

## Mebane Trail Rangers

June 2, 2022

### Minutes

1. Mebane Trail Rangers (MTR) met on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at Lake Michael shelter 2. The meeting started at 6:30 and 12 were in attendance.
2. Sherri Seagroves welcomed everyone and invited new attendees to introduce themselves. Sherri introduced guest speaker Matt Engwall with Triangle Off Road Cyclist (TORC).
3. Mr. Engwall spoke about his history with TORC and that he is currently working on Brumley trails. TORC has a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the city of Mebane to work on the trails at Lake Michael when funding is approved. Once city funding is approved TORC will apply for a grant. The environmental impact study has been completed. The existing trails will not be used in the newly designed trails. The first focus will be the 3 mile ring around the lake. A question was asked if electronic bikes will be allowed and Mr. Engwall stated that the city will determine the trails usage.

#### 4. New Business

##### a. Review group work

###### **aa. Mountains to Sea Trail (MST)**

**Blaze:** Jason stated that he completed the template for the road markings from Red Slide Park in Haw River through Mebane and submitted it to the MST team for review. Once they approve the locations of the signs or blaze, we will go before City Council and ask for permission to post the signs on the Clay Street portion of the trail which is within city limits. The MST will work with the DOT on the remainder.

**Clings:** Sherri asked for a volunteer to work on the stickers or clings for businesses located downtown that states "We are a trail friendly town."

**Thru-hiker update:** Jason stated that Japeth stayed with him last week as he was hiking west bound.

###### **bb. Organization**

Gayle reported that she has a few designs for MTR shirts. One is blue, the other green and both have our logo in white on the chest. She passed around a picture of the shirts and stated she will get pricing.

###### **cc. Beautification**

The benches are in and need to be placed. Sherri asked Aaron to let us know the date of installation and we will help install the benches at Cates.

###### **dd. Maintenance**

**Cates:** A crew met at Cates and spread grit on the trail where the rain created ruts. We will ask Aaron if the company who blazed the trail can offer suggestions on how to prevent future run off. The second workday was cancelled due to rain. We will reschedule when it's warmer.

**City Trails:** We are in the process of ordering the paint to repaint the sidewalk markers

**ee. Events**

**Hiking 101** – Though we had a low turnout, the workshop was a success. We will offer the workshop again in the future.

**Lantern Festival** – The festival was a success. Sherri was in a kayak helping manage the lanterns and collect them before they sank. Judy was on land along with Holly handing out MTR stickers and promoting the organization.

**Trail Days** – Trail Days is June 4<sup>th</sup> in Elkin. Jason stated he is attending and we invited him to share what he learned upon return.

**Civitan Festival** – MTR will celebrate National Trail Day by hosting a booth at the Civitan Festival on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Bhavna volunteered to work from 9-12 but we need one more volunteer from 12-2. Vicki volunteered to work the second shift.

**ff. Fundraising**

Sherri reached out to Betsy Brown with the MST to discuss the MST bar crawl idea on Clay Street. Since we are using the MST name, we need to ensure that this is an appropriate fundraiser. Waiting to hear back.

- b. **Gear Review** – Sherri shared her hydration system when hiking. She stated that she noticed when she hikes with a bladder she stays hydrated due to the ease of accessing her water supply. She uses an Osprey bladder and carries a mini Sawyer water filter on a Smart Water bottle as a backup.

- c. **Meeting Dates** – We will NOT meet in July. Our next meeting will be August 4<sup>th</sup> at Lake Michael at 6:30.

5. Sang Happy Trails and adjourned at 7:30.