

MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM, Inc.



NEWSLETTER

and

Minutes Board of Director's Meeting
of

January 12, 1986

MAY 3, 1986

WORK HIKE on the MASON DIXON TRAIL! All interested, members and non members, do come! Your help is welcome and needed. Bring clippers and/or other trail work tools you may have. Meet at 9:00 A.M., at Lock 12 on the Susquehanna River (River & Millcreek Roads near Route 372) in the first parking lot.

Bring a picnic lunch for your noon meal. M.D.T.S. meeting at 2:30 P.M. at the York Cabin; early supper provided (4:30-5:00 P.M.) after the meeting. Cost \$3.50/person. Contact Kay Way [REDACTED]

Trail HELP Needed

Our trail needs people to maintain it; a 5 or 10 mile section can easily be walked once a year with clippers and paint in hand. More catastrophic events, e.g. tornadoes, as well as bigger projects, should be the job of a general work day. Now that you all have the new maps, what section do you want?? Give your name to any one of us.

Also, if you are interested in making some signs, contact Dick Tobias.

Or if you can solve the problem of blazing the trail in spots where there are no trees or poles, cheaply, let us know.

And Warren Raab [REDACTED] is interested in working with someone who will assist in "spotting cars" to speed up trail work time. This assistance is especially needed on the western end of the trail.

AUGUST 26, 1986

Afternoon swim (4:00P.M.), and Covered Dish supper at Kay Way's (6:30P.M.). Bring covered dish and utensils; rolls and beverage provided. M.D.T.S. meeting will follow the supper.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The official opening of the Mason-Dixon Trail occurred with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on October 27, 1985. The event was attended by approximately 60 people. Reports are that the "Ceremony went well". Robert Yost and Paderic Boyle received awards to acknowledge their contribution to the Mason Dixon Trail System.

Special thanks to Dick Tobias from all for his work in planning this important ceremony.

Wilderness Survival Skills Course.

Weekend Wilderness Survival Skills course offered by the Blue Ridge Group of the Sierra Club on May 2, 3, & 4, 1986. Wintergreen Resort west of Charlottesville, Virginia. If interested contact [REDACTED]

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Clair Piersol's Home
Downingtown, Penna.

M.D.T.S.
Attendance

Warren Raab, John & Marie Pittenger, Ron Gray, Dick Tobias,
Kay Way, Pat & Kay Boyle, Arthur and Janice Driedger, Mary Bleeker,
and, of course, Clair Piersol.

Treasurer's
Report
(Kay Way)

1986 DUES ARE DUE! (\$4.00 - see enclosure)

27 new members this fall for a total of 105! Those few people,
who after repeated reminders, have not paid dues in recent years
are being dropped from membership.

Organizations such as K.T.A., Shilo Boy Scouts, Boy Scout Troop
#37, P.P.L., A.M.C., Phila. Elec. etc.. will continue to receive
the newsletter & minutes.

Expenses paid since the September 29, 1985 meeting:

\$1000 for Trail Guides and Maps
100 for mailing
20 trail maintenance

Currently in bank: \$775

Approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ from membership and $\frac{1}{2}$ from sale of Trail Guides

Maps, Brochures
Trail Guides &
Patches

Effective results reported from use of brochures. Dick Tobias &
Pat Boyle send brochures with their mailings. The Driedger family
said they joined because of the brochure.

A new supply of brochures is needed. Cost--\$130 for 3000. Ron
Gray made the motion, seconded by Warren Raab that we purchase a
new supply. The only change is Kay Way's name and address. Kay
Way will contact Turner Darden to get a new supply.

M.D.T.S. has only 10 patches left. Pat Boyle made the motion,
seconded by Ron Gray, that the club spend no more than \$200 for
new patches. Pat Boyle will order the patches after investigating
current prices, and conferring with Dick Tobias.

Approximately 250 maps and Guides have been sold out of 500.
M.D.T.S. still has 500 maps.

Minor editorial changes will be needed for the next publication
of our Guide Books.

Trail Reports

Warren Raab reports that the Scouts from Troop # 94, Shiloh, Pa.
(Scout Leader Steve Harlacker) touched up the blazing on the M.D.T.
from Pinchot Park to Whiskey Spring.

Kay Way reports that snow fence posts with blue blazes were placed
in Shangri La, as the owner of this property preferred them to paint
on trees.

Ron Gray reports that Boy Scout Troop # 37 worked on the trail and
cleared a large section.

Clair Piersol's HomeDowningtown, PennsylvaniaTrail Reports
(continued)

Ron Gray reports there may be a possibility of relocating a trail road walk near the dam at Broad Creek by going through Boy Scout Property.

Negotiations between the Mason-Dixon Trail System and Philadelphia Electric for "trail rights" are still on going.

Pat Boyle reports that we have an invitation from Mr & Mrs. Arthur Brockman (members):

The trail passes behind our bungalow at McCall's Ferry, Pa. approx. 1 mile north of Lock 12 on the west side of the Susquehanna River. It is the red one.

Please tell your members they are welcome to stop in for a rest, coffee or the use of our facilities whenever we are there. They are welcome to use our picnic table by the river any time.

New Officers
Elected.
M.D.T.S.

Elections were held after a report from the nominating committee:

<u>President</u>	Kay Way
	[REDACTED]
<u>Treasurer & Membership</u>	Padriac Boyle
	[REDACTED]
<u>1'st Vice President</u>	Clair Piersol
	[REDACTED]
<u>2'nd Vice President</u>	Richard Tobias
	[REDACTED]
<u>Newsletter</u>	Marie Pittenger
	[REDACTED]

President's Message

Thanks to the dedication of our past officers, we have obtained our goal.

WE HAVE THE MASON-DIXON TRAIL.

Our one on going goal will now have to be trail maintenance.

Now perhaps our meetings should take a different format, and work "load" on trail supervisors be somehow eased.

Trail Supervisors
REMAIN THE SAME

<u>Route 30 North</u>	Warren Raab
<u>Lock 12 to Route 30</u>	Ron Gray
<u>Havre de Grace to State Line</u>	E. Turner Darden
	[REDACTED]

Jim Wolfe, Conservation, reported on the Alaska Lands Bill. Jim has volunteered to write letters to the News-Journal thanking the three Delaware Congressmen for their avid support.

The Council recommended that the Secretary send get well cards to former treasurer, Pat Boyle, and caterer, Dave McCorkle.

The next Council meeting is 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10 at the home of Kay Way, [REDACTED]

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa C. May
Secretary

