

TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held at Silvertree Estate, Tokai on 03 August 2017 at 19:30

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

| Agenda Item | Minute | Action |
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| 1 | <p>Welcome</p> <p>Karena welcomed all present, declared the meeting open. Carrie Grant was welcomed onto the committee and thanked for her willingness to assist.</p> | |
| 2 | <p>Approval of previous minutes and follow up items</p> <p>The previous minutes were tabled and approved.</p> | |
| 3 | <p>Dog and horse awareness campaign</p> <p>There have been a number of unfortunate incidents in Lower Tokai Park recently. Complaints have been received regarding the inconsiderate and potentially dangerous actions of horse riders which have been addressed with the parties involved in the case of positive identification being provided. All horse riders are reminded that Lower Tokai Park is a mixed-use area and caution is needed when riding there. Galloping is not permitted on SANParks land and it is encouraged that horses walk past dogs, children and other users of Lower Tokai Park. When approaching other users from behind, please call out a greeting to ensure that they are aware of the approaching horse and are able to get dogs onto leads if necessary.</p> <p>There have also been incidents as a result of off-lead dogs approaching horses which have resulted in a few horses being injured. This is traumatic and costly for everyone involved and it is important that horse riders report any such incidents to the TDRA committee and SANParks. In the event of injuries, it may be necessary for the horse rider involved to report the incident to the police as well, especially in instances that give rise to costs that need to be recovered from the dog owner. It is important to note that the TDRA committee cannot do this or take action on behalf of the affected horse rider.</p> <p>Every effort is being made to improve the safety and enjoyment of Lower Tokai Park for horse riders and, to this end a campaign has been initiated by the committee involving representatives of various user groups. Flyers have been designed and will be printed for distribution in Lower Tokai Park. Volunteers to assist with this are encouraged to contact: info@tdra.co.za. Various supporting initiatives are being explored, such as an educational presentation, informational videos on other user groups' Facebook pages etc with a view to increasing the education and co-operation of all user groups.</p> | MB/MC/H M/MM |
| 4 | <p>Trails Update</p> <p>The Gatekeeper system has been installed on the new gate leading onto Chrysalis Academy between the paddocks. Horse riders are reminded that access to the gate is only available to TDRA members due to the terms and conditions that have been</p> | |

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| | <p>placed on the use of Chrysalis Academy land. Chrysalis Academy has instituted a ground levy for riding on their land which the TDRA is committed to paying on behalf of its members. The committee urges all riders to renew their membership or join the TDRA if they have not already done so.</p> <p>Horse riders are reminded that horses are not permitted on the red clay paths that run through Upper Tokai, Middle Tokai and Lower Tokai Park. Numerous reports have been received recently regarding horses on the clay paths especially along Upper Tokai Road and behind Forest Glade. Signs will be put up reminding horse riders that they are not permitted to ride on the clay paths.</p> <p>The new non-motorised transport lanes that have been installed are very narrow and there is a concern about horses and bicycles sharing these safely. Horse riders are urged to exercise caution when using the new paths especially on the bend past Uitsig. The Tokai Mountain Bike Association will be approached to request that a communication be circulated to members to request that cyclists slow down when approaching horse riders on the path and that they yield to horse riders. Alternative routes for horse riders to link Lower Tokai Park, Middle Tokai and the gallop track will be explored further.</p> <p>The City will also be approached again to reinstate the zebra crossings that have become faded while the road works have been undertaken.</p> <p>SANParks has requested copies of the trail maps for the area which will be provided.</p> | <p>KdP</p> <p>KdP</p> <p>GC/MM</p> |
| 5 | <p>Communications</p> <p>Members are reminded to route any concerns, incident reports, complaints or suggestions to info@tdra.co.za. There has been an increase in such matters being directed to individual committee members which needs to be avoided whenever possible.</p> | |
| 6 | <p>Environmental Management Plan</p> <p>This is an ongoing project that will take a while to complete.</p> | MB/HM |
| 7 | <p>Social Media</p> <p>It has been decided that a formal policy is required and that this will be pinned to the TDRA Facebook page once drafted. There is no censorship applied to the posts on the Facebook page, however it is important that no hate speech, racism or similar inappropriate comments be permitted via this platform.</p> | MM |
| 8 | <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Scheduled for 07 September 2017 at 19h30. The venue is still to be confirmed.</p> | |

The meeting ended at approx 21:45

Certified a true record of the proceedings

Chairperson

Date