

TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held in Constantia on 24 October 2019 at 18:30

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
	Leigh de Beyer (LdB)	

Apologies: None

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	Conflicts with other users There has been an increase in the number of reports being made regarding cyclists in equestrian only areas. This is very unfortunate and such reports are being taken seriously with cyclists in some instances being identified via Strava. Horse riders are encouraged to take photographs of cyclists or tracks left by them in areas in which cycling is prohibited. Please send all reports and photos to: info@tdra.co.za and the committee will collate them and report the transgressions to Tokai MTB and SANParks. An unfortunate incident in which a dog was jumping at a horse's face in Lower Tokai Park leading to the horse rider being thrown from the horse has been reported. SANParks and Parkscape have been made aware of the incident and are taking it very seriously. Again, please send all reports such as this to info@tdra.co.za so that the committee is able to follow up with those involved. If at possible please include either a photograph or description of the dog and/or dog walker involved. A flyer drop will be arranged again in Lower Tokai Park in conjunction with SANParks and Parkscape as part of the ongoing efforts to better educate all user groups sharing the tracks. It is important that horse riders not enter areas or use tracks that are not permitted. Such transgressions may undermine the efforts to ensure that all user groups respect one another and obey the rules of the Tokai parks.	
5	Picnic Site Gate The frame of the gate to the picnic site from Chrysalis has broken. Quotes are being obtained for a new pedestrian gate to be installed and the frame of the existing gate to be repaired. It is intended that once installed, horse riders will use the pedestrian gate rather than the vehicle gate which will make it easier to lock and unlock the gate.	GC

6	<p>Soccer Party</p> <p>Following discussion with the stable managers in Tokai it has been agreed that a small Christmas party for the Tokai grooms will be arranged. Those who would prefer to join the Noordhoek event are encouraged to do so.</p> <p>The event will take place on 28 November and will include a braai and soccer games. There are currently +/-30 grooms who are expected to attend the event. Volunteers are needed to man the braai stations while the grooms enjoy some friendly soccer games that will be organised by Gavin of Out The Saddle.</p> <p>Horse riders are welcome to pop in to support their grooms' teams and any contributions towards the event would be welcomed as we try to make this a fun day for our dedicated grooms and show them our appreciation for their hard work and care for our horses.</p>	KdP
7	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Parkscape is arranging a Christmas Carol event on 7 December 2019 from 18:30 – 21:00 at the Tokai Pony Club Arena. Currently two horses are going to be filling the roles of Santa's helpers. Anybody with a sensible horse who would like to be an extra helper please contact info@tdra.co.za to get involved.</p> <p>A first aid course is planned in conjunction with Cape Vet. This will focus on basic first aid for horses and is a fantastic opportunity for grooms and owners to learn some useful first aid basics for their horses. The event is planned for a Saturday afternoon and will take place at Karena du Plessis' yard.</p> <p>Should there be a need, the committee is hoping to arrange a ride and go and a showing clinic before champs next year to assist members who will be competing.</p>	
8	<p>Gazebo</p> <p>The TDRA gazebo was badly damaged in a storm recently. The gazebo was being used by CVRC at a show when the wind picked up suddenly destroying multiple gazebos in the process. The committee wishes to thank CVRC for replacing the gazebo at their cost once we had established that it could not be repaired. Hayley worked with CVRC to ensure that the new gazebo was of the same quality as the previous gazebo which had been generously donated by Rosie and Rae de Jager.</p>	
9	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>TBC</p>	

The meeting ended at approx 19:45;
Certified a true record of the proceedings.

Chairperson

Date