

MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM, Inc.



JUNE 25, 1980 MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES and NEWS NOTES

MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM MEMBER'S MEETING

When: October 29, 1989

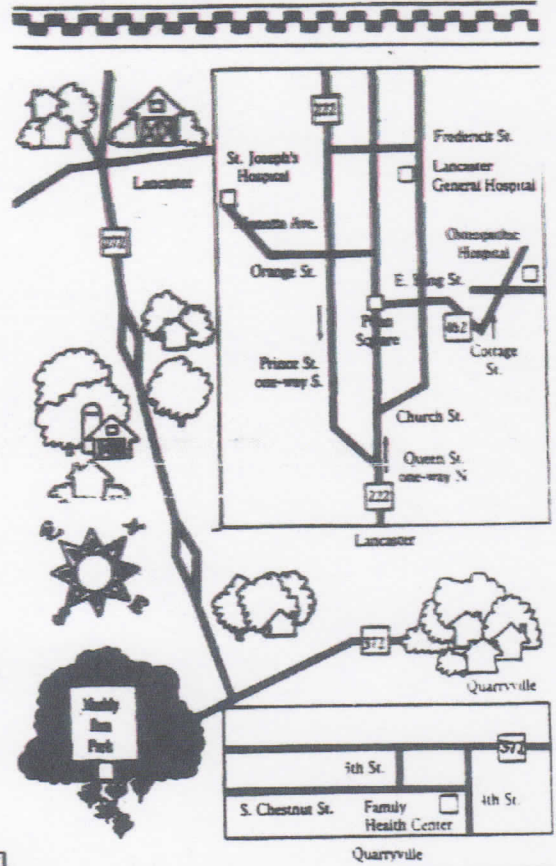
Where: Muddy Run Recreation Center. Directions: Park is on PA route # 372 between the Susquehanna & route #272. Turn S. at Park sign. Go to "T" and turn left; then right after guard house. The info center is over the hill on the right.

Program Hike around the Muddy Run area. 11:30 -2:00 P.M. Bring Trail Lunch.

2:00 P.M. Presentation by Eugene Hamilton on the Monuments of Mason's & Dixon's Line.

Meeting; 3:00 P.M.

Early Supper-Clair Piersol and Mary L. Bleecker in charge.



WORK HIKES SCHEDULED

July 16, 1989

Meet at 9:00 A.M. at Paderick Road and park on the South side of Broad Creek. Bring a Trail lunch, plenty of water along with digging tools, saws, cutting tools and loopers.

July 30, 1989

Meet at Lock 12 at 9:00 A.M. Again, bring the tools described above, but in addition, paint is needed to eradicate old blazes. Bring a Trail lunch and plenty of water.

Minutes of June 25, 1989 Meeting held at Crossing of Atom Road
and the Mason -Dixon Trail.

Kay Way,
President

Called meeting at 11:50 A.M. . Members attending: Jim Trautman, Bill Cawthray, Ted Brower, Clair Piersol, Ron Gray, Yvonne Blades, Warren Davies, Vivian Davies, Kay Way, Turner Darden, John Pittenger, Marie Pittenger, and volunteer Joan Campbell.

Our work hike of June 25 was very successful. Two sections of "off road trails" made possible by our new agreement with Philadelphia Electric were completed around Peach Bottom. The third section of "off road trail" that has been made possible by the above agreement will be worked on at the July 16 Work Hike.

Correction: Minutes of the March 5, 1989 newsletter; page three, third paragraph under Trail Reports, Ron Gray, should read:

Just South of Broadcreek, Ron Gray reports completion of a beautiful trail with a 45° slope.

The Maryland Department of Parks has leased all land from Deer Creek N to almost Conowingo from the power company. Boat ramps.....(as appears in the March 5 minutes)

Railroad
Bed in
Chester
County

Clair Piersol reports that Chester County has purchased the Right of Way of 20 miles of Railroad bed from Coatsville to Elverson for Trail development. The trail will be "worked on" in three sections, the first section being Coatsville to Route #322.

Kay Way suggested M.D.T.S. members who are Chester County residents might write to Chester County Commissioners telling them of our enthusiasm for this project.

Brandywine Valley Association was reported as being in favor of the proposed Trail Development on the Coatsville to Elverson Railroad bed.

Seedlings
for
planting:

Seedlings are available from Pennsylvania in April. Mason-Dixon Trail System can consider where and if we wish to plant seedlings along the trail at our Fall and Winter meetings.

Trail
Reports
Western
Section:

Ron Gray:

New bridge under Route 40.

Rodney Stark will notify Ron Gray when logging occurs around Conowingo. Mason-Dixon Trail System will then move the Trail temporarily during this period.

Trail
Reports
Continued

Ron Gray

M.D.T.S. has finished the trail relocation around Peach Bottom
On July 16, Mason- Dixon Trail System will be working on the Trail between Coyne Lock and Muddy Creek. We will be able to move the Trail "off the Road" between Coyne Lock and Coal Cabin Beach. This third "off road" relocation was also made possible by our new agreement with Philadelphia Electric Company.

New trail maintainers reported by Ron Gray:

J. Schetky will maintain the section north of Apollo Park.

Jim Trautman will maintain the Pinchot Park area.

Bill Cawthray

Section of the MDT between North Deer Creek and Conowingo has an area that is swamp and the swamp is getting larger. This area is also used by horseback riders. The group suggested a possible reroute of our trail here, but wanted to examine the situation in August and September as the spring of 1989 has been unusually wet. Question raised, could this increasing swamp be caused by a clogged viaduct??

Yvonne Blades

Discussed the change in trail, Lapidum Road to Deer Run proposed at our March 5 meeting. Rerouting this section of the Mason Dixon Trail would require putting in one-half mile of new trail which would take the trail on a high level, and also make use of existing animal trails. From there the trail would move on the Susquehanna State Park trails until it came back down to Deer Creek; While in the Park, the proposed trail would go past the Stepping Stone Museum.

Chris Burley, Superintendent of Susquehanna State Park is agreeable to rerouting of the trail. However, he does not want Blue blazes in the Park.

A suggested solution was a white blaze with MDTS letters on inside of blaze.

Eastern

Section: Turner Darden reports Newark to Iron Hill (six to eight miles) may be overgrown and need clipping and cutting.

Equipment
Request

Ron
Gray

The need for a high wheeled mower to cut grassy areas along the MDTS noted by Ron Gray--Both Western and Eastern Sections, but there are several in the Western Section. This piece of equipment also is needed by KTA (possible help with cost?)

Members approved the purchase of the equipment by Ron Gray . Estimated cost between \$600-800.

Guide Books:

Our next printing will require both maps and guide books. Since, as of March, we had 247, a new printing was not in the immediate future.

Ron Gray suggested we examine the possibility of using topographical maps for our Trail for the next printing.

Winter Meeting

January 28, 1990

A new decade, and a return to a favorite winter meeting place. Clair Piersol's at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Tel: [REDACTED] Meeting 2:00 P.M.
Details next newsletter.

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