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

Held at 73 Brommersvlei Road; Constantia on 18 July 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)

Maryse Pennington Collins (MC)

Hayley Moir (HM) Leigh de Beyer (LdB)

Apologies: Laura Forde (LF)

Julie Myrtle (JM)

Guests: SG Dagleish

Les Roos

Sarah Hetherington

Carol Poole Carina Berry

Agenda Item	Minute	Action	
1	Welcome Karena welcomed all present, declared the meeting open. Welcomed all of the guests and thanked them for joining the committee in reviewing the Tokai maps for the EMP.		
2	Approval of previous minutes and follow up items The previous minutes were tabled and approved.		
3	Environmental Management Plan  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 which require comment and should these need to be amended, justification therefore is required.		
	Lower Tokai Park: The proposal that horses be permitted on the jeep tracks through the fynbos as horses were previously permitted in this area was discussed. It was agreed that although the area in its entirety was available to horse riders historically this is no longer practical due to the fynbos in the area and some of the paths having become very narrow. The maps are to be adjusted as only the historical jeep tracks are practical for horse riding in this section of the park.		
	Middle Tokai: Trails shown correspond to those in the Tokai management framework document.		
	<u>Upper Tokai:</u> Jeep tracks are open for horse riders and shown in the EMP maps. It is proposed that ideally there need to be links between some of the dead-end tracks but that will require land surveyors as the terrain is quite steep and would need to be linked in a way that is both suitable for horses and does not result in damage to the flora and fauna.		
	Lesley Roos and Sarah Hetherington are heading up the Table Mountain Equestrian Forum (TMEF) and together with Carol, Leigh and Marianne will make the above changes to the		

	EMP document for the existing and proposed tracks in Tokai for the TDRA. Together with	
	the engagement of other riding groups in the peninsula they will then take the EMP to the next stage by engaging with SANParks and other user groups.	
4	Upper Tokai Maintenance	
	The maintenance in Upper Tokai is ongoing and will continue as long as there is funding available for the machinery and labour that is required. The link tracks between levels 2 and 3 on both sides of the gorge have now both been rehabilitated, as has most of the level 3 track between these links. Horse riders are encouraged to use the trails as they have been significantly improved and now offer enjoyable riding in the area.	G
	The old landmarks in the area have largely been destroyed by the devastating fires and subsequent logging in the area. New landmarks are being identified and will be named after the generous donors who have made the maintenance work possible. It was agreed that those who made total donations of over R2000 for track rehabilitation would get naming rights. The idea is to name the landmarks after either a horse or the donor so that horse riders can have landmarks to use in orientating themselves.	
	A video has been made which shows the improvement in the tracks that have been worked on as well as some of the areas that need maintenance still. This can be viewed on the TDRA Facebook page.	Ld
5	Equestrian Patrols	
	The equestrian police are in Tokai regularly at present and SG Dagleish joined the patrol recently to show the police around Upper Tokai. The committee wishes to thank SG for spending the time with the police and would welcome any volunteers to join future rides.	
6	Next Meeting TBC	

The meeting ended at approx 20:50					
Certified a true record of the proceedings					
Chairperson	Date				