

TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held at 73 Brommersvlei Road, Constantia on 08 June 2017 at 18:45

Committee Members present in person	Karena du Plessis (KdP) Grant Chapman (GC) Michelle Matthews (MM) Marianne Berry (MB) Hayley Moir (HM) Laura Forde (LF) Maryse Pennington Collins (MC) Julie Myrtle (JM)	Chairperson Vice-Chairperson Secretary Treasurer
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Apologies: Amelia Cheminais (AC)

Agenda Item	Minute	Action
1	Welcome Karena welcomed all present, declared the meeting open.	
2	Approval of previous minutes and follow up items The previous minutes were tabled and approved.	
3	Events The first aid course was offered to members but due to very low interest it has been decided to cancel the course. St John's has agreed to provide training on an ad hoc basis should any members want to attend a course in the future. A reliability trial has been proposed for later in the year. Women's Day is currently being investigated as a possible date for such an event. It is intended to start the trial at the Pony Club arenas and then to follow a trail along the greenbelt.	KdP LF
4	Trails Update New "no entry" signs have been put up in Upper Tokai on the existing posts. A sign will also be placed at the Zwaanswyk Close gate reminding members that the track leading straight across is only open after-hours and on weekends. This is due to the building of the new SANParks offices which requires access for heavy vehicles thereby making the area unsafe for horses at present. The track behind Forest Glade has become quite rutted and may need to be raked. There is concern that raking the track at this stage may result in additional storm damage due to loosening the soil. The track will be monitored and raked should it become unavoidable. The picnic site gate has been put onto a Gatekeeper system and access is available to TDRA members in possession of a valid activity permit only. Members can contact access@tdra.co.za to be added to the system but will need to provide their cell phone number, activity	MC

	<p>permit number and expiry date before they will be activated on the system.</p> <p>All horse riders are reminded to only ride along the demarcated transition route through the picnic area. Any transgression may result in this area being closed to horse riders. Should anybody be uncertain as to where they are permitted to ride in the picnic area, please consult one of the Committee members or view the map that is available on the Facebook page and at the entrance to the picnic area.</p> <p>The Gatekeeper system will be installed on the new gate leading onto Chrysalis Academy between the paddocks as soon as possible. Access to the gate will only be available to TDRA members due to the terms and conditions that have been placed on the use of Chrysalis Academy land. Chrysalis Academy has instituted a ground levy for riding on their land which the TDRA is committed to paying on behalf of members. The Committee urges all riders to renew their membership or join the TDRA if they have not already done so.</p> <p>The trails in Upper Tokai have been severely damaged and are likely to degrade further throughout winter. In order to preserve these trails as far as possible they will need to be graded using machinery and water berms will need to be installed. The interconnecting tracks are in need of this maintenance urgently. Permission to proceed with this project has been obtained from SANParks and the maintenance is scheduled to commence on Tuesday, 13 June 2017.</p> <p>The baboons have shifted many of the poles that demarcate the Upper Tokai Road trail. The poles need to be positioned correctly again and in the interim members are requested not to ride over the plants in the area.</p> <p>All horse riders are reminded that horses are not permitted on the red clay paths that run through Upper Tokai, Middle Tokai and Lower Tokai Park. The City has, however, confirmed that horses are permitted on the new red clay paths that run alongside the public roads which will greatly improve the safety of horse riders who ride on these trails.</p> <p>Members are again encouraged to assist with the various projects that are currently being undertaken either financially or by donating time. There are multiple projects that cannot be delayed and any assistance will be welcomed.</p>	<p>GC</p> <p>GC/LF/MC</p> <p>MM</p>
5	<p>Arenas</p> <p>The TDRA has continued to engage with SANPark's community development manager, Wendy Johnson, who is assisting the TDRA with proceeding with the development of the Tokai Precinct arenas.</p>	GC
6	<p>Environmental Management Plan</p> <p>Various organisations have been contacted, as requested by SANParks, in order to set up a working committee to assist with the development of an environmental management program (EMP)</p>	

	covering various areas including Tokai, Hout Bay, Noordhoek, Constantia, Red Hill and Glencairn. A meeting with various representatives was held following the Committee meeting on 08 June 2017. The minutes of the meeting will be provided to SANParks on request and the proposed outline of the EMP will be submitted to SANParks prior to commencing with the project. The existing EMP of 2004 will serve as a building block for the updated EMP.	MB/HM
7	Alien Clearing A successful and enjoyable alien clearing day was held on Saturday 13 May 2017 on track one in Middle Tokai. The removal of the alien plants has greatly improved visibility when riding along the track. The permit that was obtained in order to do the alien clearing is valid for six months from issue so it is intended that a second alien clearing day be arranged in September to clear the alien plants along track two in Middle Tokai.	
8	Committee Update The committee has accepted the resignation of Amelia Cheminais and thanks Amelia for her willingness to join the committee this year.	
9	Next Meeting Scheduled for 03 August 2017 at 19h30 at Silvertree Estate.	

The meeting ended at approx 19:30

Certified a true record of the proceedings

Chairperson

Date