

TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held online on 24 February 2021 at 18:00

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

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 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 with a new deadline having been set for feedback. The new deadline is 28 February 2021. Post Meeting Update: SANParks has provided feedback in respect of the EMP. They have requested an on-site meeting to discuss the proposed new tracks which committee members from the TDRA and the TMEF will participate in.	KdP GC
4	Track Maintenance Thank you to a very generous donor for making the alien clearing in Middle Tokai in the block closest to the stone Church possible. This was a mammoth project and has greatly improved visibility in the area. The alien clearing team will return to remove any saplings that may spring up following the initial clearing in an effort to prevent the area becoming overrun with alien plants again. SANParks has started repairs to the badly eroded area along the river in Lower Tokai Park. The drain alongside the red clay path has been cleared in an effort to reduce further erosion in winter and the laterite cycling and walking track has been repaired. SANParks plans to reinstate the ground by pulling the washed away sand back as no foreign material may be brought in for this purpose. The committee is very grateful to SANParks for attending to this. A lot of alien clearing has been ongoing in Upper Tokai which is greatly improving visibility in the area. Unfortunately some of the drains have been blocked and the water bars damaged as a result. A team will be organised to reinstate the water bars and clear the drains in preparation for winter. This will need to be started immediately but every effort will be made to start in the areas that the alien clearing team is finished working in.	GC
5	Fundraising Some fantastic prizes are up for grabs via a raffle. The draw will be done at the AGM. Full details of the raffle will be released closer to the time.	LdB
6	AGM Due to the ongoing Covid 19 restrictions and uncertainties, it has been decided that the AGM will be hosted electronically this year. The committee would welcome any questions or feedback either in advance so that these can be addressed at the AGM or via the	

	<p>comments feed during the AGM. The committee will attend to as many of these as possible during the AGM failing which these will be addressed thereafter due to the time constraints when hosting a meeting using Zoom.</p> <p>The provisional date for the AGM is 22 April 2021.</p> <p>The committee hopes to be in a position to have an informal outdoor event later in the year should things normalise somewhat.</p>	
7	<p>Safety and Security</p> <p>The committee wishes to extend its sincere condolences to the family who recently lost their mom to a tragic accident while she was out horse riding.</p> <p>Following a spate of potentially serious accidents that culminated in the very sad accident late in February, the committee wishes to encourage horse riders to be careful when on their horses. Accidents do happen so please ensure that you are wearing a well-fitted riding hat and whenever possible ride with company. Some additional tips are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide your riding companions with an emergency contact number that they can call should you be injured. 2. Put a sticker on the back of your phone with an emergency contact number. 3. Ensure that you let somebody know that you are going out for a hack and ideally provide an estimate of how long you expect to be. 4. Consider installing an app such as Namola on your phone. <p>There has been an uptick in crime and Tokai has not been spared from this with a few muggings recently in the Lower Park. Premier has responded fast and there is a mobile camera system now in the area. SANParks and various stakeholders are working together to try to increase visibility of security in this area.</p> <p>Horse riders are asked to please report any suspicious activity or temporary structures that you may see. The emergency contact numbers to use to report such activities or request assistance:</p> <p>021 701 9955 Premier Security 086 110 6417 Table Mountain National Park Emergency Number</p>	
8	<p>Finance Update</p> <p>Membership is currently due for renewal, thank you to those members who have already renewed for the new year. Membership remains R300 per person per year. Due to some membership fees already being received and the saving due to hosting the AGM virtually, the financial position of the TDRA is currently healthy. It is anticipated that a substantial amount of the available funding will be used on tracks in preparation for winter.</p>	
9	<p>POPIA Legislation</p> <p>New legislation is expected to come into effect in July 2021. The TDRA is required to comply with this legislation in respect of protecting members' personal information. The committee is confident that all required measures are in place with all data being housed on a secure server. Any additional measures that may be required will be complied with.</p>	
	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>TBC</p>	

The meeting ended at 18:40

Certified a true record of the proceedings.

Chairperson

Date