

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
10 January 2009**

Attendance

Ally Athuman Jumbe
Ally Saidi Mwishehe
Bashiri Rashidi
Edgar R Paulo
Elaine Baker
Filbert Mbecha
Hamadi Hatibu Bwaja
Idrisa Kessi Zongo
John Emil Maximilian
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Juma Hassan Chibaya
Kibwana Mohammad Msiga
Mohammed Samwely
Paulo Atibu Hatibu
Shamte J Kigoma

Event for disabled people

Maximilian said there was a big event for disabled people in Diamond Jubilee in Upanga the Sunday after this one. We agreed to produce flyers and Maximilian will try to get a place for UWABA to speak on the agenda.

Volunteer

The German organization who sends volunteers to TASEA phoned to say that UWABA was not a suitable NGO to receive a volunteer because we don't have a big office or full time staff.

Cycle messenger cooperative

Elaine did internet research and sent out emails about the idea for setting up a cycle messenger co-operative. She found an international association of cycle messengers and communicated with them and they are willing to help us with advice. She also called into the Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives to find out more about setting up co-operatives, but it was late afternoon and staff had already left. Idrisi said he would visit the regional co-operative officer in Ilala Boma. We discussed that the co-operative could use UWABA office in the beginning.

Cycle caravan report

Elaine gave a copy of the report to Mejah to deliver to Business Times.

Wamba project

We will keep following up with the Wamba fund to get the second part of the funding. Elaine talked to the teacher in Kigamboni Secondary School and he said he would discuss with his head teacher on when would be suitable days and times for us to teach there.

Road safety video

Elaine found a friend with software to make DVDs and is working on burning the video onto a DVD. Hamadi said he had a friend who knew about videos for other videos in the future and we said it would be good for him to come to a meeting.

Proposed meeting with City Council and monthly forum

Juma checked the post box and there is no reply from the city council yet. Filbert will follow up this week.

The Dutch embassy told Elaine they are willing to support the setting up of the monthly forum by offering a venue and lunch to participants.

Foundation for Civil Society Grant

Elaine visited the British Council and found out that English courses there are Tsh 340,000 per person including initial assessment. If we aim for 20 people then this will exceed the Tsh 5 million of the grant. We discussed on whether to do the computer course or the English course first and we decided to focus on the computer course. We called into Argentina internet café and figured out that it may be better value to pay per hour instead of per month. It is Tsh 700 per hour for the internet computers and Tsh 500 per hour for the non-internet computers. Elaine will prepare the grant application form and bring it next week.

Ministry of Infrastructure

Idrisi delivered the letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure.

NSSF

Mejah delivered another copy of the letter to NSSF and they said they had not seen the first copy. We will wait for a reply for some weeks and then follow up again.

Service Roads

Elaine drafted letters to TANROADS congratulating them on the new road signs on service roads and the members corrected the letters. Hamadi will deliver a letter to TANROADS Dar es Salaam in Ubungo and Paulo will deliver the letter to TANROADS headquarters in town.

Wikipedia

An editor of the Swahili version of Wikipedia wrote an article on UWABA for the Swahili wikipedia and contacted Elaine to tell her about it.

Finances and guta

Ally Saidi Mwishehe said that he can no longer manage the guta as business is not good and he does not want to fall into debt. He will still pay the Tsh 21,000 due. We agreed that Filbert should keep the guta this week temporarily and next week any member who would like to manage it should come with potential guta drivers to apply for the job

The PO Box annual fee of Tsh 30,000 is due. We agreed Juma should pay out of the Tsh 40,800 of UWABA money he is holding.

Arriving early at meetings

It was noted that many members are not arriving until 11am even though the meeting is supposed to start at 10am. It was agreed that members should arrive on time.

Corporal Abuu

Elaine asked the traffic police which hospital Corporal Abuu is in and it was Muhimbili Moi and Juma called to see him and give him best wishes from UWABA.

Bikes from UK

There are organisations in the UK willing to send us bikes but we need to fund the shipping and taxes ourselves. Members will ask for information on the costs of this.

Other business

Elaine will prepare and ID card for Maximilian and bring her camera to prepare IDs for others who need them.

Elaine phoned Rashid who is on the committee but has not come to meetings for a long time. He said he will come next week.

We will wait for Mejah to be at a meeting to ask his advice on the song contest idea.

Jumanne has been very sick for some time and has gone back to Tanga.