

## TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held at Rose Farm on 31 August 2023 at 18:00

Committee Members present

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

Chairperson  
Vice Chairperson  
Treasurer  
Secretary

Apologies:

Sarah Hetherington (SH)

Agenda Item	Minute	Action
1	<b>Welcome</b> Caroline welcomed all present, declared the meeting open.	CB
2	<b>EMP Update</b> The TMEF has invited comments and held meetings with numerous user groups and stakeholders as part of the public consultation phase.  The draft EMP document, together with the various maps, is accessible online at <a href="http://www.tmef.co.za">www.tmef.co.za</a> should anybody wish to view these.	CB
3	<b>Management Framework Review</b> This process is also ongoing with meetings being attended by representatives of the TDRA and TMEF. The second round of comments were submitted to the convenor for review.  No timeline for completion is currently available from SANParks.	CB
4	<b>Soccer Party</b> It is already time to start working on the annual soccer party and braai that is held to celebrate the amazing team of grooms who care for our horses. Chrysalis Academy is closing on 8 December 2023 and due to an internal staff event is not available on Friday 1 December 2023. Stable managers (who are the majority of the grooms' employers) will be asked to confirm whether holding the event on Thursday 7 December 2023 or Saturday 2 December 2023 will be most suitable so that the venue can be booked.  The committee has already reached out to numerous potential sponsors to request assistance to make this event as special as we possibly can whilst keeping it financially accessible to everyone. 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>	
5	<b>Financial Update</b> The bank account is currently looking healthy which is wonderful as it is anticipated that a few large ticket items will be attended to in the coming weeks. These include new signage for use in Tokai Park as well as installation of backup power for the picnic site gate. Backup power has already been installed for the Drifter (Chrysalis) gate and is working very well through load shedding periods. Should the EMP be approved there is likely to be some increased expenses relating to trails and tracks.	PR

6	<p><b>Track Maintenance</b></p> <p>There is ongoing maintenance required throughout Tokai Park. This is complicated by water bars being filled with rocks and as these water bars are installed to prevent damage. This will be discussed with SANParks.</p> <p>The track closest to the Flandorps in Lower Tokai Park has suffered significant damage this winter as the river that runs there burst its banks and the ground water appears to have risen resulting in water runoff from other areas of Lower Tokai Park flowing to this area are well. This will need to be assessed more thoroughly once the area is dry.</p>	GC
7	<p><b>Planned Events</b></p> <p>Members are encouraged to keep an eye on Facebook, WhatsApp and their emails for details of future events. The Tokai Big 5 Fynbos Ride has received some stunning photo entries and prizes will be shared soon.</p> <p>A First Aid course specifically focussing on the types of injuries that are most likely to occur should one fall of a horse will be held. This will be open to all horse riders and the TDRA has been offered a discount for members attending the event. This is not a standard First Aid course but will have content that is intended to be of value for horse riders. We hope to see many of the Tokai horse riders at this event.</p> <p>A full day workshop is also planned to assist our grooms with some introductory financial skills. A second workshop is available to focus on more complex matters however, that will be considered after this workshop has been run. No details related to income will be included in the discussion but rather the focus will be on saving, budgeting and debt at this stage. These are skills that are invaluable for everyone so please do support this initiative as we aim to support those who take such incredible care of our horses.</p> <p>Spaces at these courses will be limited once the minimum slots are filled and additional dates will be considered if there is sufficient demand.</p>	ES
8	<p><b>Membership</b></p> <p>The TDRA has kept membership at R300 and would like to continue to keep the annual membership affordable for everyone. However, to do this, it is important that all the riders who benefit from the use the of tracks and gates contribute to the maintenance via their annual membership fee.</p> <p>There are numerous riders in the area who are not TDRA members and who ride with friends who open the gates for them.</p> <p>As the yards offer the benefit of riding in the Park to their liveries, the committee considered approaching the yard owners and requesting they make membership of the TDRA a condition in their livery contracts.</p> <p>A request to this effect will be drafted and sent to stable managers for their consideration.</p>	ES & CB
	<p><b>Next Meeting</b> TBC</p>	

The meeting ended at 20:30

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Chairperson

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Date