

## TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held at Forestry Stables on 7 October at 17:30

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
<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 deadline for EMP feedback was 14 January 2019 but to date no comments have been received. TMEF representatives continue to follow up regularly and have been advised by the new SANParks manager that the EMP is on the agenda for review.	<b>KdP</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Track Maintenance</b> The committee is please to confirm that some much-needed track maintenance and restoration projects have been completed. The tracks parallel to, and across the river at the Forestry Stables have been repaired after significant water damage was sustained by the tracks. Water bars have been added to the track running parallel to the river in an effort to reduce the damage going forward. The water bars will need to be maintained constantly to be effective.  Track two in Middle Tokai has also been restored following severe water damage and the stones have been raked off the track to improve the going. The source of the water damage was a damaged and blocked drain which has been repaired and unblocked as part of the work done.  The Upper Tokai Road track, known as the Chumani Track in memory of Chumani Ningiza, and the track past the Bosdorp have been re-opened following work done by SANParks. The tracks are in need of final finishes which SANParks and the contractor have undertaken the responsibility to do. This includes installing water bars on the Chumani track and removing the debris and levelling the uneven sections of the Bosdorp track. There is a person who seems to be making a home in the bushes alongside the Bosdorp track and SANParks has been alerted to this.  The next priority in respect of track maintenance is to rake the track that runs behind the arboretum and the main "gallop track" past the new SANParks offices in Upper Tokai as these tracks have become extremely stony. The drains alongside the tracks have also been blocked once again and will be cleared. Funds have been allocated to cover two people working on these tracks for five days. Thereafter it will be re-evaluated as it is expected that additional funds may be needed to complete the required work.  The picnic site fence over the new gate that was installed for horse riders is scheduled to be adjusted on 13 October 2020. This will result in the electric fence being secured to the	<b>GC</b>

	<p>gate so that it opens when the gate is opened, making the gate far safer and more user friendly so that horse riders don't need to dismount. This is being done in anticipation of the re-opening of the Picnic Site and access to it through this transit route going forward.</p> <p>There are many more tracks that require attention and horse riders are encouraged to alert the TDRA to those which you feel are most pressing so that work can be prioritised based on the feedback received. Unfortunately, it is not possible to do the required work on all of the tracks so the focus will be on those that are most used by the majority of horse riders in the area. Maintenance of the tracks is an ongoing requirement.</p>	
5	<p><b>Alien Clearing</b></p> <p>ZAPO has held a number of successful alien clearing days and the work done by the volunteers has greatly improved visibility for horse riders alongside the so-called Sahibi block in Upper Tokai. The committee is very grateful to ZAPO for their efforts in the area and positive feedback has been received from horse riders and shared with ZAPO.</p>	
6	<p><b>Annual Grooms Soccer Party</b></p> <p>It is hoped that the TDRA will be able to organise a braai and soccer day for the grooms in the area as the event was enjoyed by all who attended last year. In order to make the day as special as possible, gift bags will be provided and donations towards these are always appreciated towards these. Volunteers will be needed to attend to the braais and food preparation. Yard owners are welcome to join in the fun and cheer their teams on or pop past to offer some encouragement.</p> <p>This event is planned for the beginning of December with 4 and 11 December being considered.</p>	KdP/MB
7	<p><b>Security Walk</b></p> <p>Parkscape is organising a security awareness walk in the Lower Tokai Park on Saturday 17 October at 10a.m. Horse riders are invited to join the walk on horseback should anybody wish to.</p>	
8	<p><b>Forestry Stables</b></p> <p>The Forestry stables lease is currently open for renewal and is subject to a tender process.</p>	
9	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>TBC</p>	

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

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Chairperson

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Date