

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
6th October 2007**

Attendance

Ally Saidi Mohamedi
Aseli Wilison
Elaine Baker
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Jumanne Idd Selemani
Kibwana Mohammad Msiga
Patrick Masinga
Paulo Atibu Hatibu
Sudi Saidi Ramadhan
Yusufu Juma

Meeting with TANROADS

Sudi Saidi, Elaine and Juma reported on the meeting with TANROADS on 27th September. There was a good attendance by UWABA members with about 12 members attending. When we arrived the Director of Development said that he was misinformed that we were so many people, that there was no meeting room available and that he only had half an hour to talk with us. He also said there was no laptop and projector for us to use. Elaine protested that this was very unfair given the time we had put into preparing for this meeting and the fact we had got a letter of invitation and that Mr Isaak had told us that a laptop and projector would be available. He said he had not been well informed by Mr Isaak. Eventually after some persuasion from Elaine and Mr Issak he agreed to listen to our presentation but we were forced to do it very quickly as he did not have much time. This was frustrating and indicated the very low priority listening to cyclists opinions was given by TANROADS.

Mejah presented the presentation and called on various members to explain the conditions on individual roads, which they did very well. At the end the Director of Development said that many issues were not the responsibility of TANROADS such as speeding or parking on service roads. Elaine replied that TANROADS did bear some responsibility for these issues as they could put ramps in place or bollards to prevent access by vehicles to cyclists' areas. The Director of Development did not seem to be well informed of the letter we had recently received from TANROADS and was unable to answer our follow-on questions but rather asked us to put them in a further letter.

Elaine drafted this letter and the members passed through it at the meeting making some corrections. A key concern is that the promises made in TANROADS letter to us may not be kept. Juma said he would deliver the letter next week.

It was also decided that we should meet with the city council and the traffic police after the cycle caravan.

Cycle caravan

Elaine said that Clouds FM had indicated they would put radio ads for the cycle caravan for three days before the caravan date. She drafted the wording of the ads and the members passed through it and Juma said he would deliver it to Clouds FM next week.

Elaine reported that the Embassy of Netherlands had indicated they would support the hire of a music system tents and the purchase of raffle prizes of helmets and reflective jackets. She will follow up getting the money this week.

This week we will also follow up getting the drinking water and the guta delivered.

Juma delivered a letter asking to use Mnazi Mmoja for free on 24th September. He will follow up getting an answer to this letter.

We will also purchase an additional megaphone speaker for announcements en route.

Elaine brought photocopied flyers and posters to the meeting which Shukuru had photocopied with Elaine's money (she will be refunded later on provision of a receipt).

Juma also has already distributed many flyers.

The members each took flyers (Kibwana 50, Yusufu 20, Sudi Saidi 50, Patrick 30, Juma 100, Ally Saidi Mohammed 20, Paulo 100 and Jumanne 20) and posters (Kibwana 20, Sudi Saidi 15, Juma 20, Ally Saidi Mohammed 10, Paulo 25 and Jumanne 10). Each member will contribute his own glue for putting up the posters. The members will distribute these flyers to cyclists this week and put up the posters and next week will take more.

Donation from Milan, Italy

La stazione delle biciclette in Milan, Italy sent us an email saying they wish to send us the money they collected for us at Bike Art Nouveau, Milan, Italy and sending us some photos of the event. Juma went to the bank to get details of how to transfer money and Elaine emailed these details to them.

Office and Guta

Elaine suggested leaving the development of the office until the caravan was over and we have more time.

Jumanne gave Juma Tsh 21,000 on 22nd September which Juma used for photocopying flyers for the sports event he went to. Jumanne did not have the payment for the next weeks as it had been used to buy a tire by the guta driver. This was questioned as the understanding was that the Tsh 500 per day was to be used for repairs and Tsh 1,000 per day to go to UWABA. Jumanne said he would call the guta driver to the next meeting to explain.