

# MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM, Inc.



## OCTOBER 29, 1989 MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES and NEWS NOTES

JANUARY 28, 1990  
Mason-Dixon Trail  
System Member's  
Winter Meeting

The next member's meeting of the Mason-Dixon Trail System is scheduled for Clair Piersol's home, 16 Lloyd Avenue (off Business Route 30), Downingtown, Penna. If you enter Downingtown on Route 322, turn West on Business 30 to reach Lloyd Avenue. Our meeting is scheduled from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.. Chris Piersol is again preparing a Sunday Supper (Hot Roast Beef Sandwich, Salad and dessert)

March 18, 1990  
Spring Meeting

The Mason-Dixon Trail System's Spring Meeting will be held at Ron Gray's home at 2:00 P.M. [REDACTED] Tel: [REDACTED] Refreshments after the meeting. A map and directions will be published in the next newsletter.

Work Hikes  
Summer, 1990

Ron Gray will schedule three summer work hikes; the dates will be in late June and July. Specific dates and instructions will appear in the winter and spring newsletters.

## OCTOBER 29, 1989 PROGRAM

Our October 29 program started with a hike lead by Robert and Hanna Barrows around the Lake at Muddy Run Recreational Park. This trail is quite delightful, and the hike was enjoyed by all who were able to take part.

Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon and their famous line was the topic of a talk by Eugene Hamilton at our October meeting. Gene had slides of many of the existing stones and helped us become more knowledgeable about the subject.

Did you know the Mason/Dixon line formed both the southern border of Pennsylvania and the south and west border of Delaware? Or that Mason and Dixon's accuracy was due, in part, to the fact that they were astronomers and mathematicians, rather than surveyors? Or that Mason and Dixon didn't finish the last 22 miles of the line (West) because of hostile Indians? Or that the survey was ordered to settle a dispute between William Penn and the Calvert's about location of their boundaries?

A copy of Gene's talk is available, and can be obtained by sending a postcard to Kay Way. [REDACTED] Our sincere thanks to Gene and Phyllis Hamilton for an interesting afternoon.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 29, 1989 MEMBERS MEETING

Kay Way called the meeting to order at 2:55 P.M.. Members attending were Rick Maerker, Paul Dillinger, Jack and Marion Schultz, Dick Tobias, Patrick Metallo, Bob and Hanna Barrows, Turner Darden, Ron Gray, John and Marie Pittenger, Kay Way and Clair Piersol.

Treasurer's  
Report:  
Pat Boyle

Copies of the two page Treasurer's report prepared by Pat Boyle were given to all attending members. John Pittenger presented the report for Pat. Summary of the interim report is as follows:

Balance, January 4, 1989 checkbook	\$1235.95
Receipts	1758.72
Contributions	125.00
Expenses	(950.52)
Balance October 31, 1989 checkbook	\$ 419.15
Investments: C.D.'s	\$1028.98
Total Assest: October 31, 1989	\$1448.13

Kay Way reported to the Mason-Dixon Trail System members that Pat Boyle felt he could no longer continue as Treasurer and Membership Secretary as his health continues to deteriorate.

Our membership expressed heartfelt thanks to Pat Boyle as he steps down as Treasurer and Membership Secretary. Pat has been one of the long time movers and shakers in M.D.T.S. We are in good shape because of his constant vigilance. (This newsnote publisher will miss Pat's careful work in supplying addresses and labels for mailing of our minutes).

John Pittenger agreed to assume Treasurer and Membership duties as of October 29 if the Trail System membership so resolved. The resolution was passed; as of October 29, 1989, John will be Treasurer and Membership Secretary.

Kay Way noted Brochures and membership bill cards all have Pat's address; When used this should be changed to John Pittenger, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Tel: [REDACTED]

Patches

A current count of patches held among those present was 70.

Suggested more need to be ordered in early 1990.

Guide Books  
and Maps

A count of Guide Books & Maps, in the possession of Kay Way, Dick Tobias and John Pittenger yields 226 remaining.  
(update 12/11/89--a dozen more have been sold.)

We need to start planning for a new printing.



Thoughts on  
planning for  
a New Trail  
Guide & Maps

Ron Gray has the current Guide Book information on his "computer". Ron will need Trail changes from trail maintainers and members.

Ron would like to try topographical maps when we publish new ones.

A major improvement in maps would be to publish road route signs and location of parking lots.

