

TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held online on 3 June 2021 at 18:00

Committee Members present in person:

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| Caroline Brown (CB) | Chairperson |
| Grant Chapman (GC) | Vice Chairperson |
| Michelle Matthews (MM) | Secretary |
| Philippa Rattue (PR) | Treasurer |
| Ros Chapman (RC) | |
| Sarah Hetherington (SH) | |
| Eliana Scheibe (ES) | |

| Agenda Item | Minute | Action |
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| 1 | Welcome Caroline welcomed all present, declared the meeting open. | CB |
| 2 | EMP Update It is envisaged that the EMP will be finalised by the end of 2021 as the process has been ongoing since 2018. SANParks has requested site visits at each of the areas that are included in the EMP document so that all proposed tracks can be viewed and discussed with the various area managers. As Tokai represents the largest area that is covered in the EMP, it has been suggested that Tokai host the first of the site visits. Site visits are currently being scheduled throughout July and it is hoped that the Tokai visit can be scheduled for the second half of June. Each of the affected areas has been asked to nominate a horse rider/s to attend the site visits in their area. The TDRA has been asked to name such representatives for the Tokai area, Caroline Brown, Grant Chapman and Eliana Scheibe have agreed to attend the meetings on behalf of the TDRA. All maps are accessible online at www.tmef.co.za should anybody wish to view them. They were also available for comment and input at a TDRA AGM prior to the submission to SANParks. | SH |
| 3 | Track Maintenance Emergency repairs and maintenance were undertaken along the Zwaanswyk fenceline following the heavy rains at the onset of winter. The TDRA has got a team who are now trained and understand the work that is needed. They will tackle the installation of water bars along the Chumani track along Upper Tokai Road past the SANParks picnic site in an effort to reduce the erosion of that track. Central track and the track behind the arboretum that provides an alternate route alongside central track have become quite rutted and will also be attended to shortly. Horse riders are once again asked to please report any damaged tracks that the committee might not be aware of so that these can be attended to. | GC |
| 4 | Gates and Cameras One of the biggest challenges currently is the repeated vandalism of the Chrysalis gate. This is costly to repair and creates frustration when trying to open the gate if it has been damaged. The committee is trying to identify a solution to improve the situation and would welcome any constructive suggestions. | |

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| | <p>There has been a request by Parkscape to install a security camera at the Pony Club Arena which the Arenas' committee has approved, subject to funding being obtained. The camera and pole is expensive to install but the TDRA is considering whether it may be possible to fund a portion of this and install a similar camera that would monitor the area around the Chrysalis gate as this could improve security in the area for all horse riders. The cameras would then be monitored by a security company. The installation cost is quite high at almost R10 000 but the committee will continue to explore all options.</p> | CB |
| 5 | <p>Events</p> <p>A date is being investigated for the TDRA to host a practice jumping show. The date and venue are still to be finalised but keep an eye on the TDRA Facebook page for updates.</p> | ES |
| 6 | <p>Management Framework Review</p> <p>There is currently a review of the existing management framework for the Tokai/Cecilia area. The initial meeting was attended by CB and SH with various other committee members participating online. This meeting was primarily to outline the process that will be followed.</p> <p>All interested parties are invited to submit comments before 25 June 2021. The TDRA will submit comments but the committee also wishes to encourage horse riders to submit comments in their personal capacity as there are some very vocal user groups that will form part of the review process and it is critical that horse riders make a valuable contribution to the review process.</p> <p>The committee will circulate some potential considerations to assist members with drafting their comments. The list will not be exhaustive and is in no way prescriptive. Included will be the relevant contact details so that members can make their own submissions.</p> | MM |
| | <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>TBC</p> | |

The meeting ended at 19:20
Certified a true record of the proceedings.

Chairperson

Date