

TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held at Stonehurst Estate; Tokai on 30 August 2018 at 19:00

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

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	Environmental Management Plan The EMP has been a mammoth task and is largely complete with one last change being requested in respect of Lower Tokai Park. This project has been the primary focus of the committee for the 2018 year and the committee is very pleased with the document that has been generated and is grateful for the input that members have provided. This project has been handed over to the newly formed Table Mountain Equestrian Forum, TMEF, to finalise with stakeholders and SANParks. The TDRA will have a stand at the upcoming Pony Riders Show jumping Championships at which the maps will be available for people to view. The TMEF has been asked to have representation at the stand and to use this as an opportunity for public participation.	
4	Upper Tokai Maintenance The funding that was generously provided by members has now been exhausted with the TDRA having spent approximately R50 000 on maintenance work in Upper Tokai. The project has been extremely successful with previously unpassable trails now being accessible to horse riders. Some storm damage following the recent heavy rains has been noted but the tracks have held up well. Prior to the work being done, it was expected that storm damage would likely lead to further tracks being completely lost to horse riders. It is envisaged that further maintenance will be needed and there are additional tracks still to be worked on. This will be done in the future and will require further fundraising efforts as the TDRA has completely exhausted its resources for the current year. To this end an opportunity for donors to name tracks in Upper Tokai has been made available to riders and an e-mail with the details has been distributed to members. The committee wishes to once again extend its appreciation to all of the generous donors who have made this project possible.	
5	Event & Fundraiser A reliability trial is still being planned. This will include riding on private land which is not normally accessible to horse riders other than those whose horses are in livery on the land so it will be an opportunity for members to ride in new areas. This will be	LF

	<p>scheduled once the ground has dried out to avoid damage to the grass areas in particular and is currently intended to be held late in October.</p> <p>A raffle will also be run with some awesome prizes up for grabs. Please keep an eye on your inbox and the TDRA Facebook page for more details.</p>	LdB
6	<p>SARDA</p> <p>Proposals have been tabled to provide land to SARDA in Tokai. The committee is hopeful that a positive outcome will be found for all affected parties. The committee will provide input should the TDRA be requested to do so and believes that it would be positive for horse riding in the area if it is possible to relocate SARDA without compromising any existing riding areas or stable yards.</p>	
7	<p>Errant Horse Riders</p> <p>Horse riders are once again reminded to be considerate of and courteous to other park users. A recent complaint of potentially dangerous actions by a horse rider has resulted in damage to the reputation of horse riders in the area. The TDRA does not condone any such behaviour and will assist in identifying horse riders who do not adhere to the rules of the park if requested to do so by SANParks or the authorities as such actions may compromise all horse riders going forward.</p>	
8	<p>Speed Table</p> <p>The building of a raised intersection on Zwaanswyk Road is scheduled to commence on 03 September. This is a much appreciated effort by residents to slow down traffic thereby making the intersection safer for all users. Horse riders are urged to exercise caution while the road works are underway.</p>	
9	<p>Riding School Pupils</p> <p>A request was previously received to reduce the TDRA membership for riding school pupils. The committee was considering the implementation of a per term membership however this may become an administrative burden for the riding schools. It has therefore been proposed that riding schools pay an annual membership to cover all pupils. This would be set at a rate that is reasonable given that the pupils do not ride in the parks as frequently as most members do. Currently riding school pupils are enjoying the upgraded tracks and the various projects to improve visibility etc undertaken by the TDRA without contributing to the costs. Riding schools in the area are to be consulted on this.</p>	LF/MM
10	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>11 October 2018</p>	

The meeting ended at approx 20:40
Certified a true record of the proceedings

Chairperson

Date