

MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM, Inc.



Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting

March 13, 1985

The Mason-Dixon Trail System Board of Director's met at the home of Dick and Anne Tobias on March 13, 1985. Present were, in addition to the Tobias', Mary Bleecker, Barbara Cantera, Turner Darden, Ron Gray, Clair Piersol, Warren Raab, Carl Reachard, and Kay Way.

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Work Hike. Meet at 9:00 A.M. at Lock 12, area to be covered is Mill Creek to Holtwood Dam.

A Meeting is to be held at noon at the new shelter.

Trail Reports

Ron: The trash dumping problem in the Cuff's Run area still exists. The area is heavily used by fishermen, who apparently created the boaters access before MDTS arrived.

The Red Lion water company has permission to draw three million gallons of water daily from the Susquehanna River.

Richard Yost: Volunteered to be responsible for six miles of the trail in the Holtwood area.

Treasurer's Report

Kay Way : The treasury contains about \$1,250. Dues renewals total \$412. Sixteen members have contributed money above the \$4 dues for 1985. Bob Yost contributed \$250 for a life membership.

The board approved using treasury funds for the construction of the April 27 bridge decking if the request for these funds is not approved at the KTA meeting at the end of March.

Recognition

Turner Darden will complete a letter recognizing the contributions of Pat Boyle and Bob Yost to the trail's beginning. Mary Bleecker will supply the ideas for this letter from the last meeting. Clair Piersol will investigate an appropriate frame.

Discussions:

Warren Raab read a letter he sent to Dick Tobias containing excellent suggestions for increasing the active participation of Pennsylvania and Delaware area hikers in MDTS activities. A previously untried approach would be a brochure describing the trail's location and club's activities in camping, hiking, and related activities. The above brochure could be placed in shops, campgrounds supply stores on/and near the trail.

Discussion continued:

Warren Raab agreed to "research" appropriate locations for distribution of the MDTS brochure.

The Board approved the expenditure of funds for the above MDTS brochure; 3000 are to be ordered.

Membership-
Receipt cards: The Board authorized the ordering of 500 more cards. Turner Darden will check the wording of the present printed material to determine if changes are necessary. Kay Way has some printers plates which will be checked for current usefulness.

Name of
Structure A letter from Pat Boyle reminded the Board that MDTS had agreed to name an early structure on the trail for Mr. Homer

There was discussion by the Board about naming the new shelter after Mr. Homer. This question was not resolved.

There was also discussion about changing the name of the Deer Creek Bridge to "Homer". It was resolved to leave the Deer Creek Bridge name as it is for clarity of identification by trail users.

New Bridge The new bridge is completed and beautiful. A good turnout on April 27 did the job in one session. It crosses the Deer Creek just as it enters the Susquehanna in the Susquehanna State Park, Maryland, a pretty spot with whole hillsides of Trillium and Dutchman's Breeches.

Ribbon Cutting
Ceremony : To be held in the Susquehanna State Park, Maryland, at the old mill at 1:00 P.M. on October 27, 1985. Lee Devore offers help in getting some political representatives to attend.

Note: I have enjoyed receiving the Mason-Dixon Trail System news and Board Minutes as prepared and decorated by Mary Bleeker, as have all members of MDTS. I have agreed to assume Mary's work for the year ahead. If any members have news or announcements for MDTS and would like this information included in the mailing of the minutes, would you please prepare the item as you would wish published and send it to me. Would you also include with your item, a paragraph about yourself--what trail club do you belong to, what parts of MDTS have you worked on or hiked, where you live, your work, your family, etc.-- as we all live far apart.

Marie Pittenger