

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
28th July 2007**

Attendance

Ally Saidi Mohamedi
Ally Salum
Elaine Baker
Filbert Mbecha
Hamadi Hatibu Bwaja
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Kassim Bakari
M. S. Mwenduo
Patrick Maziku
Paulo Atibu Hatibu
Rashidi Saidi Karanji
Sudi Saidi

Mr Mwenduo who is the chairman of the Jitegemee Street where the UWABA office is to be located was welcomed to the meeting and thanked for his assistance in helping us to open a bank account. As he also cycles regularly, he also joined UWABA.

Post office box

It was decided to open a PO Box for UWABA. However, we will still need to check Mejah's brother's PO Box as that was on many letters which have already been sent out. Juma said he would call to the post office to find the requirements for getting a PO Box.

Office

Juma reported that the rent for one year for the office has now been paid using all the contributions received so far. He circulated the rent contract and receipt for this rent.

Elaine reported that IBike have promised to contribute Tsh 400,000 to the costs of setting up the office and buying a guta to fund future rent expenses. She was corresponding with David of IBike who said that some people doing a cycle tour would be passing through Dar es Salaam on the afternoon of 31st July (Tuesday) and would meet us and give us the contribution. However, she has not got details yet from him on where to meet and how to contact them. When she gets them she will text the other members.

Setting up the office was discussed. It was agreed the first priorities would be painting the walls (as they are very dirty), getting magazine-racks to display documents, a desk, some chairs/benches and some notice boards and a lock for the door. Later if funds are available we can paint pictures on the metal door of our logo and bikes and put a ceiling under the corrugated iron roof. Hamadi and Ally Saidi Mohamadi said they would volunteer their time to paint and make the furniture if they get the materials, as they are both good at carpentry. It was established that the paint would cost Tsh 10,000 and paint brushes Tsh 5,000. Ally Saidi Mohamadi said he would research the costs of materials for making the furniture.

Elaine circulated a photo of a Smarty Hardy three-wheeled cycle. The members liked it but thought that a standard guta bike would have more of a market for renting out as it can carry more. It was decided to purchase a guta bike if we get the contribution from IBike or other sources.

Sudi Saidi said that he knew the manager of the Gurudumu company which makes the cycles who is called Mr Ngaja. He said he would be there on a Saturday so Elaine phoned the office and talked to him and arranged a meeting for Monday morning at 10am in their Keko office. It was agreed that any members wishing to come would meet at the Kigogo roundabout at 8am on Monday, or if it is more convenient for them, would go straight there. It was agreed that we would a) ask to buy a guta at a discount price and b) follow up on our letter asking for a contribution to the cycle caravan.

Cycle Caravan

Elaine communicated with Mr Nyoni about whether ITDP can provide some funding to the caravan and he said maybe – she is trying to seek further clarification on this. He was not available to come to the meeting as he is in Morogoro at the moment.

Elaine followed up by phone and email with Bakhresa and Knight Support on getting contributions for the cycle caravan. They both said they would look at the letter again and she will follow up again next week.

Elaine circulated a letter which was agreed to be drafted at the last meeting to Azan Zungu MP congratulating him on his photo in the newspaper cycling to parliament and asking him to be the guest of honour at the cycle caravan. The members read and checked this draft and Juma said he would deliver it next week.

Roads planned for construction

Elaine followed up with TANROADS Dar es Salaam and TANROADS headquarters about our letter. TANROADS Dar es Salaam said they had not seen the letter (although it was signed for when Juma delivered it) so she emailed it to them again. TANROADS headquarters said they had asked CPC to reply to the part on Kilwa Road (which they had done). On the other roads and to plan for future cooperation they suggested that we arranged with Mr Nitti the development manager to have a meeting to discuss our concerns. Mr Nitti was not available the few times she phoned so she will phone again next week.

Wamba Memorial Fund

Elaine said she had found on the internet that a fund called Wamba Memorial Fund are offering funds of up to \$5,000 for projects promoting road safety. The project proposal deadline is 31st August. The requirements include expertise and experience in running road safety projects which UWABA does not have, so it would be good to partner with another organization with this expertise. Paulo said that there is an organization called UWATA in Ilala which deals with road safety. He said he would get more information about them and report back.

Other business

More members collected their ID cards and contributed the Tsh 500 towards lamination costs.

Jumane phoned and asked us to take a photo of a guta outside his office which had been involved in an accident and had bad damage to the wheel.

There was discussion that many cyclists in Temeke district are not involved in UWABA because our meeting place is too far away from them. It was agreed that in the future we could have local branches of UWABA in each district.