

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
8th September 2007**

Attendance

Ally Saidi Mohamedi
Ally Saidi Mwishekh
Ally Salum
Dominata Rwechunguiza
Elaine Baker
Filbert Mbecha
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Juma Hassani Mibweto
Juma Imori Rugole
Jumanne Idd Selemani
Kibwana Mohammad Msiga
Mejah Mbuya
Musa Athumani Lahi
Mussa Omari
Patrick Maziku
Paulo Atibu Hatibu
Rahma Ali
Rashidi Saidi Karanji
Saimon Tobiasi
Shukuru Hassan
Sosthenes C Amlima
Yusufu Juma

Cycle caravan

Dominata, Paulo, Shukuru and Elaine had drafted a press release and Dominata had contacted the media to invite them to our meeting today. Both Channel 10 and ITV came to our meeting and interviewed us about the caravan and filmed us cycling.

Mejah and Elaine reported on progress with getting sponsorship. The Chinese embassy has donated three bicycles as prizes for the raffle which Mejah picked up and they are now at Elaine's flat. They need to be serviced before they can be cycled to the caravan. Juma delivered a letter to them thanking them for their donation and inviting them to the caravan.

We were called by Ultimate Security to meet with them and Elaine and Juma went on Tuesday. They said they would provide ambulance and security for the caravan. Elaine asked them to also donate some raffle prizes and they said they would talk to their manager again about this.

Elaine and Juma went to Knight Support, Celtel and Game on Monday. Knight support management were not available to meet. We met Bibi Tuno who is in charge of sponsorship in Celtel and at first she seemed inclined to support us with advertising but later she phoned and said Celtel would not be able to sponsor us. Game had not received our first letter as it had been misdirected to the wrong office. When Elaine phoned to follow up the administration manager said that the decision should be made by the store manager who is out of the country until the end of September.

Juma delivered a letter to Mhe Azzan Zungu MP asking to use tents and electricity at Mnazi Mmoja as well as venue itself.

On Monday Elaine and Juma withdrew Tsh 28,000 from the bank and gave it to Sosthenes. Sosthenes made flags for bicycles for the caravan but didn't bring them to the meeting – he will bring them next week.

Mejah suggested we make large banners advertising the caravan to put across the roads. It was decided to make four banners and the cost of buying the sheets was estimated at Tsh 55,000, which will be withdrawn on Monday.

It was discussed that we need raffle tickets and the price will be researched this week.

Mejah has music equipment but he is not sure if it is loud enough so it may be good to get equipment elsewhere for example from Hussein Ali of AALOCOM.

Elaine wrote letters of invitation and Juma delivered the letters to National Institute of Transportation, the mayors of Temeke and Dar es Salaam, TANROADS, HUWATA and Chama cha Walemavu Tanzania (CHAWATA). He will deliver the remaining letters to SUMATRA, Minister of Infrastructure, and the mayor of Kinondoni on Monday. It was agreed to write a letter to DARCOBOA the bus operators association inviting them.

Elaine brought flyers and posters for the caravan in English and Swahili. It was agreed to make 2000 flyers at a photocopying cost of Tsh 30,000 and 300 posters at a photocopying cost of Tsh 9,000. This money will be withdrawn on Monday and Shukuru will do the photocopying.

It was agreed that we collect the drinking water from Bakhresa company and store it in Elaine's flat until the caravan.

Office

Elaine added the constitution to the notice boards. 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. Mejah said he would paint the doors with pictures of cycles.

Guta

Jumanne brought Tsh 7,000 the proceeds of the first week of use of the guta but as Juma forgot to bring the receipt book the payment was postponed until next week.

TANROADS

Juma visited TANROADS and talked to a man called Isaak who said the answer to our letter was not ready yet but would be ready next week. He also said that UWABA could come to make a presentation on the 26th September. Members were asked to keep that date free.

Dar es Salaam City Council

Elaine visited the Dar es Salaam City Council. The section which deals with transport issues said they had not seen our letter even though we had delivered to the official office for receiving letters. She gave them a copy and they said they would answer it. She also talked to a Japanese consultant working on the Dar es Salaam Transport Master Plan Junji Shibata of Pacific Consultants International. He said a big problem was that there were no road design guidelines for roads in Dar es Salaam. Elaine emphasized the need for consultation with stakeholders like UWABA.

ID cards

Elaine brought non-laminated ID cards and some members signed their ID cards and gave Paulo Tsh 500 for lamination. Others requested ID cards in the new design.

T-shirts

Mejah said that he has the equipment and knowledge necessary for printing T-shirts. It was agreed that Mejah and Sosthenes meet during the week to design a sample T-shirt for showing to members next week.

Website

Mejah said that he had met someone who will provide us a free website address www.uwaba.or.tz for free which will be better than the present one www.geocities.com/uwabadar.

Mwenge dala dala terminal

Members reported that there are problems at Mwenge dala dala stand as one gate allows cycles in but officials at another gate fine cycles for going in. There are also no parking facilities outside the dala dala terminal. It was agreed to write a letter to Kinondoni Council asking what exactly the policy is on cycles at the terminal.