

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

Attendance

Ally Athuman Jumbe
Amar Shanghavi
Aseli Wilison
Bashiri Rashidi
Dominata Rwechungura
Edgar R Paulo
Elaine Baker
Filbert Mbecha
Frank Peter Rwechungura
Fredy H Lwila
George Kabogo
Juma Hassan Chibaya
Juma Imori Rugole
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Mussa Alex
Nickson Kilunga
Paulo Atibu Hatibu
Pendo January
Shukuru Hassan

Newspapers

Ally Athman brought an article in Alhasiri which discusses cycle safety and which quotes TANROADS and UWABA. Other members also brought articles relevant to cycling issues. We agreed to have a file in the office for newspaper clippings on cycle issues.

gTKP

Elaine said she had emailed Stephen of gTKP to follow up on last weeks meeting and hopes to hear from him soon.

Office

Shukuru brought information that he found blackboards for Tsh 25,000, Tsh 35,000 and Tsh 56,000 depending on size. These were cheaper than the other options so it was agreed he and Juma should go to buy two small blackboards on Monday.

The office is still not painted with the logo.

Road safety project - Wamba Memorial Fund and instructional video

The members liked Amar's suggestion to make an instructional video which can then be given to TV stations etc. As Amar will only be here for three more weeks it was agreed that we film this video the week after next (23rd August). Elaine will ask NIT if we can use their grounds as a venue. The proposed outline of the video is as follows:

- The five "E"s – various members
- Bicycle parts and their functions – Ally Athman

- Checking the safety of your bicycle, size of bicycle, checking helmet – Dominata and Frank Peter
- Safe cycling
 - Getting on your bike and setting off – Bashiri
 - Where to cycle (on left, service roads etc)
 - Using eyes, ears
 - Controlling your bicycle – Aseli
 - Passing out (e.g. pedestrians, holes, other cyclists)
 - Hand signals
 - Road signs – Filbert
 - Junctions - Edgar

Monthly forum

We decided to write a letter of invitation to TANROADS, city council and traffic police to an UWABA meeting where we can discuss the monthly forum idea.

President Kikwete

Elaine drafted a letter to President Kikwete and the members discussed it and Filbert made some corrections.

Paulo went to Radio Tanzania and then TBC who said we can get an audio tape of the Tanga speech for Tsh 5,000, a CD for Tsh 25,000 or a video for Tsh 50,000 but that we have to wait until the reporters return to their office first and they will contact us then.

Cycle Caravan

Elaine added T-shirts to the proposal as suggested last week. She brought letters to the Irish embassy, the Dutch embassy, the guta company and Bakrhesa company and these were read by the members. For Bakhresa it was agreed to ask for other refreshments as well as water. Juma will deliver the other three letters this week. The members suggested we also contact Vodacom (where Amar knows someone who may help us), the other mobile phone companies, CRDB (who recently gave out bicycles as prizes for a school contest in Dodoma), NMB (our own bank), Ulitimate Security and the Irish pub.

Amar said that he knows where helmets can be bought for Tsh 10,000 at wholesale prices and also he may be able to get wholesale prices for bicycles if we get financial sponsors for those items.

Weekly cycle

We went on a cycle around Manzese which attracted attention and made people curious about UWABA. We agreed to find a better route next time and be sure to show good example such as using hand signals.

Flyers

Paulo, Aseli and Shukuru each took some of the flyers to amend the office location printed on them.

Finances

Juma remained with Tsh 13,300 from guta money before the meeting., Juma also remained with Tsh 64,850 left over from the Wamba money. In total this is Tsh 78,150. We subtracted allowance for Juma for July and August so he remains with Tsh 38,150.

Filbert brought Tsh 21,000 of guta money sent by Ally Saidi Mwishehe to the meeting and this Tsh 21,000 was given to Shukuru and Juma will bring the rest of the money so they can buy blackboards together this week.

Other business

Edgar got a t-shirt printed with the words “No Iraqis were killed to fuel this bicycle” copied from Andrew’s t-shirt which all the members liked.