

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
15th September 2007**

Attendance

Ally Saidi Mohamedi
Ally Saidi Mwishehe
Elaine Baker
Filbert Mbecha
Izdoly Aludo Kihalule
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Kassim Bakari
Kibwana Mohammad Msiga
Musa Athumani Lahi
Mussa Omari
Patrick Maziku
Ramadhani Rajabu Nyengo
Sosthenes C Amlima
Sudi Saidi Ramadhan

Cycle caravan

During the week it had come to our attention that 13th October was likely to be Eid. This raised the issue of whether it would be a good day to hold the cycle caravan as many Muslims would be celebrating Eid with their families. Elaine communicated with Azzan Zungu MP who said he would be available on following Saturday which is the 20th also. She also communicated with Mr Mlamba of AALOCOM and Jax of CHABADA who agreed the 20th could be a better date, although Jax may be in Mwanza at a cycle race there but other CHABADA members would be around. Elaine texted all UWABA regular members and 11 people replied saying it was better to move the date to Saturday 20th.

Juma then circulated letters explaining the change in date to all the organisations we had sent invitation letters to, as well our sponsors Bakresa, the Guta company and the Chinese Embassy.

At the meeting it was agreed to move the date to 20th and send further invitation/date clarification letters to the Traffic Police, Ultimate Security, Upendo Disabled Sports Club and Walemavu Saccos Karume.

Elaine followed up on getting a letter from Ilala Municipality confirming we can use Mnazi Mmoja and Hon Azzan Zungu gave her a phone number of the relevant person in Ilala Municipality and Juma delivered a letter there requesting confirmation.

Several people reported to members that our press conference last week had been shown on Channel 10 news that night.

Juma called into Game Department Store and was told to return next Friday when the relevant manager would be back.

It was agreed to send letters requesting sponsorship to CRDB, NBC, NMB banks, Urafiki textiles and the Irish Embassy.

Sosthenes brought the 12 cycle flags he had made with various slogans for attaching to cycles at the caravan. On Monday Elaine and Juma withdrew gave him Tsh 55,000 more for making the large banners, which are not yet ready.

It was agreed that we should put up posters about the caravan in schools and encourage students to take part.

Ally Saidi Mohammed suggested that we prepare an information leaflet to give out at the caravan about the advantages of cycling as well as cyclists rights and cycle safety information as that way even participants who don't get prizes will go away with something.

It was decided to do printouts of raffle tickets ourselves rather than buying them. It was agreed to use UWABA funds to buy a print cartridge for Elaine's printer instead of getting them printed at a secretarial shop, as this would help even in printing of other materials also.

Office and Guta

Jumane had traveled to Tanga and Ally Saidi Mohammed had injured his hand badly falling off a roof so there was no progress on the office or guta this week. Jumane will come back this week and Ally Saidi Mohammed expects to be able to work with his young relative to make the shelves into magazine racks.

TANROADS

Juma picked up the TANROADS letter replying to our letter on Wednesday. As it is an important letter Elaine photocopied it and gave to all members at the meeting and put it on the notice board. The letter was very supportive of our aims and shows TANROADS would like to cooperate with UWABA. It goes through each of our questions answering each one. Some very positive aspects are that Sam Nujoma Road and Kilwa Road will both have special lanes for cycles and hand-carts separate from both motorized transport and pedestrians. However, on Nelson Mandela Road there will be a service road to cater for cycles, pedestrians and motorized transport which is accessing plots.

The members came up with some additional points which need further clarification:

- service roads are mentioned in the letter – are these separate from the cycle part and the pedestrian part or the same?
- What physical barriers are there to prevent access by large vehicles to the cycle part of the roads for parking etc? Do the kerbs mentioned protect the cycle part of the road or only the pedestrian part?
- Is the cycle part of the road on the far left or in between the pedestrians and the main road?
- What measures will be taken to ensure that the roads are well maintained (especially road signs, street lights) after the contractor has finished?
- Will there be places for small businesses such as cycle repair (fundi baisikeli) and small kiosks so that they are not blocking the paths?

The members were pleased to receive a thorough answer from TANROADS in writing as this helps us to follow up on the implementation of plans later.

It was agreed to clarify the meeting with TANROADS on 26th so we can raise these points with them.

ID cards

Paulo laminated ID cards during the week and gave them to Elaine as he could not come to today's meeting. Elaine brought non-laminated ID cards and some members signed their ID cards which will be laminated next week by Paulo. Others requested ID cards in the new design.

T-shirts

Mejah could not come to today's meeting but sent a sample UWABA T-shirt which he had printed. The members liked the T-shirt and suggested that on the back it should say "Thamini Baisikeli" which can mean both that cycles are important and they should be respected. On the back UWABA should also be printed. It was also agreed that on the front it should say "Dar es Salaam" as that is part of UWABA's official name.

Mwenge dala dala terminal

Juma delivered a letter to Kinondoni Municipal Council asking for clarification on the issue of cycles in Mwenge bus terminal. Elaine was phoned by someone in the municipality but his credit ran out before he finished talking. She said our main aim was to get clear information on what the policy is as regards cyclists at the terminal.

Dimensions of cycles

Robert Bartlett in Germany put us in contact with an engineer from Benin called Badji Placide who is doing research on the dimensions of cycles and asked us to measure a guta. We measured a guta so we can give him this information.

Bike Art Nouveau, Milan, Italy

Piergiorgio Petruzzellis of La stazione delle biciclette in Milan, Italy sent us an email saying they are holding a bike festival this month called Bike Nouveau Fabrik and intend to auction hand-made bikes (made during the festival as part of a competition) in aid of supporting UWABA activities. The members were happy to hear of this and Elaine sent them information and photos of UWABA.