

## TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held at 9 Debaren Close and online on 27 January 2022 at 18:30

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
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Caroline welcomed all present, declared the meeting open.	<b>CB</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>EMP Update</b> Updated maps with supporting justifications were submitted to SANParks late last year, as requested, following site visits in Tokai and Hout Bay.  A site visit and input from horse riders is outstanding for the Noordhoek area.  The code of conduct that forms part of the EMP will be revised to distinguish between enforceable rules and courtesy guidelines, as requested by SANParks.  All maps are accessible online at <a href="http://www.tmf.co.za">www.tmf.co.za</a> should anybody wish to view them. They were also available for comment and input at a TDRA AGM prior to their submission to SANParks.	<b>SH</b>     <b>MM</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Track Maintenance, Access Gates &amp; Updates</b> It has been agreed that for the year ahead the work crew that is usually used for track maintenance will work one Saturday every month to attend to overgrown tracks, erosion, water damage, maintenance in the form of raking tracks to reduce stones and so forth. This is going to be a sizeable expense for the TDRA however it is important to ensure that all tracks remain suitable for access by horse riders.  The work will be undertaken on either the second or third Saturday each month (weather permitting). Grant will direct the crew and any volunteers or assistance will be greatly appreciated. Members are encouraged to keep the committee informed of tracks that require attention so that we can add them to the list.  Members are experiencing ongoing challenges with opening the Zwaanswyk Close gate. This gate is not under the management	<b>GC</b>

	<p>of TDRA but Grant (obo the TDRA) is engaging with ZAPO in this regard.</p> <p>Access control at this point is a security requirement in the area that benefits all of us, however the gate needs to be reliable for access by horse riders. It has been suggested that the signal booster be checked as that might have been damaged. The gate worked well when the dial-in access system was initially installed. Frustration with the gate has resulted in calls to return to remotes, however these pose a risk if they are lost or stolen. Whilst a solution can hopefully be found by isolating the problem and repairing/resolving it, it may be that an upgrade or different access control system is required. The committee confirmed the mandate to Grant to offer whatever assistance is needed to ZAPO, including sponsoring equipment or installation of a new system (such as the one installed at the Drifter gate) if that is what it takes.</p> <p>The SANParks Picnic Site gate that the TDRA initially installed has just been repaired by the TDRA again after being vandalised as witnessed by a rider recently. The electric fence on this stretch was also repaired by the TDRA after being badly damaged, possibly by baboons, as it hasn't been electrified for some time now. If anyone witnesses a person vandalising this gate going forward please report it to the TDRA and try and obtain the offender's details if possible.</p> <p>A call has been lodged with the City of Cape Town to trim the trees at the bottom of Zwaanswyk Road in order to make it safer for horses should there be problems with the gate. Horse riders also have access to the gate close to Bentgrass and the Zwaanswyk swing gate as an alternative access route should that be needed.</p>	
4	<p><b>Annual Soccer Party</b></p> <p>Unfortunately, this event had to be cancelled as a result of Covid. As this is a highlight of the calendar the committee is hoping to host the event this year and it is provisionally planned for 2 December 2022.</p> <p>In order to try to make the event and the hampers as special as possible whilst keeping it budget friendly, the committee is going to reach out for sponsors and donations early in the year. We will therefore restrict the event to 60 people which should allow all those who have attended previously to enjoy the day again. We will need volunteers to assist with braais and refreshments on the day please.</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who supported the hampers last year and to those who so generously donated items to make them extra special: African Extracts, Messaris, Arco 360 and the Scheibe Family.</p>	MM

<b>5</b>	<p><b>Show</b></p> <p>Sadly the much anticipated show had to be postponed due to Covid late last year. The committee is pleased to confirm that the Tokai Pony Club Arena is planning to host a show on 6 March 2022.</p> <p>It is proposed that a show also be held later in the year with the provisional date being over the weekend of 19/20 November 2022 but this will be confirmed closer to the time.</p>	<b>ES/RC</b>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Management Framework Review</b></p> <p>At this stage of the process, the maps and trails proposed by the TDRA have been submitted to SANParks with the facilities and health &amp; well-being workstreams. SANParks are scheduled to provide feedback by the end of February 2022. This process is ongoing with further consultations and meetings expected this year. The TDRA wishes to thank all participants in the process for their constructive engagement and support for horse riding to date.</p>	<b>CB</b>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>AGM</b></p> <p>This is provisionally planned for 10 May 2022 and is likely to be an online event as that seems to be convenient for most people.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>The Year Ahead</b></p> <p>The committee would like to focus on riding and arranging riding events. There are many new horse riders in the area which is wonderful for the riding community and it would be great to arrange monthly events that allow horse riders to meet, explore different areas of the park and hopefully form new social connections. To give focus to this, Caroline proposed adding 2 additional members to the Committee – one to hold a portfolio of “riding events co-ordinator”, and one “social media co-ordinator” (to share details of forthcoming events and photos / posts after the event). If agreed, these portfolios and nominations for them can be proposed at the AGM.</p> <p>Some of the proposed events are a full moon sunset ride (subject to SANParks approval), chaperoned hacks in different parts of Tokai Park, fun shows and events as well as clinics with instructors/judges/vets etc. Please keep an eye on the TDRA Facebook page for updates on these. The committee looks forward to seeing everyone out enjoying Tokai Park with their steeds.</p> <p>A raffle is also planned with the draw to coincide with the AGM.</p>	<b>CB</b>
	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>TBC</p>	

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Chairperson

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