

Longacres Equestrian Association

2023 Chairman's Report

The founding meeting was held on the 8th May 2021 right here at the Silver leaf Stables.

The reason, to reiterate, was to form an Association independent from, but affiliated to the Home Owners Association, so as to have permanent representation on the board of trustees to represent the interest of the equestrian community living, boarding or making use of the private open space owned by the HOA.

After the formation meeting I manage to do the following:

- Set up 2 telephonic meetings with Saldanha Steel and 1 in-person meeting with representative of Saldanha Steel.
 - The following was agreed to
 - We could and we are encouraged to ride on the property to show activity and to report any suspicious observations.
 - We could mark out riding trails.
 - We could also hold organized events (only notification thereof was required)
 - We could also gain access to the property on the sea side of the Langebaan/Saldanha road by arrangement as gates would have to be unlocked.
- I met with the Chairperson of the Radio Control Flying Club and discussed our meeting with Saldanha Steel.
 - They supported our presence and observation on the property.
 - We were also asked to consider joining the club as a sub-sporting branch and therefore have access to the club house and facilities.
- I met with Freek Botha to arrange access to the Saldanha Steel/Mittal property via the gate on his property.

The committee met on numerous occasions to arrange and organize a plan of implementing some proposal.

One successful event was an organized out-ride to the Saldanha/Mittal property leaving from Silver Leaf Stables for a long ride following some of the paths on the property.

My life was drastically changed when my wife was diagnosed with breast cancer in July 2021 and exactly 1 year later in July 2022 I ended up in ICU for 2 weeks and about 6 months of medication recuperation.

The financial situation of the Association

The Association need members and a membership fee to be able to organise any events.

We have a banking account set up with Mercantile Bank, now Capitec Bank. The membership fees that were collected was paid in directly into this account. There has been no withdrawals on this account and to my knowledge I am the only member to have renewed my membership in 2022.

The Private Open Space

It is vital that with the HOA the Association embarks on projects to enhance this open space for the benefit of the equestrian community as well as property owners who enjoy the use thereof. The marking and formalization of trails has always been one of the project identified to be undertaken.

My own involvement with the association going forward will be to support any and all efforts to improve and maintain the "Equestrian" aspect of the estate. This was the main reason for the purchase of my property. My hope is that it continues and flourishes under the leadership of an active equestrian property owner.