

## TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held online on 10 January 2023 at 17:30

Committee Members present

Caroline Brown (CB)  
Grant Chapman (GC)  
Michelle Matthews (MM)  
Ros Chapman (RC)  
Sarah Hetherington (SH)

Chairperson  
Vice Chairperson  
Secretary

Apologies:

Philippa Rattue (PR)  
Eliana Scheibe (ES)

Treasurer

Agenda Item	Minute	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Caroline welcomed everyone, declared a quorum was present and that the meeting was open.	<b>CB</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>EMP Update</b> The EMP document was updated late in 2022 to incorporate various changes and international research that had been requested by SANParks. Specific updates were also requested to the Hout Bay and Noordhoek maps by Emma MacArther and Zeke Murphy. The changes to the maps will attract additional charges which Emma and Zeke have offered to sponsor, as, to date, the TDRA has sponsored the work on the maps required for the EMP in recognition of the importance of this document to horse riding in the TMNP.  The updated EMP document has been submitted to SANParks. Once their feedback has been received and any stipulated changes agreed and the document updated accordingly, the public participation process can commence. This will include consultation with various interest groups (as determined by SANParks) as well as advertising the document and requesting input from the public over a 30-day period.  The EMP document, together with the various maps, is accessible online at <a href="http://www.tmf.co.za">www.tmf.co.za</a> should anybody wish to view it. The first draft was also made available for comment and input at a TDRA AGM prior to submission to SANParks.	<b>SH</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Soccer Party Feedback</b> The soccer party was the final event held by the TDRA in 2022. The committee were all present on the day to host the Tokai groomers and attend to the gift hampers, catering and anything else that needed to be done on the day. The committee extended special appreciation to Michelle for leading the mammoth task of organizing it.  The soccer round-robin went to the wire with a penalty shoot-out determining the final winning team. The feedback was	<b>MM</b>

	<p>largely positive and the committee is already looking forward to the event later in 2023 year which we hope will build on the success of the 2022 event and improve on anything that might have been done better.</p> <p>The committee wishes to thank everyone who supported the event and the guests of honour who were wonderful to host. The sense of comradeship and goodwill was inspirational. A special thank you must be expressed to the various generous donors and sponsors without whom the day wouldn't have been as special, the discounts, financial contributions and help building wonderful gift hampers are greatly appreciated and to Chrysalis Academy for allowing us to use their facilities. Thank you to Blue Cross Veterinary Hospital, Arco 360, Messaris Nuts and Crisps, African Extracts, San Giorgio's, Equi-Feeds and a number of anonymous donors.</p> <p>The income received from the soccer party totalled R27 930.00 including donations and expenses totalled R26 705.03. The surplus is currently R1,224.97 however the committee is aware of outstanding receipts which if submitted will total just over R1000 thereby utilising the surplus shown. If not claimed, these additional donations will have enabled the small surplus to be realised. This can be utilised toward another grooms' training course or something similar going forward.</p> <p>No sooner is this event behind us than it is time to start planning the next one as it is best to submit requests for donations in the first quarter of each year. If you have any contacts that might be able to assist in any way with making sure that every year becomes a new best ever, please contact <a href="mailto:info@tdra.co.za">info@tdra.co.za</a></p>	
4	<p><b>Year Ahead</b></p> <p><i>"MISSION STATEMENT</i></p> <p><i>The Association is a non-profit umbrella organisation that represents the broader riding community and related parties and interest groups in Tokai and the surrounding areas. The Association's main objectives are to;</i></p> <p><i>a). PRESERVE the tradition of horse riding in the Tokai area and surrounds, thereby supporting the longer term planning and preservation of its rural atmosphere.</i></p> <p><i>b). PROTECT the interests of any of the following that could be represented by the Association: (i) riders, owners and horses; (ii) horse related non-profit social intervention programmes; (iii) and the currently constituted Tokai Branch of the</i></p> <p><i>Pony Club (a non-profit organisation) or other such similar organisations and (iv) any other appropriate future sub committees, organisations and taskforces deemed requiring protection.</i></p> <p><i>c). PROVIDE community-based, multi-purpose equestrian facilities in Tokai.</i></p>	

	<p><i>d). PROMOTE recreational riding and all disciplines of equestrian sport.</i></p> <p><i>e). COMMUNICATE and negotiate with organisations relevant to any of the above."</i></p> <p>The committee felt that it was important not to lose focus on the mission of the TDRA. A lot of effort has been made over the last year to ensure that all of the objectives as stated in the mission statement are being met. This has been done through initiating the EMP back in 2018 and subsequently supporting the EMP process as this has unfolded; actively participating in the management framework review process; arranging various horse-riding activities in Tokai Park such as the Tokai Big Five game ride, full moon sunset ride and Easter Egg Hunt; undertaking regular maintenance to the tracks that horse-riders enjoy in Tokai Park; education campaigns in conjunction with other user groups and training courses for the grooms who are entrusted with the care of our horses.</p> <p>After reflecting on the TDRAs mission, the committee agreed that we are not a show holding body; there are other organizations that are much better placed and suited to running shows. The TDRA will therefore ensure its focus is on other non-competitive events to promote recreational riding.</p> <p>Members are encouraged to put forward suggestions for activities or events that you would like the committee to consider. It is envisaged that one event per quarter will be offered to continue to promote horse-riding, build a sense of community and benefit the broader community.</p> <p>Maintenance has been undertaken on a regular basis and will continue to be done on this basis as this is working well. Some of the priority items for the first quarter include the clearing of alien vegetation that is growing across track one in Middle Tokai and clearing blockages in the various waterways before winter in an effort to minimise the flooding that could result.</p> <p>Members are requested to please alert the committee to anything that you notice that requires maintenance or repairs.</p>	
	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>TBC</p>	

The meeting ended at 18:20  
Certified a true record of the proceedings.

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Chairperson

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Date