

TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held online on 12 August 2021 at 18:00

Committee Members present:

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
1	Welcome Caroline welcomed all present, declared the meeting open.	CB
2	EMP Update The most recent Covid-related lockdown has resulted in delays with the site visits that SANParks requested as part of the EMP process. Caroline Brown, Grant Chapman and Eliana Scheibe have agreed to attend the meetings on behalf of the TDRA and will propose a few dates that are convenient for them to attend the site visits. The representatives of the Hout Bay horse riders are going to do the same and thereafter visits will be co-ordinated in other affected areas. 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 There is continuous maintenance needed through the Tokai Park and the TDRA continues to tackle the areas that are reported to the committee with high use areas or severely damaged areas taking priority. The berms in Upper Tokai need to be cleared again as we try to reduce the erosion to the tracks that are frequently used by horse riders. The track at the top of the Zwaanswyk fence-line has also received some much-needed maintenance which was made possible by a generous donor. The Chumane track opposite the SANParks picnic site has had exposed roots cleared as well as all the exposed stakes with additional water-bars put in to prevent its erosion. The bottom	GC

	<p>of the track was also modified by the TDRA to prevent the sand washing out into the Swaanswyk Road intersection and all the sand removed off the road to prevent the drains getting blocked.</p> <p>The tree that had fallen down below the Chrysalis Academy field has been chopped up and some parts of it will be used to build some new jumps. There were also several low-lying branches on the remaining trees and receiving advice from tree experts that wind needs to be able to pass under a tree's branches to prevent these other trees from also falling over, these branches were also trimmed back.</p> <p>Horse riders are again asked to please report any damaged tracks that the committee might not be aware of so that these can be attended to.</p>	
4	<p>Gates and Cameras</p> <p>It is hoped that in partnership with the PC arena committee, the TDRA will be able to raise funds which could contribute towards the cost of installing a security camera at the Pony Club Arena by hosting a show and other fundraising events.</p> <p>The Drifter gate to Chrysalis has been repaired again with the gatepost secured with a stronger foundation to ensure that it remains properly aligned.</p> <p>It is also intended that an additional camera be put up to monitor this gate and (hopefully) the picnic site gate. This should assist with preventing vandalism as well as improving security for horse riders as they pass through this narrow and high traffic route. A generous donation has kindly been made towards this camera by one of the committee members so once sufficient funding is raised to allow for the camera at the Pony Club Arena, it is hoped that the two cameras can be installed. The committee expressed appreciation to the donor on behalf of the TDRA for their support of this initiative.</p>	CB
5	<p>Tracks</p> <p>Following reports from riders that contractors were raising and tarring the track through the Keyser River greenbelt, the TDRA corresponded with the responsible persons at the City of Cape Town. The tarring of this surface will facilitate bicycles and e-bikes travelling at high speeds, which represents a real danger for riders and other vulnerable pedestrians. The step down from the tar to the ground will cause run off and a hazard for horses.</p> <p>Following a meeting held at the greenbelt with the City and other interested parties, the TDRA proposed some mitigating measures, including signage and a sloped verge to allow horses to be able to safely step off the tar to avoid collisions. The CoCT agreed to all the TDRA's recommendations. It will now remain to ensure that the CoCT implements them as agreed without undue delay.</p>	

	To assist the programme of signage, GC has procured 2 signs for this track. CB agreed to work on a possible design and SH said that she would have the signs made up.	CB SH
6	<p>Events</p> <p>Sadly the committee has had to make the decision to postpone the much anticipated show at the Pony Club Arena. This decision was not taken lightly but the committee feels that it is in the best interest of all competitors that this be postponed until after the peak of the current third wave of Covid infections. The Pony Club Arena committee has been provided with the proposed new date which is December 4th. The TDRA Committee awaits their agreement to the date.</p> <p>Keep an eye on the TDRA's Facebook page for more details.</p>	ES CB
7	<p>Management Framework Review</p> <p>The Tokai/Cecilia management framework review is underway. The TDRA, Tokai Pony Club and the TMEF made submissions, as well as many horse riders who submitted submissions in their personal capacities (for which the committee is very grateful). These submissions will be made public as part of the review process. The submission made by the TDRA will also be made available on the TDRA website.</p> <p>SANParks will be facilitating focus groups to consult on the priorities for each interested party. Horse riding has been classified in the Management Framework Review as a recreation activity. One week has been allocated for the focus groups on recreational activities.</p>	CB
	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>TBC</p>	

The meeting ended at 19:30
Certified a true record of the proceedings.

Chairperson

Date