

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam  
1<sup>st</sup> September 2007**

**Attendance**

Ally Saidi Mohamedi  
Dominata Rwechunguza  
Elaine Baker  
Filbert Mbecha  
Frank Peter Rioeyongeza  
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo  
Juma Imori Rugole  
Jumanne Idd Selemani  
Patrick Masinga  
Patrick Maziku  
Paulo Atibu Hatibu  
Rahma Ali  
Sosthenes C Amlima  
Sudi Saidi Ramadhan

**Guests**

Godfrey Jax – CHABADA  
Hussein Ally - CHABADA

**Cycle caravan**

It was originally planned that today we would have a meeting of the cycle caravan sub-committee at a time and place chosen by AALOCOM but they did not suggest one when phoned and so CHABADA attended the UWABA meeting. Mr Mlamba of AALOCOM said that Mr Majembele would come to the UWABA meeting but he did not turn up. Jax said that as there was not enough people from the caravan committee to select leaders, this would have to be done another day. Jax said he would visit the AALOCOM office on Tuesday to ask them if they really want to be part of organising the caravan or not.

Elaine said she had phoned Mhe Azzan Zungu MP to follow up on the support he had offered us for the caravan. He said we should write a letter to the Mayor of Ilala asking to use Mnazi Mmoja grounds for free, but we should deliver it to his office and he would follow it up with the mayor. Juma delivered this letter on Thursday and Azzan Zungu said he would follow it up.

It was discussed that we need shade so that the participants do not all go away under the trees away from the main stand while at Mnazi Mmoja like last year. It was agreed to ask Azzan Zungu about allowing us to use the canvas shades used at Mnazi Mmoja.

On Monday Paulo delivered letters to Bakhresa and the Guta company thanking them for their offers of sponsorship of drinking water and a guta respectively and inviting them to take part in the caravan.

On Monday Elaine and Paulo went to the Chinese Embassy. The people there were very helpful and gave us the phone number of the secretary of the ambassador, who was not in the office at the time. He told us that the ambassador has just completed his term and a new ambassador is coming so we should follow up when the new ambassador has arrived.

Paulo and Elaine also delivered a letter requesting sponsorship to Mr Mengi of IPP on Monday.

Celtel (Bibi Tuno) said they are still following up our letter requesting sponsorship. The person at the Embassy of Netherlands Harriet Samson was in meetings every time Elaine phoned this week. Knight Support keep telling us to phone back after a few days every time Elaine phones them.

It was agreed that Juma and Elaine would visit both Knight Support and Celtel on Monday to follow up, and would continue phoning others.

Jax said he would request DSI which supply spare parts for cycles to contribute some tyres and helmets as raffle prizes.

It was discussed about making some more banners to add to those used last year. Sosthenes said that materials for making about 15 banners would be about Tsh 35,000. He was given Tsh 7,000 from the guta money for this week and Elaine and Juma will withdraw Tsh 28,000 from the bank on Monday so he can make the banners. It was agreed to have similiar slogans to last year.

Publicity for the event before hand was discussed. Dominata said that she has contact details for a lot of media people and suggested we have an official announcement about the caravan to which she would invite them. It was agreed that Elaine and Dominata would write a press release and Dominata would invite the media people to our meeting on Saturday next week for the announcement at 11am. Elaine said she would text message all regular UWABA members to inform them and Jax will inform members of CHABADA.

It was discussed that we need microphone, speakers and music. Hussein Ali said he has this equipment and he is willing to lend it to us for free but that it is currently out of order and would have to be fixed. He will give us feedback next week on whether it is fixed.

It was agreed to send official letters of invitation to the caravan to SUMATRA, National Institute of Transportation, traffic police, Minister of Infrastructure, the mayors of Temeke, Kinondoni and Dar es Salaam city (the mayor of Ilala has already been invited), TANROADS, HUWATA and Chama cha Walemavu Tanzania (CHAWATA) in Buguruni.

It was agreed to make flyers and posters similiar to last year's ones.

## **Office**

Juma has added more information to the notice boards. It was discussed that the notice boards should have different sections on different themes rather than being all mixed up. Ally Saidi Mohammedi said he did not have time to adjust the shelves and make a frame and table last week as agreed but he would do it next week.

## **Guta**

Jumanne brought Tsh 7,000 the proceeds of the first week of use of the guta and gave it to Juma, who gave it to Sosthenes for making banners.

## **TANROADS**

On Monday Elaine and Paulo called into TANROADS and talked to an engineer called Massawe who is the Director of Projects. He said he was writing an answer to our letters on the three roads under construction and it would be ready in a few days. We also asked to have an official meeting where we could do our presentation on roads in Dar es Salaam.

## **Dar es Salaam City Council**

It was noted that the Dar es Salaam city council have not answered our letter on the Dar es Salaam Transport Master Plan or have not invited us (as they said they would) to give comments on the design of Morogoro Road for the DART project. It was agreed that Paulo would follow up this week by bringing them a copy of our letter and asking for a reply.

## **Cycle safety project / Wamba memorial fund**

Elaine said she had got an email from Professor Osili of the Wamba Memorial Fund confirming that they have received our proposal and saying we will be informed of the result in October.

## **ID cards**

Elaine showed the new design of ID cards with the icons of a guta and a three-wheeled arm-cycle for disabled people as well as our address and a place for the member to sign. It was agreed that members will sign their IDs at a meeting and Paulo will bring them for lamination in Magomeni. Juma, Jumanne, Rahma, Paulo, Filbert, Maziku, Sudi Saidi and Patrick Masinga requested new IDs in the new design.

## **Stamp**

During the week Paulo had a stamp made and bought an ink pad with a contribution from Elaine. This will be used to stamp all our letters.

## **T-shirts**

Sosthenes agreed to find out about the costs of printing T-shirts.