

## TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held at 29 Waterberg Crescent; Tokai on 18 June 2018 at 19:00

Committee Members present in person	Karena du Plessis (KdP)	Chairperson
	Grant Chapman (GC)	Vice-Chairperson
	Marianne Berry (MB)	Treasurer
	Michelle Matthews (MM)	Secretary
	Maryse Pennington Collins (MC)	
	Hayley Moir (HM)	
	Julie Myrtle (JM)	
	Laura Forde (LF)	
	Leigh de Beyer (LdB)	

Agenda Item	Minute	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Karena welcomed all present, declared the meeting open. Welcomed Leigh de Beyer to the committee and thanked her for joining.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Approval of previous minutes and follow up items</b> The previous minutes were tabled and approved.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Financial Update</b> At the AGM a call was made for assistance with the much-needed track maintenance in Upper Tokai. The committee wishes to thank all members for their generosity without which the work could not continue. Many donors prefer to remain anonymous but no donors go unnoticed and the committee is very grateful to all. There is currently about R15 000 available for this task with the committee expecting to need R25 000 to complete the work that has been identified as urgent. The committee appeals to anybody who is able to assist, whether financially or otherwise, to please get in contact with the TDRA via <a href="mailto:info@tdra.co.za">info@tdra.co.za</a>  It has been agreed that wage sheets be submitted going forward for all labour assisting with the various projects in the area.	<b>MB</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Environmental Management Plan</b> The final draft of the EMP has been completed. The committee wishes once again to extend their gratitude to Carol Poole and Leigh de Beyer for their tireless efforts with this project.  There have been changes made to some of the maps contained in the EMP document so it is very important that these be carefully considered. The committee will be hosting a meeting on 18 July 2018 at 19:00 at which the maps will be discussed. Any member who would like to attend this meeting should please RSVP to <a href="mailto:info@tdra.co.za">info@tdra.co.za</a> before Friday 6 July 2018 so that the venue can be confirmed. This is expected to be the last opportunity to comment on the maps before the document is presented to SANParks.  The TMEF is in the process of being constituted so that the EMP can be presented by the TMEF. The TMEF website can be viewed at <a href="http://www.tmef.co.za">www.tmef.co.za</a> and the EMP document is available thereon. The TMEF will include representatives of various areas included in the EMP.	<b>LdB</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Riding School Pupils</b> A request has been received to reduce the TDRA membership for riding school pupils. The committee has discussed this and is considering charging R50 per term so that pupils will	<b>LF</b>

	only incur membership fees for the portion of the year that they are making use of the area.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Trails Feedback</b> The newly upgraded trails in Upper Tokai have held up well in the recent rains. Additional drains were added after the first rains as that highlighted areas that required these. Many of the tracks in Upper Tokai may have been lost without the maintenance work that has been done. This work is ongoing with a team currently working on the tracks over weekends. The connecting tracks between levels one and two have been worked on with clay having been added and stones having been removed to improve the going. This has created another circular route for horse riders.  Horse riders are encouraged to use the tracks and enjoy the much improved going.	<b>GC</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Event</b> A reliability trial is currently being planned. This will include riding on some private land so it will be an opportunity for members to ride in areas that may not usually be accessible. This will be scheduled once the ground has dried out to avoid damage to the grass areas in particular.	<b>LF</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Equestrian Patrols</b> The equestrian police have been in Tokai a few times recently and it has been suggested that the TDRA try to assist with the patrols. The committee will be in contact with the police to try to arrange to show the mounted police around the area and to find out how else horse riders can assist.	<b>MM</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b> Scheduled for 18 July 2018 at 19:00	

The meeting ended at approx. 20:30  
Certified a true record of the proceedings

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Chairperson

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Date