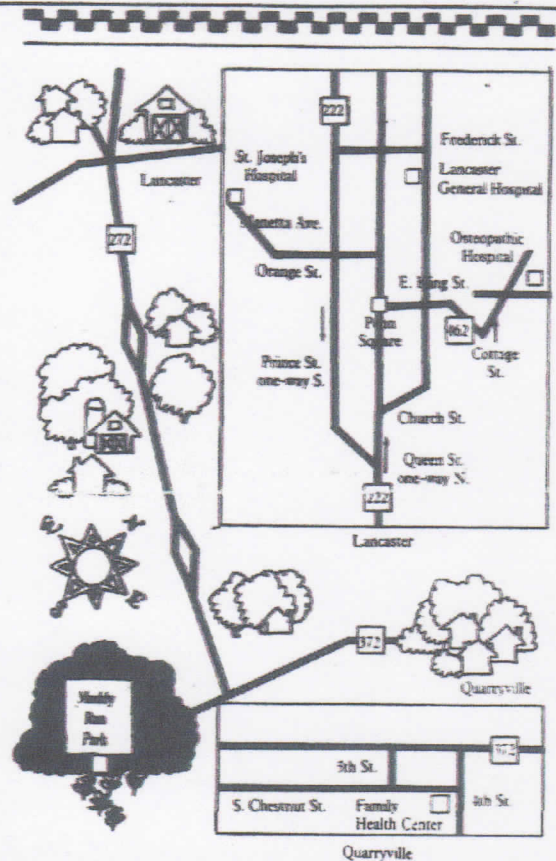
MASON DIXON TRAIL MEMBERS MEETING

first for 1989

When: March 5, 1989
2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Where: Muddy Run Recreation Center
(see Map)

Dinner: 4:00 P.M.
Kay Way and Marie Pittenger
All members invited
Tel: Kay Way
[REDACTED]



WORK HIKE DATES

Dates to put on your calender now! June 25, July 16, and July 30, 1989.

Where: The Mason-Dixon Trail System needs construction around Peach Bottom. Mason-Dixon Trail Members are asked to be generous with help time on the above dates. York Club, whose members have been so very helpful in building much of the Western Section will be unable to contribute much work time to this particular section as they have responsibilities for another area of the trail. TIME AND MEETING PLACE IN NEXT NEWS LETTER.



Minutes of November 6, 1988

Members attending the M.D.T.S. November 6, 1988 meeting at Dick Tobias' new place had quite a treat. November 6 was a beautiful fall day. Prior to our meeting Dick lead a brief hike through lovely wooded areas near his home. After our November 6 meeting all were treated to a fabulous stew prepared by Dick and Ann Tobias. Members who attended were: Jack Schultz; Turner Darden; Marion Schultz; Yvonne Blades; Marie and John Pittenger; Kay Way; Ron Gray; Clair Piersol, Dick Tobias and Barbara Davison.

Corrections of
Minutes of
July 17, 1988

page 3--Western Section Trail relocation should read (A) South end of Green Branch (instead of Safe Harbor Dam, and (B) Red Lion Water Inlet where Green Branch runs into the Susquehanna (instead of Red Lion Water Inlet).

Pat Boyle:
Treasurer
and
Membership
Report:

There are (as of November 6, 1988) 130 members of M.D.T.S.. In addition there are 13 individual (trail maintainers) and 12 organizations that receive news notes. The current mailing list therefore is 155.

There are (as of November, 1988) 131 Guide books and maps, and 185 patches.

As of November 4, 1988 there was \$1222.27 in the bank. Members were reminded that most of this sum must be reserved for the next printing of guide books and maps.

Trail Reports:Turner Darden
Eastern Section

The Eastern half of the M.D.T.S. is open and blazed; advice for Somerset Lake is to proceed as in the past across this area; after "development" route will be clarified.

Ron Gray :
Western Section

Philadelphia Electric Company has advised there will be logging in the Conowingo and Broad Creek areas near the trail.

Cuff's Run area needs maintenance and other work.

Pinchot Park; there are seven miles of trail that need a maintainer.

Peach Bottom; work hikes scheduled for next summer for construction and blazing . June 25, July 16 and July 30, 1989.

Bob Bennett will act as P.R. for the University of Delaware; especially with publicity about work hikes.

October 9, 1988
Work Hike

The October 9, 1988 work hike was a tremendous success; the Glen Cove to Broad Creek section of the Mason-Dixon Trail System construction was finished, and the trail even blazed. While many York Hiking Club members are also members of M.D.T.S. (Ron Gray is M.D.T.S. Western Section Trail co-ordinator); the York Hiking Club worked as a group and their assistance made the completion of the construction possible. York Hiking Club members were: John Seville, George Snyder, Jim Trautman, Dwayne Hyson, Jim Hooper, Carl Reachard, Richard Winemiller, Craig Zindler and Ron Gray. Mason-Dixon Trail System Members, in addition to the York workers were: Kay Way, President M.D.T.S.; Turner Darden, Eastern Section Trail co-ordinator; and Marie & John Pittenger, Secretary and Board Member.

Continued threats
to M.D.T.S.
Eastern
Section
Trails

After the joy of success made possible by the work of many, many concerned groups last May, when, in June, the State of Delaware moved to purchase duPont and other lands crucial to hiking trails (and even more important to environmental concerns, water supplies and flood control), a new threat has developed.

New Castle County Council proposed Dec. 8, plans to "improve" Hopkins Road between 896 and Thompson Station Road. Deadline for protest -December 15. The "improvement" would eventually create a four lane highway where there is now a winding country road that wanders through Carpenter Park, White Clay Creek Preserve, the newly purchased H.B. duPont lands and Middle Run Park. The effect would be that of Route 202 or Route 40 across trails and over park land.

Letters of protest have been sent, in time, for M.D.T.S. by your President and Secretary. Address of N.C.C. Council Offices are: [REDACTED]

Events of
interest for
M.D.T.S.
Members

Reminder, the Appalachian Trail Conference General Meeting June 16-23 1989 at East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

If your hiking club would like more information about the A.T. Conference, a 16 min. video tape describing plans for the 27'th General Meeting scheduled for June 16-23 is available from Maurice Forrester, Jr., [REDACTED]

1989 Spring all night hike will be held in Harrisburg, Pa. on May 20-21. The hike will get under way on the front steps of the State Capital at 10:00 P.M. Preregistration required: \$2:00 sent to David Torakeo, [REDACTED]