Ron Gray and Dick Tobias will get together this spring, cut up Conowingo topographical maps, put together sections where the Mason-Dixon trail System exists, and bring back recommendations to the Members Meeting in the Spring.

M.D.T.S.  
Officers:  
Kay Way

Kay Way noted the resolution appointing John Pittenger as Treasurer and Membership Secretary, and reaffirmed the continuation of the present officers in office if they were willing. All were present at the October 29 meeting and agreed to continue. Thus M.D.T.S. officers are:

President:	Kay Way
1st Vice Pres.	Clair Piersol
2nd Vice Pres.	Richard Tobias
Treasurer & Membership Secretary	John Pittenger  Marie Pittenger

Kay also requested that M.D.T.S. members create two new "posts" or officer assignments; Corresponding Secretary and Archives.

Development pressure is closing in on our trails! A need for communication from M.D.T.S. to government and planning officials on environmental and open space issues beyond that which is now being accomplished is necessary. Since the Secretary is a Delaware resident, she will continue to contact Delaware Officials, but the need for a Pennsylvanian to act for M.D.T.S. has been noted. Marion Schultz agreed to act as our Corresponding Sec. with emphasis on Pennsylvania.

Pat Boyle has kept our records, in good order over all these years in his home. Rick Maerker accepted responsibility for the "archives", and will perhaps put together an accessible "history"

M.D.T.S. members concurred with the creation of the new "posts", Archives and Corresponding Secretary, and were pleased Marion Schultz and Rick Maerker would serve.

TRAIL REPORT  
Eastern Section  
Turner Darden  
Update 12/10/89

Homes are being built in the Maryland Section of Gray's Hill; however the trail is in good shape and is not affected by the building.

Yvonne Blades will meet with the Susquehanna Park Superintendent to find out what kind of Trail Markers he will accept in the park. Suggestions:

- a. Painted pieces of Aluminum tacked on trees.
- b. Logo shape of MDTs? ( Bob Burrows suggested he could make these.)

TRAIL REPORT  
Western Section  
Ron Gray

Ron was very enthusiastic about our new heavy duty mower! Jim Trautman had just used it to clear a section of trail in Pinchot Park. Ron suggested it might be used for clearing in the Mill Creek area. Ron is storing the mower in his barn; if needed for trail clearing by M.D.T.S. members, contact Ron (Tel: [REDACTED])

The trail has been moved near the Glen Cove Marina

A section of the Trail from Peach Bottom to Muddy Creek at the Gageing Station was built last summer, and is now blazed, thanks to the leadership of Ron Gray, and help, not only from M.D.T.S. members, but also members of other Hiking clubs, especially York.

The trail from Muddy Creek at the Gageing station to Lock 12 must be built this coming summer. Ron Gray is scheduling three work hikes for this purpose this coming summer. Ron tells us that this section requires six miles of hard physical construction. These work hikes will be in late June and July of 1990. Dates will be "firmed up" at our January and March meetings.

Marion & Jack Schultz report Mill Creek to Holtwood in good shape.

Ron Gray reports he has no knowledge of other trail problems. Logging at Conowingo has not yet started, but when it does, we will have to move the trail (at least temporarily)

Bob Dillinger, member, noted he had donated the right of way for a portion of the M.D.T.S. above Wrightsville.

Communications:

Ron Gray reported to M.D.T.S. membership that a member and/or trail maintainer in the Western Section approached land owners for use of their land by M.D.T.S. to "get our current trail off the roads". While we would all like M.D.T.'s off roads, this contact was made without the prior knowledge of our Western Trail Section coordinator, and without knowledge of any elected officials.



Trail Section coordinators and Elected Officials are responsible to the members and for the Trail. Prior knowledge of, and consent for, any trail movement must be given by those responsible for M.D.T.S.

Publicity:

An article published in the Newark, Delaware Post on November 22, 1989, written by Nancy Turner about the Mason-Dixon Trail reported the White Clay Creek section of our trail as "one of the areas' most accessible and inviting places to hike and stroll". As a result of her article ~~their~~ have been many orders placed for our Guide and Maps. One individual even supplied us with a copy of the article!

*Marie Pittenger*

Newsletter & Minutes

TEAR OFF AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK

DUES NOTICE

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DUE DECEMBER 1989

## MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM, Inc.



Our annual base level dues for individuals is \$4.00 and our suggested annual dues for Clubs and Organizations is \$25.

Many of our individual members choose to provide support at the level of \$10, \$25, \$30 or \$50.

