

TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held at 29 Waterberg Crescent, Tokai on 01 September 2016 at 19:30

Committee Members present in person : Grant Chapman (GC) Vice-Chairperson
Carol Poole (CP)
Michelle Matthews (MM) Secretary
Emma Tiffin (ET)
Marianne Berry (MB) Treasurer

Apologies: Jess Fogarty (JF)
Karena du Plessis (KdP) Chairperson
Julie Myrtle (JM)

Agenda Item	Minute	Action
1	Welcome Grant welcomed all present, declared the meeting open.	
2	Approval of previous minutes and follow up items The previous minutes were tabled and approved.	
3	Events It was agreed that a multi discipline show will be organised at the Tokai Pony Club Arena instead of the proposed reliability trials due to the current felling in the area.	MB
4	Trails Update The Airlie-Neva bridge project on the Grootboschkloof greenbelt is complete. The upgraded bridge looks great and the committee wishes to say a big thank you to all involved in this project: TopFloor for their generous donation, Carol and Grant for their coordination efforts, and David, Welcome, Chumani and Thomas for all the hard labour it took to dismantle the old bridge and reassemble the railing. The large bridge in Lower Tokai Park will be evaluated after the felling has been completed. SANParks has sourced wooden planks for the bridge and TDRA will provide the labour to replace the existing planks. The Upper Tokai Road trail is ready for use and will be discussed with SANParks to try to arrange opening the trail early in light of the felling that is currently taking place and the challenges that this presents to horse riders in the area. Plants, roots and barbed wire have been removed from the Zwaanswyk fenceline trail and from the trail behind Forest Glade to make these trails more enjoyable for horse riders. A reminder that horse riders are only permitted to enter the lower part of Upper Tokai just above the "Bos Dorp" via the Zwaanswyk Close gate. No horse riding is currently permitted in the Upper Tokai area above the gate.	GC GC/MB

	The picnic site gates will urgently be upgraded by the addition of a Gatekeeper system linked to an electronic latch. Access to this area will then be available to TDRA members in possession of a valid activity permit. In light of the felling that has commenced behind Forest Glade, which is expected to progress through the rest of Middle and Lower Tokai Park, this upgrade will be started immediately and the access should be available in the next week. There is a wetland in the middle of the picnic site trails which may not be entered by horse riders.	
5	Proposed Early Access to Upper Tokai The TDRA's terms and conditions for early access to Upper Tokai has been drafted and will be submitted to SANParks for final signatures to be arranged along with the draft map of the area indicating which users may use which areas. Should this access become available there will be a significant insurance cost that will need to be partially recouped from horse riders who sign up for early access. The proposed recovery amount will be R200 per person with the TDRA funding the balance of the cost, but this is subject to the interest that riders have in the option of early access. An online survey is to be held to determine how many riders would be interested in early access, which will only be for weekends and restricted to certain trails that are safe.	KdP/ET
6	Equestrian Precinct Gavin Bell has advised that we can pursue the equestrian arenas development as a community project and is sourcing the appropriate person at SANParks for the TDRA to engage with about this project.	GC
10	Pony Club Arena It has been reported that the arenas became a bit boggy when there has been heavy rain, this has now been resolved and the footing should be improved going forward. The base of the forest side dressage arena and the eastern half of the jumping arena is a clayey substrate now to improve the going, and riders are reminded not to use those particular areas immediately after heavy rain in order to allow them to dry out for a couple of days before use. It is anticipated that access to the arenas during the planned felling in Lower Tokai Park will require riding in Dennendal Road as well as a short distance on Orpen Road. There will be no closure of the arenas, but riders are reminded to exercise caution when riding on the roads to and from the arenas.	
11	Next Meeting Scheduled for 13 October 2016 at 19h30 at Charnwood Road; Tokai.	

The meeting ended at approx 21:30

Certified a true record of the proceedings

Chairperson

Date