

TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held online on 11 October 2021 at 18:00

Committee Members present

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

Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Secretary
Treasurer

Agenda Item	Minute	Action
1	Welcome Caroline welcomed all present, declared the meeting open.	CB
2	EMP Update Site meetings have been held in Tokai and Hout Bay with area representatives of SANParks and horse riders attending these to discuss their area maps. Similar meetings are planned for Noordhoek at the end of October. The Tokai maps are currently being updated as some of the proposed trails are no longer accessible and some changes have been necessitated following the site meeting. Motivations for the various proposed trails are being compiled by the horse riders' representatives for Tokai and Hout Bay and it is hoped that these will be complete and submitted to SANParks later this month. All maps are accessible online at www.tmf.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, CB, GC, ES
3	Track Maintenance & Updates 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 eroded section of the Zwaanswyk fenceline as well as the picnic site transit route are key focus areas. Unfortunately the fenceline will require heavy machinery to repair effectively. The committee continues to keep an eye out for any machinery working in the area as the transport to and from the site is prohibitively expensive so it is only possible to arrange when a machine is in the area for another job. A substantial number of maintenance projects have been successfully completed this year including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clearing the fallen tree and low hanging branches at the jumps below the Chrysalis soccer field.• Clearing the weir crossing.• Repeatedly clearing the drains in Upper Tokai and re-instating water bars.• Alien clearing to make lost tracks accessible in Upper Tokai.• Cutting the grass along the picnic site transit route and around the jumps on the field below the Chrysalis soccer field.• Building new jumps on the field below the Chrysalis soccer field.• Multiple track restorations in Upper Tokai.• Repairing the various gates repeatedly.• Repairing the Chumane Track after the installation of electrical cabling for the new SANParks offices, followed by storm damage, installing water bars and clearing	GC

	<p>the substantial amount of sand that had washed onto the road at the Tokai/ Zwaanswyk roads intersection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearing the road past the new SANParks office and using sandbags to prevent a river forming there again. • Repairing the severely damaged track in Lower Tokai Park and clearing the river bed to try to prevent repeated flooding and further damage. <p>The committee is aware that the ongoing maintenance requirements in Tokai are substantial and wishes to encourage members to report problems so that these can be added to the “to do” list. Sponsorship for select projects that anybody is able to offer is greatly appreciated and the committee wishes to once again thank everyone for their assistance with various projects.</p> <p>All work undertaken in Tokai Park requires the approval of SANParks which may lead to delays, however it is important that members not undertake repairs without the correct permissions from SANParks, so please contact the committee and we can assist to ensure that the correct procedures are followed.</p>	
4	<p>Annual Soccer Party</p> <p>It is hoped that the highly anticipated annual soccer party and braai will be able to go ahead this year. A communication will be sent on the relevant WhatsApp group to try to determine whether there is interest in such an event this year. In-line with the gazetted regulations, it is anticipated that either a negative Covid test or proof of vaccination will be mandatory for attendance.</p>	CB
5	<p>Show</p> <p>The Tokai Pony Club Arena committee is undertaking a project to paint the jump poles which will brighten up the arena and create some exciting new jumps for horse riders to enjoy.</p> <p>The practice show is planned for the weekend of 4 and 5 December so please keep an eye out for posters with the classes that will be available. Spectators are permitted to attend sporting events now subject to compliance with specific Covid restrictions so please do pop past and cheer on your favourite riders and horses if you aren't participating on the day.</p>	ES, RC
6	<p>Management Framework Review</p> <p>Horse riding has been classified as a recreational activity for purposes of this review. Small task teams have been created with representatives of all users falling into the same category assigned to these task teams. Caroline Brown has attended the initial meetings and will participate in the task team on behalf of the TDRA. The task team is scheduled to meet again on Thursday 21 October.</p> <p>It is hoped that the EMP will be finalised soon so that document can be used as the backbone for the participation in this project.</p>	CB
	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>TBC</p>	

The meeting ended at 19:22

Certified a true record of the proceedings.

Chairperson

Date