

Held at Stonehurst Estate on 13 February 2020 at 18:30

Apologies: None

Agenda Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Karena welcomed all present, declared the meeting open.</p>	
2	<p>Approval of previous minutes and follow up items</p> <p>The previous minutes were tabled and approved.</p>	
3	<p>Environmental Management Plan</p> <p>The deadline for EMP feedback was 14 January 2019 but to date no comments have been received. TMEF representatives continue to follow up regularly.</p>	KdP
4	<p>Track Maintenance</p> <p>Many of the tracks in Upper Tokai have become overgrown and are difficult to use due to the dense alien vegetation. These need to be cleared urgently. The committee estimates that a team of six people should be able to tackle the very overgrown sections on levels one and two over two days. This will be an expensive exercise and the committee would appreciate any assistance that is available whether financial or otherwise. Level three will also need to be attended to as soon as funding and labour can be made available.</p> <p>SANParks will be contacted to request permission for the alien clearing and to arrange to get the required poison which needs to be applied to the stumps after cutting down the alien vegetation.</p> <p>Middle Tokai has also got a number of alien plants starting to spring up again between tracks one and two. An alien clearing day will be planned for that site as well. This may be best done once we get closer to Autumn and previous track clearing efforts have proven to be a fun project for horse riders to assist with.</p> <p>There is also a need to do maintenance on the tracks themselves in Upper Tokai and along Upper Tokai Road to try to minimise further erosion during winter.</p> <p>Any members who are able to assist with these projects are asked to please contact info@tdra.co.za as there is a lot of work that should be done if possible in a short amount of time.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>GC</p>
5	<p>Picnic Site Gate</p> <p>The new gate has been made and is waiting to be installed. SANParks needs to approve the project and will be followed up with in this regard.</p> <p>The gate is unfortunately difficult to open and close at present so horse riders are asked to be patient. Please don't shake the gate open, rather dismount to open and then remount. There is a big rock just inside the picnic site fence line as well as tree stumps on the Chrysalis side which can be used as mounting blocks.</p>	GC/MM

6	<p>Soccer Party</p> <p>The grooms' soccer party was held in November and proved to be a great success. Thank you to everyone who assisted on the day. Members assisted with manning the braais in the sweltering heat, cutting fruit and serving cold drinks at half time, taking photographs and collecting the inevitable extras that were needed on the day such as ice. The grooms appreciated everyone's efforts and the committee will repeat the event at the end of the current year.</p> <p>Any sponsored items for the gift bags will be appreciated as it is intended to maintain the tight budget again this year whilst still spoiling the people who assist with the care of our horses. Horse owners and riders are also welcome to join the event on the day and cheer the soccer teams on or help with the refreshments. If there is sufficient interest it may be possible to have a team of horse riders compete in the soccer.</p>	KdP
7	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>The upcoming first aid course was fully booked in record time. A second course is scheduled for next month as is also fully booked. Thank you to Catherine Moore and Cape Vet for their assistance with arranging these courses and to all of you who have supported them. Due to the demand, additional courses will be arranged when possible. First Aid kits will be available for sale on the day and the profits from the courses is being donated to charity.</p> <p>A fun event is planned for 15 March with the full details to follow soon. The event is going to be a Parelli play day to be hosted at Karena du Plessis' stables at Chrysalis Academy. This is a wonderful opportunity to try something new and fun with your horse.</p> <p>The committee hopes to host a dressage ride and go, practise jumping and some additional fun events during the course of the year. If there are specific events that members would like the committee to investigate hosting, please email your suggestions to info@tdra.co.za</p>	
8	<p>AGM & Membership</p> <p>The financial year runs to the end of February annually and the AGM is provisionally planned for 7 May subject to venue availability.</p> <p>Members are reminded to renew your membership and send proof of payment and your updated activity permit details to info@tdra.co.za Members voted to increase the annual membership fee to R300 pp at the previous AGM.</p>	
9	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>16 March 2020</p>	

The meeting ended at approx 20:15
Certified a true record of the proceedings.

Chairperson

Date