

**TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)**  
Held at Silvertree Estate on 15 November 2018 at 19:00

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

Agenda Item	Minute	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Karena welcomed all present, declared the meeting open.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Approval of previous minutes and follow up items</b> The previous minutes were tabled and approved.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Environmental Management Plan</b> The EMP document has been submitted to Gavin Bell representing SANParks. SANParks is expected to provide feedback to the TMEF by the end of January 2019 and will also provide guidance on the required consultation with stakeholders. The various horse riding group representatives have submitted their feedback and the document has been amended based on all of the input that was provided.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Lower Tokai Park</b> The little bridge that links Lower Tokai Park to the greenbelts was damaged recently while a horse was crossing it. The bridge has been repaired and the committee wishes to thank the horse riders involved who arranged the repairs.  The big bridge is also showing signs of wear and tear with two planks needing to be replaced. The new planks are in the SANParks storeroom currently. These will be installed during the course of the next few weeks.  New signs will be placed in Lower Tokai Park to indicate where horse riders are and are not permitted, this follows reports as a result of inconsiderate use of the area by horse riders. Horse riders are once again urged to be considerate of and courteous to other users at all times.  Additional flyer drops are being done with the assistance of other user groups following the success of the initiative. A poster version of the flyer will also be put up in Lower Tokai Park.  SANParks has undertaken to arrange more frequent patrols of this area to improve safety for all users and to better monitor users.	<b>KdP</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Event &amp; Fundraising</b> A reliability trial is scheduled to take place during the afternoon of 24 November. This will be a fun event and will afford horse riders the opportunity to ride on private land which is not normally accessible to horse riders other than those whose horses are in livery there. The entry fee will be R100 for members and R150 for non-members. Entrants will be provided with a map and will need to complete various fun obstacles to complete the	

	<p>course with an optimal time having been set. Members are asked to support this event and encourage their friends to enter, it is sure to be great fun for everyone.</p> <p>Entries are open for this event and an advertisement has been posted on the TDRA Facebook page.</p> <p>Update after meeting: Due to the high number of snakes seen in the area the decision has been taken to postpone the event until early in 2019. The grass will be shorter by then and visibility improved.</p>	<b>LF</b>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>TRAILS FEEDBACK</b></p> <p>SANParks has removed the wooden bridge that was at the entrance to Upper Tokai near to the arboretum. This has greatly improved accessibility for horse riders at this point and the committee is very appreciative of the efforts made by SANParks.</p> <p>Horse riders are reminded that horses are not permitted on the red clay paths within Upper, Middle and Lower Tokai. The only red clay path that horse riders are permitted to use is the path that runs between the stone Church and Welgelee along Spaanschemat River Road.</p> <p>It has been noted that the picnic site is not being kept as clear of manure as it should be. Matthews is cleaning the transit route twice a week and will be managed more closely going forward.</p>	<b>JM</b>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Annual soccer party</b></p> <p>The annual grooms' soccer party will be held on 30 November 2018 in Noordhoek. There has been fantastic support from Tokai stable yards for the event to date. T-shirts are being printed and will be completed before the soccer party. This is a wonderful event and is enjoyed by everyone who attends it.</p> <p>The TDRA gazebo will be at the venue so that the Tokai soccer teams and supporters have a shaded area available.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b> 17 January 2019</p>	

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

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Chairperson

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Date