

MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM, Inc.



JULY 8, 1990 MEMBERS MEETING MINUTES

and NEWS NOTES

NEXT MEETING

NOVEMBER 4, 1990
Sunday

Hike and Members Meeting: We meet at 1:30 P.M. at Warren and Vivian Davies for a Circle Hike covering sections of the White Clay Creek Preserve and the Mason-Dixon Trail System.

At the end of our hike, at approximately 4:00 P.M., we will hold our fall business meeting; this will be followed by supper with Vivian and Warren.

So do come --good hike, good food, good friends, and Mason-Dixon Trail Club business --all in the same afternoon.

Warren and Vivian Davies Tel. No. is: [REDACTED] Directions and maps are included in the news notes. See inside.

NOVEMBER 24, 1990
HIKE
Rick Maerker

On Saturday, November 24, 1990, members of Chester County Trail Club and Mason-Dixon Trail System Members are jointly sponsoring a 12 mile hike along a stretch of the Mason-Dixon Trail on the west side of the Susquehanna. Parts of the hike will be along the newest section of trail established since PECO permitted MDTS to route the trail on PECO property. Meet Rick Maerker (Tel: [REDACTED]) at the Brandywine River Museum parking lot in Chadds Ford at 7:00A.M. for carpooling (5 cents per mile to drivers) or at 8:30 A. M. at the PA Fish Commission Boat Launch about two miles south of the Norman Wood Bridge (where PA Route 372 crosses the Susquehanna). Bring snack, lunch and water.

JULY 8 Members
Meeting-
Pres. Kay Way

The July 8, 1990 Members Meeting was called to order by President Kay Way at 12:15 P.M. Members present were: Kay Way, John Pittenger, Marie Pittenger, Al Harris, Turner Darden, Jon Thigpen, Vivian Davies, Warren Davies, Rick Maerker, Jim Trautman, Ron Gray, Jim Hooper, Hank Drummond, Richard Winemiller, Carl O. Reachard and Clair Piersol.

<u>Summary</u>	Cash in Bank (8/8/90)		\$1,131.01
<u>Treasurer's Report</u>	C.D. due 10/31/90 (8.4%)	\$555.90	
<u>John Pittenger</u>	C.D. due 1/31/91 (7.95%)	556.37	
	Current assets		\$2,218.28

Note: Balance at 7/7/89 was \$2151.00. However, expenditures were made for the mower, \$710, and patches, \$330, since that date.

The April 24, 1990 letter from Safe Harbor Water Corporation was read. Their generous contribution of \$100- to M.D.T.S. for the maintenance of our trail was noted at the meeting and noted for the minutes. M.D.T.S. members expressed appreciation for the letter and gift from Safe Harbor Water Corporation.

A donation of \$25, given in memory of Pat Boyle to the Mason-Dixon Trail System, for use "in a manner that would please Pat" was given by Charles Salkin, Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation (and also a M.D.T.S. member). The gift was noted at our meeting and noted for the minutes.

M.D.T.S. approved continued \$25 support for the Keystone Trails Association.

It was agreed Wilmington Trail Club should be encouraged to continue their membership support of M.D.T.S.

TRAIL REPORTS

Western Section Ron Gray

Ron needs a Trail Maintainer for Apollo County Park. The trail to be maintained is "mixed" (some Rocky parts and some easy level parts) Ron's Tel: [REDACTED] Call at night.

Ron had been contacted by all Western trail maintainers prior to the July 8 meeting. Trails are reported in good condition, with perhaps some need for blaze repainting in one or two sections.

The July 8 work crew cleared and re-blazed a section of the Mason Dixon Trail System near Gaging Station Bridge.

A possible relocation of a section of the Trail along Muddy Creek Gorge will be delayed until at least the summer of 1991.

Additional possible trail relocations that are "two or three" years "down the road" were discussed by Ron Gray:

A repump-storage dam may be built at Cuff's Run by a "private group", and then the facility leased back to a utility company. If the construction occurs, our trail may end up on Girl Scout property (which Ron says is a nicer tract).

