

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
11th March 2006**

Attendance

Devidi Ludago	Mejah Mbuya
Elaine Baker	Pitra Andrea
Ibrahim Kizyara	Selemani Almasi
Israel Kiyame	Sosthenes C. Amlima
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo	

New members

Two new members attended this meeting. Sosthenes told us he is an artist and has worked on art projects for HIV/AIDS organizations. Pitra told us he is from Kigamboni and uses his hand-bicycle for transport as he is disabled.

Registration

Mejah updated the meeting on UWABA's registration – UWABA has been registered by the Ministry of Community Development, Gender and Children.

Press releases

Elaine and Juma delivered press releases to most newspaper offices in Dar es Salaam on Saturday 4th March. Mejah followed this up in the past week and managed to secure an interview with the Sunday Citizen – this article will come out on Sunday. Majira and the Daily Times also said they would publish our press release.

Introductory letters

Mejah formulated a list of organizations which UWABA should introduce ourselves to, and this was added to by others at the meeting. The list is as follows:

Government

- Ministry of Communications and Infrastructure
- TANROADS
- Dar es Salaam City Council
- Ilala District Council
- Temeke District Council
- Kinondoni District Council
- Traffic Police
- SUMATRA – the dala dala regulatory authority
- Ministry of Education – on the issue of safe bicycle transport to school for children
- President Kikwete

NGOs

- Tanzania Association of NGOs (TANGO)
- National Environmental Management Council
- Tanzania Media Women's Association
- Centre for Justice and Human Rights

Businesses

- National Bicycle Company (NABICO) which produces bicycles
- GUTA near Tazara which produces three wheeled GUTA bicycles
- Bora Tyre near Mwenge which produces bicycle tyres
- Companies which sell icecream on bicycles – Bakresa and Chinese icecream company (name to be found out)
- Vodacom who sell vouchers on disabled bikes
- Security companies who use bicycles – Dragon, Ultimate Security, Net Support, Group 4
- Large companies with sponsorship programmes, e.g. CRDB, Standard Chartered
- Tuturo flowers who sell flowers on bicycles

Embassies

- Netherlands (high profile on cycling issues)
- China (main exporter of bicycles)

Educational Institutions

- Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) who run bicycle repair courses
- University of Dar es Salaam law department
- University of Dar es Salaam civil engineering department

It was agreed that our highest priority should be the Ministry of Communications and Infrastructure. Mejah reported that he had already delivered an introductory letter to them and had drafted a letter requesting a meeting. At the meeting our aim would be to see how UWABA can participate in road planning processes.

Tanzania Social Forum

The Tanzania Social Forum is scheduled for 22nd to 25th March in Mnazi Moja. It was agreed that UWABA should try to have a stall at this. Mejah said he would visit TANGO who are organizing the forum to find out more.

International networking

Elaine reported that she introduced UWABA to the Pan-Africa Bicycle Information Network (PABIN) using the AfriBikeNet email list. She got a reply from Ibike and from a consulting firm based in Germany doing research on the implications of different dimensions of bicycles for road planning.

Workplace programme

Elaine did a list of criteria which work places should meet in order to get a Bicycle Friendly Workplace certificate from UWABA.

Essay competition

Israel reported that one of his relatives has done an entry for the Ibike essay competition.

Fundraising committee

Israel recommended that a fundraising sub-committee be formed.

Bike promotion

Ideas for bike promotion were discussed:

Having a children's course in how to take care of your bike

Encouraging bicycle taxi businesses. These could be assisted by Benki ya Vijana which is a microfinance for youth project which Israel is involved in.

Logo

It was discussed that a logo is needed in order to produce a range of materials for UWABA. Mejah, Sosthenes and Israel agreed to meet to come up with a logo.

Flyers

More copies of meeting flyers were distributed by Elaine.