

TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held at 24 Corsair Crescent on 22 August 2019 at 19:00

Committee Members present in person	Karena du Plessis (KdP)	Chairperson
	Marianne Berry (MB)	Treasurer
	Maryse Pennington Collins (MC)	
	Hayley Moir (HM)	
	Grant Chapman (GC)	Vice Chairperson
	Julie Myrtle (JM)	
	Michelle Matthews (MM)	Secretary

Apologies: Leigh de Beyer (LdB)

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 deadline for EMP feedback was 14 January 2019 but to date no comments have been received. TMEF representatives are following up regularly and will continue to do so.	KdP
4	Safety Initiatives Currently there seem to be very few, if any, crime-related incidents in Upper Tokai. Unfortunately that does not extend to the rest of the park which many horse riders enjoy for multiple activities such as dog walking and horse riding. Horse riders are encouraged to become familiar with the three car guards currently positioned around Lower Tokai Park. Bernard is at the Flandorps' parking area and regularly assists with stopping traffic to permit horse riders to cross the road, David is located at the parking area between the zebra crossings on Orpen Road and Nelson is located in Dennedal Road. There is an investigation currently to determine whether it is possible to create access to a central communication centre for emergencies. This would allow the reporting of emergencies as well as the despatch of the relevant authorities. It is possible to download a free app onto a cellphone via Namola which would allow a user to notify emergency services in the event of an emergency. It is also possible to purchase a panic button which would allow for a one push alert rather than having to access a cellphone. This is currently available for R1399 initially and R74/month thereafter through Namola. Parkscape have also started an initiative to improve security whereby some of those frequenting Lower Tokai Park on a regular basis, whether this is on foot or horseback, are keeping their eyes and ears open for any potential security problems that they can then report on. These individuals have joined a dedicated Whatsapp group for this purpose that they inform the members of when they enter and leave the Park so that they can be contacted in the event of any queries in the specific area that they are in. Several TDRA committee members are part of this group already and should anyone else wish to participate in the initiative please contact the TDRA for the details.	GC MC

	Initiatives to improve the safety of horse riders and other park users is an ongoing concern for the TDRA committee and fortunately is not in response to any recent incidents.	GC
5	Community Veg Garden A group of ladies in the Westlake community have set up a community vegetable garden. Michael, whom many horse riders know of as he works at Karena du Plessis' yard, has offered to teach the ladies how to make compost but they are looking for manure. Should any stable yards be able to drop some manure at the vegetable garden in Westlake it would be greatly appreciated. They are also looking for gardening tools and seeds should there be any old gardening tools that are no longer used at any of the stable yards.	
6	Soccer Party The annual grooms' soccer party is fast approaching. This event has grown immensely over the years. As a result, the committee is exploring the option of hosting an event for the Tokai grooms in Tokai if that would be preferred. The current proposal is a more intimate, less structured afternoon with lunch and a hamper being the focus rather than soccer.	KdP
7	Next Meeting 17 th October 2019 in Tokai.	

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

Chairperson

Date