Our Organizations and Clubs members have chosen to support the Trail System at levels of \$25 or \$35

Our enrollment includes Life members at \$250

JOHN PITTENGER

Dear Folks,

\_\_\_\_\_ Here is my check for \_\_\_\_\_ for 1990

\_\_\_\_\_ My Name and Address is correct as per my mailing label ☐ I have updated my address as noted below. ☐

\_\_\_\_\_ My current Phone number is \_\_\_\_\_

It would be very nice if you would please tear off this form, write your check, use the attached addressed envelope and send it all back to us at your earliest convenience.

# MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM, Inc.



## INTERIM TREASURER'S REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 1989 - 90

January 4, 1989 thru October 31, 1989

BALANCE: January 4, 1989 (Checkbook) \$ 1,235.95

### EXPENSES:

Administration	\$ 69.07	
Newsletter	164.88	
Trail stencils	6.57	
Mower	710.00	\$ 950.52

### Contributions:

*C.N.S.V.	50.00	
A.H.S.	25.00	
A.T.C.	25.00	
K.T.A.	25.00	125.00

### Certificates of Deposit:

6 month (due 7/31/89)	500.00	
9 month ( " 10/31/89)	500.00	
12 month ( " 1/31/90)	500.00	1500.00
		-\$ 2,575.52

### RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 535.00	
Contributions	357.00	
Application Fees	51.00	
Guide Books	183.00	
Patches	88.50	
*For C.N.S.V.	25.00	
From C.D. (7/31/89)	519.22	\$ 1,758.72

BALANCE: 10/31/89 (Checkbook) \$ 419.15

### INVESTMENTS:

9 month C.D. (due 10/31/89)	\$ 528.98**	
12 month C.D. ( " 1/31/90)	500.00	\$ 1,028.98

TOTAL ASSETS: \$ 1,448.13

GAIN: (since 1/4/89) \$ 212.18

\*M. & J. Pittenger contributed \$25.00  
to increase the club's contribution  
to the Coalition for Natural Stream Valleys.

Respectfully submitted,

*Radvaie B. Boyle*

Treasurer and

\*\*This C.D. renewed as a 12 mo. cert. due 10/31/90 Membership Secretary



# MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM, Inc.



## 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	
		<u>-\$ 338.76</u>

### RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 64.00	
Application Fees	36.00	
Guide Books	213.50	
Patches	38.00	
		<u>\$ 351.50</u>

BALANCE: January 3, 1989

\$ 1,235.95

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Extended thru February 28, 1989

BALANCE: January 3, 1989

\$ 1,235.95

### EXPENSES:

3 Certificates of Deposit @ \$ 500.00 ea.	<u>-\$ 1,500.00</u>
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### RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 433.00	
Application Fees	9.00	
Contributions	343.00	
Guide Books	48.00	
Patches	88.50	
		<u>\$ 921.50</u>

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

# MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM, Inc.



## ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 1988 - 89

\* January 4 thru July 7, 1989

\*Period, 7/6/88 thru 1/3/89 previously reported.

BALANCE: January 4, 1989 \$ 1,235.95

### EXPENSES:

Administration	\$ 53.14	
Newsletter	119.13	
Trail stencils	6.57	
*Contribution to C.N.S.V.	50.00	
3 X \$500 C.D.s	<u>1,500.00</u>	- \$ 1,728.84

### RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 515.00	
Contributions	346.00	
Application Fees	39.00	
Guide Books	97.50	
Patches	88.50	
*For C.N.S.V.	<u>25.00</u>	\$ 1,111.00

### BALANCE:

July 7, 1989 per this report.	\$ 618.11
July 7, 1989 per checkbook	651.11
Adjustment, \$618.11 to \$651.11	+ 33.00

CORRECTED BALANCE: July 7, 1989 (checkbook) \$ 651.00

### INVESTMENTS:

6 month C.D. (due 7/31/89)	\$ 500.00	
9 month C.D. ( " 10/31/89)	500.00	
12 month C.D. ( " 1/31/90)	<u>500.00</u>	\$ 1,500.00

TOTAL ASSETS: \$2,151.00

GAIN: since 1/4/89 \$ 915.16

\*M. & J. Pittenger contributed \$25.00 to increase the club's contribution to The Coalition for Natural Stream Valleys to \$ 50.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Padraic P. Boyle  
Treasurer and  
Membership Secretary