

TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held via Zoom on 21 May 2020 at 18:00

Committee Members present in person	Karena du Plessis (KdP)	Chairperson
	Marianne Berry (MB)	Treasurer
Hayley Moir (HM)	Maryse Pennington Collins (MC)	
	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 continue to follow up regularly.	KdP
4	Track Maintenance SANParks has advised that approval was given to them yesterday for essential maintenance to be done in the park subject to a permit being granted for each project. A substantial amount of maintenance is needed especially in Upper Tokai in order to preserve the tracks from water damage through winter thereby avoiding a significant expense going forward should it become necessary to reinstate the tracks. There is also a need to undertake more alien clearing in both Upper and Middle Tokai as well as the completion of the picnic site gate installation which had started prior to the lockdown. An essential services permit has been requested by TDRA to allow for a team to clear the water bars in Upper Tokai and to complete the electric fence installation above the new gate at the back of the picnic site. Should this be approved the work will be undertaken as a matter of urgency and a further permit for the alien clearing will be requested. Should it be possible, an alien clearing day will be planned so that members can assist with the project. 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 needs to be done if possible in a short amount of time. ZAPO has generously agreed to trim back the low-hanging branches of the trees on the road-side of the verge down Zwaanswyk Road to assist riders.	GC
5	AGM & Membership 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. The TDRA relies on the support of the horse riding community to facilitate the various maintenance projects that are undertaken and to cover the monthly expenses incurred to maintain access to the picnic site transit route and Chrysalis Academy. These expenses continue through the lockdown and the committee urges anybody who is able to please to renew your membership.	

	<p>The AGM was planned for early in May but due to the current lockdown which is expected to continue in varying formats for the foreseeable future, the committee has sadly had to make the difficult decision to cancel the AGM this year and will circulate the Chairperson's address and financial information electronically. We look forward to seeing everyone next year and wish to thank you for your support through the last year.</p> <p>As a result of the current situation, all current committee members have agreed to remain on the committee.</p>	
6	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>The cancellation of the AGM has saved some funds which will be reallocated to the track maintenance that is needed. The full financial report will be included with the Chairperson's address.</p>	MB
7	<p>Lockdown</p> <p>The committee would like to extend their appreciation to horse riders for their co-operation and patience with the current lockdown restrictions. These are very challenging times and it is fantastic to see horse riders wearing masks while exercising their horses on the road in the designated exercise period.</p> <p>The Tokai Pony Club is currently trying to obtain clarity in respect of re-opening the arenas so that horse riders can use the arenas to exercise their horses. Access would be via the roads only and as soon as there is clarity the Tokai Pony Club will communicate such. It is expected that a decision will be announced in this regard before the beginning of June as permission was declined at level 4 with an undertaking to review at level 3.</p>	
8	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>TBC</p>	

The meeting ended at approx 18:40
Certified a true record of the proceedings.

Chairperson

Date