## **TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)**

Held at 9 Colyn Road, Kalk Bay Tokai on 30 March 2017 at 19:30

Committee Members present in person: Karena du Plessis (KdP)

Grant Chapman (GC)
Michelle Matthews (MM)
Marianne Berry (MB)
Julie Myrtle (JM)
Hayley Moir (HM)
Laura Forde (LF)

Maryse Pennington Collins MC)

Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer

Vice-Chairperson

Apologies: Amelia Cheminais (AC)

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	<b>Events</b> The first aid course is still being investigated. It is proving challenging to find a presenter for the course but every effort is being made to ensure that this course is made available to members.	KdP
4	Trails Update A meeting was held with representatives of SANParks on Wednesday 29 March 2017. The TDRA requested that a trail be opened on the outside of the picnic site as was originally planned for on the precinct redevelopment plan but were advised by SANParks that this will trigger an environmental impact assessment and so the request was denied at this stage.	MB/GC
	SANParks has requested that the TDRA co-ordinate with representatives of horse riders in various areas including Hout Bay, Noordhoek, Constantia, Red Hill and Glencairn to arrange a representative group of horse riders who will work with SANParks and an independent consultant to help update the environmental management plan for the area. The previous EMP dates from 2003 and didn't include the Tokai area. The expectation is that the consultant is paid for by the horse riders, as has been done by the mountain bikers and the dog walkers who used a member from one of their respective user groups to perform this role on a mostly pro-bono basis which helped reduce the costs. The committee welcomes this opportunity to secure circular routes for horse riders in the peninsula and will start to identify the appropriate representatives from each area and form the required committee.	мв/нм
	Chrysalis Academy has agreed to a gate being installed in the access	

path between the paddocks which will restore access to Middle Tokai from Tokai Road for horse riders. The poles for the gate have been concreted in the ground and the gate has been ordered. The gate will use the gatekeeper system and access will be strictly for TDRA members only. A new gate keeper system will also be installed at the picnic site. Access will be restricted to TDRA members in possession of a valid activity permit only. The committee wish to thank Chrysalis for permitting the restoration of access to their land. In order for horse riders to continue to enjoy access to the Chrysalis Academy land horse riders will need to assist with the maintenance of the trails that are enjoyed and keeping the areas used clean and tidy. The TDRA will also be assisting with tidying the area that was previously used for the market and all members are urged to assist with this project as it will be a big task. It may also be necessary to extend the fence alongside the new gate and upgrade this to a higher fence. The alien plants growing on the bottom block of Upper Tokai are scheduled to be cleared in May. SANParks will be calling for volunteers to assist with the clearing and the committee would encourage anybody who is able to assist to please do so. The clearing of the alien vegetation in this area and the maintenance thereof will greatly improve visibility and therefore safety when riding in the area. Matthews has agreed to clean the picnic site trail twice a week on the days that he works at the Pony Club arena. He will clean the picnic site trail on his way to or from the Pony Club arena. 5 **Arenas** A meeting will be arranged with Wendy Johnston to discuss the proposed arenas that form part of the Tokai Precinct plan. It has been decided to keep the arenas low key as the Pony Club arenas are available for anybody requiring better facilities and it is intended that this be a community project rather than an income generating project. 6 Membership A reminder to members to please renew their membership will be sent. The current members list will also be made available on Facebook when the new gatekeeper system is active should anybody wish to confirm their membership status. 11 **Next Meeting** Scheduled for 04 May 2017 at 19h30 in Constantia The meeting ended at approx 21:30

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Chairperson	Date	