

Mebane Trail Rangers
May 5, 2022
Minutes

1. Mebane Trail Rangers (MTR) met on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at Lake Michael shelter 2. The meeting started at 6:30 and 15 were in attendance.
2. Sherri Seagroves welcomed everyone.
3. New Business
 - a. **Review group work**
 - aa. **MST** – Jason is working on completing the template for the road markings to submit to Raleigh. Once he is done with identifying where the signage should be placed and the locations have been reviewed by the MST team in Raleigh, we will meet with Mebane city officials to determine the next steps.
 - bb. **Organization** – The website and Facebook are getting a lot of traction. We will hand out the MTR stickers with our website and logo at the upcoming Lantern Festival.
 - cc. **Beautification** – The trail at Cates Farm needs to be flagged for location of 4 benches. The city has the benches and they will be delivered to the trail in the next few weeks. We need a group / person to flag the location of the benches.
 - dd. **Maintenance** – Look for an email to be sent out soon with dates for maintenance at Cates Farm. We will be spreading the grit that is washing away and causing ruts in the trails.
 - ee. **Events:** Upcoming events – we need volunteers!

May 7, Saturday, 6:30 - 8:30 PM Lantern Festival, Lake Michael

We still have a volunteer opportunity for someone to wo/man the booth from 7:30 - 8:30 PM Please respond to this email and let me know if you are interested.

May 15, Sunday, 3:00 - 6:00 PM Hiking 101 Workshop, Lake Michael

If you are interested in attending, please REGISTER:

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/3LA2FHZTS5RFAKED2I2NGHOW>

May 28, Saturdays, 9:30 Hikes at Cates Farm

Alan and Gail have been leading hikes every Saturday at Cates Farm on behalf of Mebane Walks. As of May 21st, the spring session for Mebane Walks will end. This is a great opportunity for us to continue to lead hikes at Cates Farm. Who is interested in leading / co-leading hikes on Saturdays?

June 4, Saturday, 9:00 - 4:00 Civitans Spring Bazaar, Hawfields Track

We have an opportunity to participate in this event but we need volunteers! It's a great opportunity to continue to spread the word about MTR! We will have a booth but we need volunteers to run the booth. It's a lot of fun!

June 11 - Saturday, 2:00 Pollinator Garden Tour in Pittsboro

GREAT opportunity to tour an established pollinator garden and see what can be created at Cates Farm. The garden features over 225 species of perennials, trees, shrubs, vines, and grasses, and

85% of them are native to North Carolina. This is a great opportunity to visit the popular gathering spot for honey bees, native bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and beneficial insects in addition to their human admirers!

Limited to 10 participants, register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pollinator-garden-tour-tickets-315868490157>

4. **Gear Review** – Meagan introduced us to the Nitecore headlamp which features a USB rechargeable battery, multiple light settings (including SOS), is light weight with an on/off lock so it doesn't accidentally get turned on in your pack and drain the battery. She also loves her light weight Therma Rest sit pad. Easy to clip onto your pack for quick access when stopping for a snack and a rest. Both items can be found online. Meagan is an avid hiker and backpacker and has trial tested several types of gear.
5. Sang Happy Trails and adjourned at 7:30