

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
1 November 2008**

Attendance

Ally Athuman Jumbe
Ally Saidi Mwishehe
Bashiri Rashidi
Dominata Rwechungura
Elaine Baker
Filbert Mbecha
Frank Peter Rwechungura
George Kabogo
Husein Hamza Hamisi
Idrisa Kessi Zongo
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Juma Hassan Chibaya
Mohammed Hamidu
Paulo Atibu Hatibu
Ramadhani Rajabu Nyengo
Shamte J Kigoma
Sosthenes C Amlima
Sudi Saidi Ramadhan

Guests

Ragna Schmidt-Haupt Cycle Generation
Amiram Roth-Deblon Cycle Generation
Johannes Hahn TASEA

Cycle Caravan

The cycle caravan went very well last week. About 150 people took part. Azzan Zungu MP made a speech as a special guest and Councillor Lupilya took part in the entire cycle. Two women from Kali Mata took part. Four roller-bladers also took part.

One of the roller-blader boys won the passenger guta donated by the guta company. Husein Hamza won one of the California bikes, another was won by a disabled man and another by a regular male cyclist. The bike for disabled was won by a disabled man from Kigamboni.

On Channel 10 and DTV Councillor Lupilya was interviewed speaking about cycle issues in Dar es Salaam. We had a front page photo in the Sunday Citizen including Mussa and Sosthenes. There was also an article in Majira which we heard about but no one has a copy – Sosthenes will look for it this week.

Guests

The guests introduced themselves – all three guests are from Germany.

The two cyclists from Cycle Generation have cycled here from Ethiopia over six months and are continuing their cycle to South Africa. Their aim is to raise awareness on the issue of climate change in three areas – energy, forestry and transport / cycling. They have visited many organisations in the countries they have been in so far – Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Congo and Tanzania. UWABA is the first cycle campaign organisation they have met. We gave them contact details for the Vice Presidents Office who received us on the day of our climate change campaign last year. They took a video interview in English with Sosthenes and Filbert. They said they will spread the word about UWABA on their website and in their contacts with journalists.

Johannes is a volunteer who is working on renewable energy with TASEA for one year and he has been here for two weeks so far. He is planning to cycle in Dar es Salaam and he will join UWABA.

Morogoro

Filbert, Bashiri and Edgar travelled to Morogoro for the cycle safety training for the Ministry of Infrastructure. However, when they turned up at the road safety event, they found that the cycle safety training had not been properly advertised and schools had not been officially informed, no space was made in the road safety day venue for the training, it was not included in the timetable and there were only about 10 student cyclists there who had turned up for the general road safety event but were not informed of or prepared to do the cycle safety training. Even the MC was telling cyclists to get out of the way as the Prime Minister was coming.

Allan however was apologetic and said he would see that the event was organised again properly for another time. He gave us some cycle reflectors which had been intended as prizes – some of them we distributed to members at this meeting and others Juma is keeping for prizes for other events.

Road Safety Video

Amar finished editing the road safety video and sent it by email. Elaine downloaded it and watched it without sound as her computer at work does not have speakers. We tried to watch it together at an internet café but the manager of the café was not there so we couldn't. We will watch it together another time.

Wamba project

Elaine will communicate with schools this week in order to set up a date to do training.

Non-motorized transport forum

Elaine will write a proposal for this so we can send it officially to various Government departments.

Finances

Ally Saidi Mwishehe brought Tsh 20,000 for guta hire for three weeks minus the day of the caravan when the guta was used in the caravan.

We compiled the finances which Elaine will write up in a financial report. Elaine now holds 144,300 of UWABA money, Juma holds 67,500 including Tsh 1,200 from before the caravan and Tsh 20,000 received today for the guta hire and Mejah has used all his UWABA balance.