

## **Mason-Dixon Trail System Inc.**

Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2010

**Opening:** The following are the meeting minutes for the MDTS Inc. Prior to the meeting, several members hiked from the Conowingo Dam to Broad Creek to assess trail conditions.

The regular meeting of the Mason-Dixon Trail System Inc. was called to order at 14:23 on 12 September, 2010 in Conowingo Visitor Center by President Jim Hooper.

### **Present:**

Jim Hooper  
Ron Gray  
Joyce Hooper  
Yvonne Blades  
Cindy Kelly  
Ron Green  
Skip Newcomer

### **A. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

### **B. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were not reviewed nor approved due to the absence of the current Secretary.

### **C. Motions**

The following motions were made during the meeting:

1. **Motion:** Ron Gray moved to approve the spending of no more than \$3000.00 to reconstruct the bridge across Sawmill Run.

**Second:** By Ron Green

**Vote:** Unanimous by the board

**Outcome:** Motion Approved



2. **Motion:** Joyce Hooper moved to approve the pricing for the hats purchased by the clothing committee.

**Second:** By Ron Gray

**Vote:** Unanimous by the board

**Outcome:** Motion Approved

3. **Motion:** Joyce Hooper moved to purchase a MDTS banner for display at functions similar to the PA Super Hike. The cost will not exceed \$25.00.

**Second:** By Ron Gray

**Vote:** Unanimous by the board

**Outcome:** Motion Approved

#### **D. Board Discussion Synopsis**

The following items were discussed during the meeting:

1. Treasure's Report: Presented by Jim Hooper and reviewed by the board. Major upcoming expense is the reconstruction of the bridge across Sawmill Run
2. National Recreation Trail: Discussion occurred concerning whether to seek an extension of the MDTS as a National Recreation Trail. The extension would be from the Norman Wood Bridge past the Muddy Creek area. Jim Hooper will coordinate the effort.
3. The board was informed that Jim Hooper, Ron Gray, Rob Bennett and Ron Green met with [REDACTED] from LHSO and will share GIS data for more accurate mapping; relocate the trail off the road in Cecil County and Harford County; share signs where both trails coincide.
4. Jim Hooper informed the board that [REDACTED] is conducting a master study of the York County trails and will make suggestions on how to move the MDTS off the roads.
5. Jim Hooper asked everyone to research the American Hiking Society and determine whether a club membership would be advantageous.
6. Cindy Kelly and Ron Green provided an update on efforts to share signage with the North Park Loop and LSGW Trail. Further discussion is required to standardize the markings.
7. Skip Newcomer discussed the advantages of leveraging local youth groups to assist maintain trail sections. Concerns were raised over the scope of work. Skip will work to limit the scope and ensure the necessary level of oversight is on-site.
8. Ron Gray presented a problem with the Otter Creek manager mis-marking the trail through the Otter Creek Campground. The Trail Coordinator in conjunction



with maintainers will monitor the area and work with Otter Creek Campground to maintain correct blazes.

9. Jim Hooper encouraged all members to seek ways to advertise the MDTs.
10. Jim Hooper informed the board that our webmaster requests more of a partnership between our organization and local biking clubs concerning trail maintenance.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 15:35 by President Jim Hooper. The next general meeting will be at 14:00 on 4 December 2010 at the York Hiking Club Cabin.

Minutes submitted by: Ron Green

Approved by: Jim Hooper