

MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM, Inc.



MARCH 5, 1989 MEMBERS' MEETING AND NEWS NOTES



THREE WORK HIKES SCHEDULED for the MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM

JUNE 25, 1989

Work Hike and
Members' Meeting

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

A meeting of M.D.T.S. members will be held at 11:30 A.M. where the Mason-Dixon Trail crosses Atom Road. Our work group will also have lunch at this point.

July 16, 1989

Work Hike

Work Hike: Meet again at 9:00 A.M. at Paderick Road. Park on the South side of Broad Creek. Bring the same tools as described above, lunch and plenty of water as July will be warm. The Muddy Creek to Peach Bottom trail section will be worked on.

July 30, 1989

Work Hike

Work Hike: 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 again plenty of water.

FALL MEETING AND PROGRAM of the MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM

OCTOBER 29
1989

The fall meeting will be held at the Philadelphia Electric Company's Muddy Run Recreation Center. Muddy Run Park is on Route # 372 between the Susquehanna River and Route # 272. (Map will be published in the next news notes prior to the October Meeting).

Charlotte Ault, of Muddy Run Recreation Center, provided us with such wonderful facilities for our March 5 meeting that we asked to "come again".

OCTOBER 29,
1989

Meeting and
Program cont.

Hike around the Muddy Run area. 11:30 until 2:00 PM. Bring a Trail Lunch.

2:00 P.M. A Slide and History presentation by Eugene Hamilton on the Monuments of Mason's and Dixon's Line.

Meeting Mason-Dixon Trail System Members: 3:00 P.M. followed by early supper. Clair Piersol and Mary L. Bleecker are in charge of supper.

Minutes -March 5, 1989 Meeting

Members
attending

Bill Cawthray, Ron Gray, Jane Funk, Turner Darden, John Pittenger, Clair Piersol, Mary Bleecker, Duane Hyson, Dave Linthicum, Yvonne Blades, Vivian Davies, Don West, Dot West, Warren Davies, Marion Schultz, Jack Schultz, Dick Tobias, Ann Tobias, Louise Sis, Marie Pittenger, visitor Sarah Kelley, and new member Pat Metallo.

Announcements:

Kay Way
President

Brochures circulated from other hiking and also railroad groups. (Hiking Trails from old railroad beds)

Reminder of K.T.A. meeting at the A.T.C. Conference June 16-23, 1989 at East Stroudsburg University.

Maurice Forrester of K.T.A. taking an active part in the cleanup of Chesapeake Bay

Ron Gray

Proudly displayed to all present his M.D.T.S. Pennsylvania license plate.

Treasurer's
Report:
Pat Boyle

Balance as of June 30, 1988	\$1,223.21
Receipts July 1, 1988 to February 28, 1989	1,273.00
Expenses July 1, 1988 to February 28, 1989	(338.76)
Balance 2/28/89	\$2,157.45

\$1500 of Mason-Dixon Trail Club funds are held in Certificates of Deposit at the Delaware Trust Company. \$657.45 is in an operating checking account. Funds in the C.D.'s will be needed when reprints of Trail Guides and Maps is appropriate.

Membership: As of 2/28/89 there are 156 members. This includes individuals and organizations. Dues from some members were still outstanding as of 2/28/89.

Treasurers'
Report
continued

Club Materials:	Maps and Guide Books	247
	Patches	114
	Brochures	over 500

Trail Reports:
Ron Gray
Western Section

Bill Cawthray (trail maintainer) reports the stream at Havre de Grace wider than in the past. A foot bridge by I-95 may be needed as fording rocks disappear as the stream floods. This may be a tidal area.

Lapidum Road to Deer Run is badly overgrown. Use of a weed wacker and spray discussed. Another suggestion was that Bill Cawthray and Yvonne Blades explore a change in route along Rocky Run.

Route I to Conowingo. Ron Gray reports a beautiful trail with a 45° slope. Maryland Department of Parks has leased all land from the Power Company. Boat ramps are being built along the river. Recreation areas and the Mason-Dixon Trail are on maps published by the Susquehanna Power Company.

Dave Linthicum reports the Boy Scout Camp must be called when using the trails through the camp.

Hopkins Cove: This section is being logged by the power company. There is not much hope for a buffer zone.

Dick Tobias suggested MDTs reseed or replant this section (at least provide for a large buffer zone for the trail). We could find out what is available from Pennsylvania's replanting program.

It was suggested we hold off ordering and scheduling a planting until the Fall when the extent of the damage is known.

Rick Maerker of Chester County is interested in helping.

Eastern Section
Turner Darden

Trail is in good shape. There is a temporary route through "Somerset Lake". This area is under extensive development.

It was suggested M.D.T.S. may need to use "snow fence" markers in some areas --especially Ludwig Corner.

Railroad bed
for SALE

Clair Piersol reports that Chester County Trail Council is a part of a Coalition in Chester County that is promoting the purchase of 20 miles of RAILROAD for the County Trail System. Clair will represent M.D.T.S. at the March 16 meeting of the Coalition.

BRANDYWINE
CONSERVANCY

The Conservancy is working to have legislation passed in Chester County that would:

1. Limit the amount of land development in Chester County and
2. Leave Trail Systems intact

Coalition for
NATURAL STREAM
VALLEYS

Actively promoting a bill in the Delaware Legislature that would allocate 25% of the existing Realty Transfer Tax to the Delaware Land and Water Conservation Trust Fund. This Trust fund would be used to purchase and maintain lands in Delaware for "wild areas", parks, and playgrounds.

John and Marie Pittenger have represented M.D.T.S. in meetings held by this Coalition.

Marie Pittenger
Marie Pittenger, Sec.

PADRAIC P. BOYLE



R. Ronald Gray



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SEMI-ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1988 thru January 3, 1989

BALANCE: June 30, 1988

\$ 1,223.21

EXPENSES:

Treasurer's Expense	\$ 38.08	
Newsletters (2)	204.95	
Dues Paid (ATC, KTA, AHS)	68.00	
Refund (Guide Book)	9.00	
Paint	18.73	
		-\$ 338.76

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 64.00	
Application Fees	36.00	
Guide Books	213.50	
Patches	38.00	
		\$ 351.50

BALANCE: January 3, 1989

\$ 1,235.95

Extended thru February 28, 1989

BALANCE: January 3, 1989

\$ 1,235.95

EXPENSES:

3 Certificates of Deposit @ \$ 500.00 ea.	-\$ 1,500.00
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RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 433.00	
Application Fees	9.00	
Contributions	343.00	
Guide Books	48.00	
Patches	88.50	
		\$ 921.50

BALANCE: (Check Book) February 28, 1989

\$ 657.45

ADD CDs at face value:

1,500.00

TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE: February 28, 1989

\$ 2,157.45

Respectfully submitted,

Padraic G. Boyle
Treasurer