

TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held at Charnwood Road; Tokai on 18 February 2016 at 19:30

Committee Members present in person :	Karena du Plessis (KdP)	Chairperson
	Grant Chapman (GC)	Vice-Chairperson
	Michelle Matthews (MM)	Secretary
	Emma Tiffin (ET)	Treasurer
	Marianne Berry (MB)	
	Carol Poole (CP)	
	Julie Myrtle (JM)	
	Jess Fogarty (JF)	

Apologies: None

Agenda Item	Minute	Action
1	Welcome Karena welcomed all present, declared the meeting Open.	
2	Approval of previous minutes and follow up items The previous minutes were tabled and approved.	
3	SANParks Feedback Karena and Grant met with Gavin Bell and various other SANParks officials as well as their appointed botanist and some members of the Tokai Mountain Biking Forum to inspect the state of the tracks in Upper Tokai and discuss necessary remedial work prior to the anticipated re-opening of the park later this year. Further feedback on these meetings will be provided at the AGM by Gavin Bell.	KdP and GC
4	Activity Permits SANParks has been checking activity permits in Middle Tokai and in Lower Tokai Park. Unfortunately there have been horse riders who have not had their activity permits with them when they were requested to produce these with one rider already having been fined R500.00 for not having a valid permit. There was an unfortunate incident between a horse rider and a SANparks official when an activity permit was requested. Fortunately, it has been resolved but horse riders are reminded to ride with other park users in mind and to carry their permits at all times. Riding in the Tokai Park is a privilege and not a right and your irresponsible or rude behavior could impact negatively on other riders. The TDRA condemns such unacceptable behaviour in the strongest possible terms and all members are reminded that they must have a valid activity permit on them at all times when riding in these areas and that such a permit must be produced on request by SANParks staff.	
5	Trails Feedback SANParks has given the go-ahead for the riding track along Upper Tokai	

	Road between the crossing to Forest Glade and the bridge adjacent to the Forest riding stables. SANparks will provide the gum poles from tress being felled in the park near the arboretum and the TDRA will lay the poles along a suitable track. Access to the track however will only be given by SANParks at the appropriate time in the future. The necessary approval has not yet been received from the City to proceed with the installation of the new concrete slab at the Airlie-Neva bridge. Once the City has signed off on the project we will be able to proceed with the upgrade.	CP
6	AGM The AGM will be held at The Range on 15 March 2016.	
7	Next Meeting The next meeting date will be confirmed after the AGM.	

The meeting ended at approx 21:45

Certified a true record of the proceedings

Chairperson

Date