

## TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held at 3 Charnwood Avenue on 23 September 2025 at 18:30

Committee Members present: Caroline Brown (CB) Chairperson, Grant Chapman (GC) Vice Chairperson, Philippa Rattue (PR) outgoing Treasurer, Sarah Hetherington (SH) new Treasurer, Ros Chapman and Eliana Schiebe. Apologies Karin McNally and Gisela Marnewecke.

### Highlights:

- A very special thanks to Philippa Rattue for her service on the committee and role as Treasurer, and to Sarah Hetherington for taking over as Treasurer.
- A huge thanks to Grant Chapman and maintenance team who work to maintain the trails almost every weekend. Members are encouraged to ride all the trails and to report any issues that need attention to the Committee for action.
- The annual Grooms' Soccer Braai will be held at Chrysalis on Thursday 4 December. Members are asked to book promptly, pay and supply their grooms' full names and tee-shirt sizes to [info@tdra.co.za](mailto:info@tdra.co.za)

Agenda Item	Minute	Action
1	<b>Welcome</b> Caroline welcomed all present, declared the meeting open.	CB
2	<b>Treasurer's report</b> Philippa reported that the bank account and files had been successfully transferred and that from the date of the meeting the new Treasurer would be in effect. The committee thanks Philippa for her tremendous contribution over the last few years and wished her very well with her move to Wellington.	PR
3	<b>Trail maintenance and future</b> Grant and his team are working almost every weekend repairing and clearing trails. Michelle Matthews and Zayn Kaptein also funded and completed a fabulous project to restore and clear a river crossing, in consultation with the TDRA. The committee is really appreciative. Caroline reported back on a crucial meeting with SANParks in which the long-term outlook for the trails in particularly the Upper Park going forward. Given their lack of funds, they are not committing to keeping the current jeep tracks open unless absolutely vital for emergency situations. This means that many of our current trails will over time become single-trail equestrian bridle paths – and that keeping them open will fall to the TDRA maintenance team. A negative is that this will require ongoing commitment from volunteers, like Grant Chapman, to plan, organise and supervise this work, and for the TDRA to have funds to do this. A positive is that there will be less competition from other user groups to use the bridle paths. All riders are requested to continue to report problems with trails to the committee. SANParks is also very grateful when riders report any suspicious activity to the committee as this information helps them keep the Park safe.	GC and CB
4	<b>Annual soccer braai</b> The date for this very popular event has been decided as 4 December 2025, at Chrysalis. The Committee is hoping to again provide the lamb spit braai which was give the thumbs up by the grooms last year. Everyone is requested to book, with their groom's details (name, t-shirt size, dietary requirements) as soon as possible to <a href="mailto:info@tdra.co.za">info@tdra.co.za</a> The cost has unfortunately had to rise to R400 to accommodate rising costs. If anyone has any contacts for items to donate for the goodie bags, please contact the Committee.	CB
8	<b>Next Meeting</b> The next formal committee meeting will be held on a date TBC early in the new year to report back on the Grooms' event and other matters. Until then the Committee wishes members happy riding and a safe festive season.	

The meeting ended at 21:00  
Certified a true record of the proceedings.

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Chairperson

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Date