

TOKAI DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION (TDRA)

Held at 29 Waterberg Crescent; Stonehurst Estate on 11 January 2018 at 19:30

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

Agenda Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Karena welcomed all present, declared the meeting open.</p>	
2	<p>Approval of previous minutes and follow up items</p> <p>The previous minutes were tabled and approved.</p>	
3	<p>AGM</p> <p>The AGM is to be held within three months of the financial year end as per the constitution. The proposed date is currently 10 May 2018 subject to availability of The Range. The reason for the AGM being held later than usual is to allow sufficient time to finalise the first draft of the maps for the EMP.</p> <p>Membership expires at the end of the financial year which is end February each year with membership fees due before end March of every year. Members are reminded to please pay their annual membership fee via EFT during March to ensure that access to gates is not compromised. All gate access currently expires at the end of March 2018 and will be extended for members in good standing who also send their updated activity permit details to access@tdra.co.za or info@tdra.co.za</p>	
4	<p>Environmental Management Plan</p> <p>This is an ongoing project that will take a while to complete. Carol Poole has very kindly agreed to assist the committee with the project as she works in the field and is best qualified to drive the project to its conclusion. The committee wishes to thank Carol for her willingness to assist with this substantial project.</p> <p>Mapping of areas other than Tokai will need to be done by representatives of the various areas, to date the representatives of areas other than Tokai and Noordhoek have largely been unresponsive to requests for assistance. The Tokai maps will be presented to members at the AGM as an introduction to the public participation process before submitting the document to SANParks for finalisation.</p>	MB/HM/CP
5	<p>Event</p> <p>A fun obstacle course and jump cross event is being arranged at the pony club arena for horse riders to enjoy. It is proposed that the event will include a fancy dress theme and be completed in teams with various prizes up for grabs. The event is scheduled for either 18 or 25 February 2018 and should provide fun for kids of all ages as well as a demonstration of riding without a bridle. TDRA members and non-members welcome.</p>	LF
6	<p>Gates</p> <p>Horse riders are reminded to close the gates at the picnic area and at Chrysalis academy firmly without slamming them. The gates can bounce open if they are slammed resulting in them remaining unlocked. Please always check that the gates are locked behind you before moving away.</p>	

7	<p>Red clay paths</p> <p>Horse riders are once again reminded not to ride on the red clay paths within the park. These are for cyclists and hikers only with sand tracks running next to them for the horse riders to use.</p> <p>An exception, however is the red clay path that runs next to Orpen and Spaanschemat River Road. Following the receipt of a complaint this has been confirmed with the contractor and horses have got right of way when on the track. The track is shared with joggers so horse riders are requested to exercise caution. Cyclists are to use the tar tracks next to the red clay paths but it is noted that cyclists may prefer to use the clay paths especially when cycling with children or inexperienced cyclists. Signs have been suggested to inform all users to yield to horses and will be explored with the City.</p>	
8	<p>Trails Feedback</p> <p>Upper Tokai has been re-opened as of 29 December 2017. The committee wishes to extend its appreciation to SANParks for the re-opening of the area and to all horse riders for their patience throughout the last few years. It has been a challenging and often frustrating period but as a result of the efforts of all stakeholders it is now possible to enjoy Upper Tokai again.</p> <p>There is still some clearing to be done in the blue gums on level one - please exercise caution in this area if you enter it. Should there be logging taking place in the area, please rather use an alternative route until the work is complete.</p> <p>The committee has inspected the tracks in Upper Tokai and has determined that significant work is required to avoid further erosion should there be heavy rains in winter and to clear stones and alien vegetation. Quotes will be obtained and the committee will arrange to start the work immediately with the funds that are currently available. The project will commence on the lower tracks to ensure a circular route with good going is available and will then be expanded to cover additional tracks as it becomes possible to do so.</p> <p>Track two in Middle Tokai has become very overgrown with alien vegetation. A clearing day will be arranged with the assistance of SANParks as soon as the temperatures start to cool down. Volunteers to assist with the clearing will be requested. The last clearing day was fun and hopefully more horse riders will assist with these efforts in the next few months.</p>	
9	<p>Arena</p> <p>Development of the arena in the equestrian precinct which forms part of the Tokai precinct will be followed up on with SANParks as the committee is keen to finalise this matter and commence with the project as soon as possible.</p>	KdP/GC
10	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Scheduled for 15 February at 19h30.</p>	

The meeting ended at approx 21:30

Certified a true record of the proceedings

Chairperson

Date