WESTERN SECTION

Trail Reports

Ron Gray

Continued

Also North of Pinchot Park, it may be possible to move our trail from roads onto Pennsylvania State Game Lands. This projected move would be a major trail relocation, and is one or two years away.

EASTERN SECTION

Trail Reports

Turner Darden

Turner Darden reported favorable reports on the condition of the Mason-Dixon Trails, Eastern Section, from Trail Maintainers.

Warren Davies discussed the foot bridges on the section he maintains, which is White Clay Creek Preserve and the White Clay Creek area. The small foot bridges used by the Mason-Dixon Trail System, that were washed away in the July 5, 1989 flood in the section from Chambers Rock to the Arc Boundry, have been rebuilt and put in place by the Pennsylvania Park System.

The Delaware Park people rebuilt a small bridge on old Creek Road that had been destroyed by a fallen Oak tree. The trail is now much improved, and damage to soft, muddy creek shoulders by those "going round" the former broken bridge is no longer occurring.

ENVIRONMENTAL

NOVEMBER 24, 1990

HIKE

Rick Maerker

Two Delaware bills, Senate Substitute #1 to Senate Bill 110, and House Bill 714, both of major importance for protection of some of Delaware's open space and natural environment, were passed by the Delaware Legislature and signed by Governor Castle early this past summer.

The Senate bill provides a funding mechanism for the purchase of land by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. Monies for other State Agencies, Counties, Municipal governments and local Park districts are provided on a matching grant arrangement. At least one million a year will be deposited into the Land and Water Trust Fund.

The Delaware House bill creates an Open Space Council to review and adopt criteria for identifying strategic lands for acquisition--preservation.

The May 8, 1990 appeal by the Coalition for Natural Stream Valleys to the Environmental Appeals Board requesting the size of the bridge planned for White Clay Creek on Hopkins Bridge Road be "downgraded" was not successful. The Appeals Board ruled in favor of the Department of Transportation's plans, and the bridge is now being built. Hopkins Bridge Road runs between Carpenter Park and White Clay Creek Preserve.

FUTURE TRAILS???

Efforts are now being made by the Rock Manor Park Preservation Council to establish a Greenway between Fox Point Park and Brandywine Park in the Wilmington Area. A Greenway is a linked system of open spaces, parklands, historic sites, tourist attractions and nature preserves. Linkages between these resources are generally linear in nature and provide jogging, hiking and biking paths.

Rock Manor Park Preservation Council is sponsoring a Greenway Race and Health Fair on Sunday, September 30, 1990 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at Brandywine Park, Wilmington, Delaware

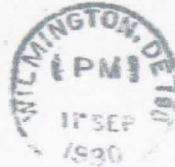
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or write
Rock Manor Preservation Council
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This effort deserves our support--for both open Green Space and possible future hiking trails.

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NOVEMBER 4, 1990 --NEXT MEETING

November 24, 1990--Joint hike with
CCTC.



July 8, 1990



MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM, Inc.

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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS*			\$2218.28

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TWO NOTABLE REVENUE ITEMS since last report:

1. Safe Harbor Water Power Corporation has sent us an additional 1990 support check for \$100.
2. Charles Salkin of the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation has sent a significant donation in memory of Pat Boyle.

NEWSLETTER COST for March issue.

supplies, copying, postage, etc. \$140-

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

Continues positive, average support \$10+

MAILING LIST "MEMBERS"

We have approximately 45 individuals or organizations to whom we now extend our mailings on a complimentary basis. The list includes the Wilmington Trail Club and Shiloh Boy Scout Troop #94 each of which have, in the past, carried a \$25 Organization Membership.

We will be pleased to receive your further comments related to the distribution of our Newsletters and our solicitations for membership support.

During the year 1989 M.D.T.S. inc. contributed to:

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| 1. Coalition for Natural Stream Valleys | \$50 |
| 2. American Hiking Society | 25 |
| 3. Appalachian Trail Conference | 25 |
| 4. Keystone Trail Conference | 25 |

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