

TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held at Jakes on 13 February 2025 at 18:00

Committee Members present: Caroline Brown (CB) Chairperson, Grant Chapman (GC) Vice Chairperson, Philippa Rattue (PR) Treasurer, Sarah Hetherington (SH), Laura Slingsby (LS), Karin McNally (KM) Gisela Marnewecke (GM).
Apologies: Eliana Scheibe (ES), Ros Chapman (RC)

Highlights:

- Thanks to all who have paid their membership for 2025. Those who haven't yet have until 1 March to take advantage of the special Early Bird discount of R300.
- The maintenance team continues to clear trails in the upper park. Members are encouraged to ride all the trails and to report any issues that need attention to the Committee for action.
- A suggested date for the AGM is 15 May 2025. Anyone with suggestions or contacts for prizes for the annual fund-raising raffle are welcome to contact the committee.

Agenda Item	Minute	Action
1	Welcome Caroline welcomed all present, declared the meeting open.	CB
2	Treasurer's report Philippa reported that many members had already paid their subs for 2025, taking advantage of the Early Bird special, and that it was very positive to see that yard owners were opting to pay on behalf of their livery clients, and then recoup from their monthly accounts. It was suggested that other yard owners be encouraged to follow suit. The accounts for the highly successful grooms' soccer day have been tallied and costs were covered. TDRA spent R2692 on several extra T-shirts, which are in stock, paid for the attendance of the trail maintenance workers and covered the cost of the TDRA's logo on the golf shirts. The bank balance is positive, with membership payments due to flow in. Sarah has agreed to take over the treasurer's role and will liaise with PR around handover. Caroline and the committee thanked Philippa for her great job with the finances.	PR
3	Trail maintenance Grant and his team are doing super work in keeping trails open in the upper park. Karin thanked the team at the meeting for their work in clearing aliens around the bank above the Arboretum. Members are encouraged to ride all the trails and to report any issues that need attention to the Committee for action. Gisela reported that the bridge across the river at the bottom of the lower park which gives access to Sweet Valley is very slippery. Sarah undertook to contact the Cllr to see whether the City Parks and Rec can assist with sorting it out. Work is continuing with the SANParks planning team to finalise the missing link in the trail below the picnic site. Riders should be aware of major pipe replacement project on the trail between Chrysalis and Orpen Road (likely in March) and use alternative routes through the Middle Park.	GC
4	AGM and annual fundraising raffle A suggested date for the AGM is Thursday 15 May 2025 (TBC). The annual fundraising raffle is an important way to fund track-clearing maintenance and improvements, particularly in respect of the new riding area below Chrysalis. All TDRA members will be invited to give their input into the plan for the new riding area, so that it can be developed over time to best meet the needs of riders. More details will be shared in the run-up to the AGM. Members are asked to get into touch with committee members or email info@tdra.co.za if they have any contacts for prizes (not necessarily horse-related).	CB
5	Signage Development and increased traffic are causing ongoing problems for riders, especially in Zwaanswyk Close. The TDRA continues to work with property owners, contractors – and	

	even estate agents with flags – to ensure greater awareness of horses. This includes placing several new signs in Zwaanswyk and also in Sweet Valley to warn drivers that they are in an equestrian area and to give way to horses. Quotes will be obtained to find the most durable and cost-effective signage.	SH
8	Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on a date TBC to plan the AGM and organise the raffle. Until then the Committee wishes members happy riding.	

The meeting ended at 20:00

Certified a true record of the proceedings.

Chairperson

Date