

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
2 August 2008**

Attendance

Ally Athuman Jumbe
Ally Saidi Mwishehe
Aseli Wilison
Athmani Mussa
Dominata Rwechungura
Edgar R Paulo
Elaine Baker
Filbert Mbecha
Frank Peter Rwechungura
Fredy H Lwila
George Kabogo
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Juma Hassan Chibaya
Juma Imori Rugole
Jumanne Idd Selemani
Kibwana Mohammad Msiga
Musa Athumani Lahi
Mussa Alex
Mussa Saidi
Paulo Atibu Hatibu
Pendo Jaiueing
Ramadhani Rajabu Nyengo
Shukuru Hassan
Sosthenes C Amlima

Guest: Stephen Vincent, Global Transport Knowledge Partnership (gTKP)

Visit by Stephen of gTKP

UWABA is subscribed to the email list of gTKP (Global Transport Knowledge Partnership) and through this we came in contact with Stephen who is the theme champion for governance. He was travelling in the East African region and decided to come to an UWABA meeting.

He explained about the work of gTKP in helping people in different countries share ideas and experiences in transport issues. He explained that gTKP works in several thematic areas of which governance is the one he focuses on. He is very interested in UWABA's experience in interacting with government which he has read about on our website and suggested that we write a paper together on this for a conference on African transport governance in Cameroon in September, and perhaps an UWABA member can attend the conference to present it.

We asked about language issues at the Cameroon conference and he said it would be good to have an UWABA member who can take part in discussions in English as the

conference is in English and French. Together we came up with an idea for an East African conference as Swahili is a major language in East Africa and therefore more people could participate. Stephen said he would be very interested in helping to organise such a conference.

Several UWABA members thanked Stephen for taking the time to visit us and attend our meeting. We explained about some of our experiences in dealing with Government and donors such as the EU. Dominata highlighted the need for assistance with education and knowledge from an organisation like gTKP to help us interact with Government more effectively.

New members

New members Mussa Saidi, George Kabogo, Fredy Lwila and Athmani Mussa introduced themselves and were welcomed to UWABA.

Office

This was our first meeting in our new office in Manzese. On Monday Aseli, Filbert and Juma moved the notice boards and shelves and put them up in the new office. A friend of Mejah's drew sketches of the logo on the wall but has not yet painted – Mejah sent his apologies that it is not finished yet. Jumanne said he would direct anyone coming to the old office to the new office.

Ally Saidi Mohammed sent a message through Jumanne that he can make blackboards for Tsh 49,000 but he did not say what size. Amar sent an email that a blackboard 120cm by 180cm is Tsh 54,000 and a whiteboard 60cm by 90cm is Tsh 36,000. We agreed we should use blackboards as whiteboards need marker pens which are expensive. Shukuru said he has seen small blackboards for Tsh 40,000 to Tsh 50,000. We agreed to wait until next week to make a decision as Ally Saidi Mohammed and Amar will be there.

Road safety project - Wamba Memorial Fund

Elaine typed all the participant's notes which they had submitted to her during the week of the training of trainers and put them in the file. She also put Andrew's report in the file. It was agreed to get the blackboards before starting to teach each other.

Monthly forum

Andrew offered by email to draft a letter proposing setting up of the monthly forum and Elaine said this would be a useful contribution. Edgar said we should include the municipalities in our letters on this issue.

President Kikwete

Dominata found out during the week that the President in Tanga at a speech at Uwanja wa Mkwakwani encouraged the people of Tanga to continue using bicycles and mentioned the rise in oil prices and this was broadcast on East Africa Radio.

Sosthenes suggested we ask for a recording of this from TBC and Paulo said he would follow this up.

Elaine will draft a letter to the president for review by the members.

Cycle Caravan

Elaine brought this year's draft cycle caravan proposal to the meeting. Sosthenes suggested we add printed t-shirts to the list of things which sponsors can contribute and this was agreed. We agreed to firstly send letters to the sponsors who agreed to support us last year.

Documentary

Amar said by email that he would be interested in organising the making of a documentary about UWABA and cycle issues in Dar es Salaam. The members thought this would be excellent. Elaine suggested Amar should take the lead on this and that he should coordinate with Sosthenes and Mejah on this also.

Weekly cycle

It was agreed that from next week we do a short group cycle after meetings to publicise UWABA.

Flyers

Juma visited the guta company and they were very happy with UWABA's follow up on the tax and other issues and with a flyer he showed them – the one we circulated at last year's cycle caravan. They made 800 photocopies of the flyer which they donated to UWABA. The members congratulated Juma on organising this donation. The address at the bottom of the leaflet is the Mabibo address so we agreed everyone should bring a pen to the meeting next week and each person change the address on a group of leaflets.

Juma allowance

Elaine highlighted that the work which Juma does for UWABA is much more than normal volunteering and he uses a lot of his time every week on UWABA activities. She suggested UWABA re-instate the monthly allowance of Tsh 20,000 per month for Juma which had been introduced several months ago but then overturned later. The members discussed this and agreed to re-instate the allowance. Jumanne suggested everyone sign a paper to show they agree with this and everyone did.

Kibwana cycle

Hussein Hamza inspected Kibwana's disabled-cycle and had suggestions for repairs but he could not come to this meeting due to a funeral so he will explain next week.

Finances

Elaine and Juma sat together last Sunday and wrote accounts for the training of trainers but then Elaine forgot to bring them to the meeting - she will bring next week. They established that the unspent UWABA money Elaine was holding was Tsh 155,000 so during the week she returned this money into the UWABA bank account.

Two new tyres were required for the UWABA guta and Juma bought these during the week for Tsh 52,000.

Also during the week Juma spent Tsh 400 on ferry to meet Elaine, Tsh 11,500 on a new chain and repairs to his bicycle used for UWABA work, Tsh 2,000 on phone costs and Tsh 750 on nails for the office notice boards.