

# MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM, Inc.



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

24 January 1982

R. Clair Piersol's - Downingtown, Pa.

Meeting called to order at 1:45 by Vice President Dick Tobias.

Present were: Phillip Hommer, Bob Epps, Ron Gray, Mary Bleecker, Maggie Trower, Mary Lou McCabe, John Mott, Kay Way, and Clair Piersol. Total - 10.

Suitable use of the \$850 granted by KTA (when received) was discussed; the feeling was that any authentic use was OK, not just publication of newsletters.

After discussion, it was decided that even though the trail at times goes East-West and at times North-South, trail directions should be written on the basis of East/West for sake of simplicity.

Using the large map, sections and maintainers were identified as follows:

1. Brandywine Trail (HST to Chadds Ford) - CCTC
2. Chadds Ford to Landenburg - Kay Way & WTC members
- \*3., Landenburg to River (Havre de Grace) - Univ. of Delaware Outing Club (John Wriston & Turner Darden,
- \*4. & 5. Wriston & Turner Darden,
- \*6. Havre de Grace to Broad Creek - WTC. No work done to date.
- \*7. Broad Creek to Wrightsville - YHC thru Ron Gray
- \*8. Wrightsville to ? - Assigned to Shiloh Troop #94, B.S.A.
- \*9. ? to Whiskey Springs (ATC) - ditto. No work done.  
(Dick Tobias feels that there is too little being done here and that some other person needs to get things going.)

\*Amendments by P. Boyle after discussion with Turner Darden 31 Jan. include those marked (\*) above and the following:

- \*3. Landenburg to Iron Hill - UDOC, John Wriston
- \*4. Iron Hill to Elkton - BATONA HC. No work done.
- \*5. Elkton to Perryville (River) - WTC, Turner Darden.

All of M-D Trail is cleared and blazed from Horse-Shoe Trail to Susquehanna River except Sec. 4 as noted above.

Considerable discussion was directed to establishing cordial relations with segments of the system on long established trails so they don't feel pre-empted or whatever. All were comfortable with the statement that M-D Trail System includes other trails which retain their own identities and present blaze colors (ex. Brandywine Trail).

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The following people have agreed to lead M-DTS hikes:

Saturday, May 8, 1982: - Brandywine Trail section, 15 miles.  
Meet Zook House, Exton Square Mall (Routes 30 & 100) at 8:30.  
Leader: John Mott [REDACTED]

Saturday, June 12, 1982: - Chadds Ford to Hockessin, 10 miles.  
Meet Brandywine River Museum parking lot (Routes 1 & 100) at 9:00.  
Leader: Mary Lou McCabe [REDACTED]

Sunday, September 19, 1982: - Lock 12 to York Hiking Club cabin, vigorous 12-13 miles.  
Meet at Lock 12 parking lot (W end of Norman Wood Bridge) at 9:00.  
Leader: Ron Gray [REDACTED]

Early November 1982: - Hockessin to Newark. Leader: Kay Way [REDACTED]

Next Meeting set as follows: - Wednesday, March 31, 1982 at home of Dick Tobias, [REDACTED] 7:30 PM.  
Phone: [REDACTED] See enclosed map for directions.  
(Addendum by P. Boyle: It might be better to ignore the map's scale and compass rose; otherwise, Dick's cartography is reliable.)

Obligingly submitted,  
(Original signed)

Mary Bleecker  
Acting Secretary

Note: These minutes were re-typed by Pat Boyle. All goofs are his. P.B.



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- ✓ 2. Chadd's Ford to Landenburg Kay Way & WTC members
- \* 3. Landenburg to River (Havre de Grace) Delaware Outing Club (John Riston) & Turner
4. River to next section still in formative stages Darden
5. section scouted and cleared by Ron Gray and York Hiking Club
- 6 & 7 sections to be established by Shiloh scouts; Dick feels there is too little being done here and that some other person needs to get things going in this area.

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