

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
4th August 2007**

Attendance

Abdallah Khatib
Ally Saidi Mohamedi
Ally Saidi Mwishekh
Ally Salum
Benison Ngiliule
Elaine Baker
Filbert Mbecha
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Jumanne Idd Selemani
Kassim Bakari
Kibwana Mohammad Msiga
Lameck Charles
Mfinganga
Mohamed Salum Athman
Muniko Chacha
Mussa Omari
Patrick Masinga
Rahma Ali
Ramadhani Rajabu Nyengo
Rashidi Saidi Karanji
Sudi Saidi
William Samweli

Cycle Caravan

Mr Mlamba of AALOCOM said that the three AALOCOM representatives on the cycle caravan sub-committee would be himself, Mr Nyoni and Prosper. Elaine contacted all three but none were available to come to the cycle caravan meeting today at 9am so she cancelled with the CHABADA representatives and postponed the meeting until next week. Mr Nyoni said he would also find out how much budget we would have for the caravan from ITDP. Elaine also sent an email to Bradley of ITDP asking for clarification on this but has not yet received a reply.

Both Mr Bakhresa and the manager of Knight Support are out of the country at the moment. Elaine was told on the phone that the manager of Knight Support would be back on Monday and Mr Bakhresa would be back around the 16th August. Juma also delivered a letter to Celtel asking for sponsorship.

Juma delivered the letter to Azan Zungu MP asking him to be the guest of honour at the cycle caravan. He was told to call again to the office in about two weeks when Mr Zungu will be back from parliament in Dodoma.

See below about the gula donated as a prize for the cycle caravan raffle.

Office

A collection was done at the meeting and Tsh 21,000 was collected towards painting of the office and furniture. Ally Saidi Mohamad said he would contribute his time to paint the office together with our new member Rahma Ali, and he would also contribute paint brushes. He was given Tsh 10,000 from the collected money to buy paint and Juma kept the rest of the money.

Elaine circulated a picture from the internet of a magazine/document stand and Ally Saidi Mohamed also said he would investigate how much materials to make one would cost.

See below about the guta to meet office rent expenses.

Visit to Guta manufacturing company

On Monday Sudi Saidi, Paulo Atibu, Elaine and Juma went to visit Mhe Ngaja the manager of the Guta manufacturing company. He told us that Guta stands for Gurudumu Tatu (which means three wheels). The company started manufacturing Gutas in the 1970s in response to Mwalimu Nyerere's call to means of transporting goods accessible to ordinary people. The company designed the guta; at first it was not very popular but it became popular when people saw how useful it was. Mhe Ngaja was very supportive of UWABA's aims and activities. He also introduced us to his son.

We explained about the cycle caravan and Mhe Ngaja agreed to donate one guta as a prize for the raffle for the cycle caravan. He will also bring banners advertising gutas to the cycle caravan.

We also explained about UWABA having a guta to generate revenue for paying rent for the office. He said he would sell us a guta for a reduced price of Tsh 280,000.

IBike

On Tuesday afternoon a group of UWABA members met four American IBike tourists off the Zanzibar ferry and cycled with them to Mabibo where we exchanged ideas. It was enjoyed by both the tourists and the UWABA members. One of the issues that came up was the lack of women UWABA members – all four tourists were women. Other issues that were discussed were the cycling movement in the US and Tanzania, the different uses of cycles in Tanzania, environmental issues and climate change. We also met Yassin and Said Idd Shandala who are IBike tour guides. Yassin lives in Tanga and talked about his work with IBike, cycling in Tanga and another NGO he is a member of. Said Idd lives part of the time in Dar es Salaam and joined UWABA.

IBike have since suggested via email that UWABA could meet with future groups of IBike tourists also.

Yassin will shortly deposit the Tsh 400,000 IBike donation into the UWABA bank account when they come back from their tour.

Roads planned for construction

Elaine tried to phone TANROADS headquarters to arrange a meeting with Mr Nitti but has still not managed to talk to him – she will keep trying next week.

Post office box

Juma checked at the post office and was told to open a box for an organisation would be Tsh 37,500. However, as he was not sure how much was a once-off fee and how much was an annual fee, and also the exact requirements for photographs, documents etc he will go back this week with a list of questions.

Dar es Salaam transport plan

Filbert said he would follow up with the Dar es Salaam Institute of Transportation on the letter we sent on this topic.

Other business

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

Elaine said she was in email contact with an organization in South Africa call Ben Bikes and was discussing with them how we could cooperate.