Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam 16 August 2008

Attendance

Ally Athuman Jumbe Ally Saidi Mwishehe Ally Salum Amar Shanghavi Aseli Wilison Bashiri Rashidi Beda John Mkusu Dominata Rwechungura Edgar R Paulo Elaine Baker Frank Peter Rwechungura George Kabogo Husein Hamza Hamisi Hussein Idda Mkopi Juma Ali Salehe Jongo Juma Hassan Chibaya Juma Imori Rugole Kibwana Mohammad Msiga Nickson Kilunga Paulo Atibu Hatibu Pendo January Ramadhani Rajabu Nyengo Shukuru Hassan Sosthenes C Amlima

Office

Mejah's fundis painted the logo in the office and pictures of cycles on the doors. They still have to paint the UWABA name on the outside of the office. Juma bought paint for Tsh 2,500.

Shukuru bought a blackboard 4.5 feet by 4 feet for Tsh 25,000 including Tsh 21,000 of UWABA money given to him last week and Tsh 4,000. He contributed Tsh 2,000 of his own money for transporting it and also contributed some chalk.

UWABA name still needs to be painted on the outside of the office.

Road safety project - Wamba Memorial Fund and instructional video

Elaine communicated with Mr Wamba of National Institute of Transport about using the open space there as a venue for the video and he said to write a letter, which she wrote and Juma will deliver on Monday.

We agreed to meet at the office at 9am next week and go to Mabibo together to film the video.

Paulo suggested that we also include information about UWABA and its aims in the video. Ally Athman suggested we include the advantages of cycling and appeal to drivers to respect cyclists. Shukuru will cover the topics of where to cycle and being attentive. Upendo will cover hand signals. Some members will remind Mussa Alex to come as he is an example of a school child cycling. Ally Saidi Mwishehe will transport the blackboard to Mabibo by guta.

Monthly forum

Elaine drafted a letter of invitation to TANROADS, city council and traffic police to an UWABA meeting on 30th August. We discussed offering the guests some refreshments if they come. We agreed that all the attendees would have some bites and a soda from UWABA funds which should cost about Tsh 25,000 and Edgar will research this.

President Kikwete

Elaine incorporated the corrections to the letter to President Kikwete and Juma will deliver it this week.

Cycle Caravan

During the week Juma delivered letters to the Dutch Embassy, the Irish Embassy and the Guta company. Elaine received an email reply from the Dutch embassy that the person who will deal with our request is away and will return at the end of August, and our application will be considered then.

Elaine brought letters to Bakhresa, Ultimate Security and National Microfinance Bank which Juma will deliver this week. She will email a letter for Vodacom to Amar who will deliver it.

Amar said there is a shop on corner of Morogoro Road and Indira Ghandi Street where we can get bikes which have gears for Tsh 80,000 if we buy a few at the same time.

Flyers

During the week Paulo, Aseli and Shukuru made corrections to the office location on the flyers. Some members took some for distribution but we are keeping most for our events.

Kibwana

Husein Hamisi reported that to fix Kibwana's hand-cycle would be Tsh 13,500 for brake fixtures, Tsh 7,500 for tubes, Tsh 15,000 for tyres and Tsh 2,000 for a part of the pedal which is Tsh 38,000, and we should also allow Tsh 1,000 for other small items. The members agreed to use this amount of UWABA funds to fix Kibwana's cycle.

Finances

Juma put Tsh 4,000 towards the blackboard, spent Tsh 2,500 on paint for office, Tsh 1,500 on photocopy, Tsh 300 on fixing a puncture, Tsh 200 on envelopes and Tsh 500 on phone credit. He remains with Tsh 29,150 of UWABA money.

Ally Saidi Mwishehe did not bring guta money this week he will bring it next week.

Other business

We opened a file for newspaper cuttings in the office.

One of Ally Saidi Mwishehe's own gutas was stolen during the week, and the members sympathised with him as it is a big loss to his income. We discussed the importance of locks and being careful.

Husein Hamza said that a cyclist had an accident and he tried all the phone numbers given to us by the Traffic police in the leaflet to ask for assistance but none of them were answered. We agreed to raise this with the traffic police.