

# MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM, Inc.



## JANUARY 28, 1990 MEMBERS' MEETING and NEWS NOTES

MARCH 18, 1990

Spring  
Meeting  
2:00 P.M.

The next MDTS Members' Meeting will be held in Ron Gray's home, [REDACTED]  
Telephone: [REDACTED] Refreshments will be served after the meeting.  
DIRECTIONS:

[REDACTED]

JULY 8,  
JULY 29,  
AUGUST 5, 1990

### SUMMER WORK HIKE SCHEDULE:

Ron Gray has scheduled work hikes in the Western Section for July 8, July 29 and August 5, 1990, on the lovely new stretch along Muddy Creek gorge.

Mark these days on your calender now! We usually start about 9:00 A.M., bring trail lunches and plenty of water. Meeting places and details for each hike will follow in the next newsletter.



### MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 1990 MEMBER' MEETING

The winter meeting of the Mason Dixon Trail System was held at Clair Piersol's home [REDACTED] January 28, 1990. Kay Way, President, called the meeting to order at 2:15 P.M.. Members present were Mary Blescker, Vivian Davies, Jim Denny, Jean Funk, Ron Gray, Rick Maerker, Clair Piersol, Marion and Jack Schultz, Dick Tobias, and Richard Winemiller. Ken Trimele attended the meeting. Kay Way asked Jack Schultz to take the minutes as Marie Pittenger, Sec. was unable to attend.

The minutes of the October 29, 1989 Members' Meeting at Muddy Run Park were approved as issued.

TREASURER's  
Report:  
John Pittenger

Kay Way distributed copies of Treasurer John Pittenger's report:

Cash on hand and in transit	\$ 906-
Certificates of deposit	1069
Total Cash Assets	<u>\$1975</u>

There are 30 Patches on hand and 200 on order. The additional Patches cost \$330.

The question of how much money we should save for emergencies was discussed. The consensus was that we have about the right amount. Contributions can be solicited when emergencies arise. Some contributions are always received with the annual membership renewals.

Dick Tobias reported that he had 125 sets of Guide Books and Maps. Kay Way and Ron Gray each have 25, making the total 175. It was decided that Dick should keep 25 and give 100 to John Pittenger.

TRAIL  
Reports:

Kay Way said that Turner Darden was unable to attend the meeting and report on the Eastern Section. Kay said there were no significant problems in the Eastern Section. Beaver activity in Elk Neck State Forest has made a short relocation of the trail necessary. This relocation is in Yvonne Blades capable hands.

Ron Gray reported that the Western Section has a new maintainer. Pat Metallo will take care of the Trail between Lock 12 and Mill Creek.

EARTH DAY

Kay Way has been contacted by the Philadelphia Electric Company regarding an Earth Day observance on April 21st. A group in Harford County, Maryland has asked for volunteers to lead hikes and nature walks in the area between Shures Landing and Deer Creek. Kay said she was going to volunteer and asked other M.D.T.S. volunteers to contact her. Telephone: [REDACTED]

Advertised Hike

Kay Way reported that Yvonne Blades has offered to lead a hike that would be advertised in area hiking club newsletters. The group approved this idea and asked Kay to work out the details with Yvonne.



ENVIRONMENTAL  
CONCERNSPENNSYLVANIA

Marion Schultz reported that she had obtained a list of Pennsylvania State legislative bills involving the environment. Marion reports two bills that would be of special interest to us. One involved Landowners' liability to hikers; the other involved Rails -To Trails.

The M.D.T.S. decided that we should concentrate on supporting the first bill which is known as the "Private Lands and Public Recreation Act"; Pennsylvania State House Bill No. 1567. The main purpose of the bill is to encourage landowners to make their lands available for public recreation by limiting a landowner's liability for injuries to persons on his property for recreational purposes.

This proposed legislation would help us to move some of our Pennsylvania Trail off roads on to private lands. The bill is currently in the House Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs. House Bill # 1567 must be reported out of the Committee before the legislative session ends this year; otherwise it will "die". Kay Way asked Marion Schultz to write to the Chairman of the Committee on behalf of M.D.T.S. in support of the bill.

Letters to legislators are most effective when they come from the legislator's home district. Marion asked that M.D.T.S. members who live in Pennsylvania write to their individual representatives in support of the bill. The letters should be addressed to:

[REDACTED]

TRAIL SIGNS

Dick Tobias suggested that we might spend some of the money in our Treasury on trail signs. We currently have two signs. One is installed at the Western Terminus of the Mason-Dixon Trail; the other is waiting to be installed at the Eastern Terminus. Additional signs might be installed in State and County Parks and at road crossings. This will be discussed at our next meeting. Suggestions for other possible trail sign locations are requested from all M.D.T.S. members. Needed: offers to make signs.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M. A delightful supper, provided by Chris Piersol, followed the meeting.

J.M. Schultz  
Secretary Pro tem