

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
21 March 2009**

Attendance

Ally Athuman Jumbe
Ally Saidi Mwishehe
Bashiri Rashidi
Beda John Mkusu
Edgar R Paulo
Elaine Baker
Filbert Mbecha
Frank Peter Rwechungura
Hamadi Hatibu Bwaja
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Mejah Mbuya
Paulo Atibu Hatibu
Rashidi Saidi Karanji
Shamte J Kigoma
Sosthenes C Amlima
Sudi Saidi Ramadhan

Meeting with City Council and monthly forum

On Wednesday 18th March, Mejah, Elaine, Juma, Paulo and Filbert met with the City Council, the department of city planning, environment and transport of the city council. We met with Mr Chirstopher Japhet, head of the department, Ms Neema Kinyago, Ms Ester Mijinga and Ms Martha Mkapasi head of the safe cities programme. We introduced UWABA, advantages of cycling as a means of transport and the activities of UWABA. We then explained the difficulties we are facing dealing with so many government departments and the suggestion of a monthly forum on non-motorized transport including Ministry of Infrastructure, TANROADS, City Council, three municipal councils and traffic police. They were supportive of this idea and thought it would solve some problems with coordination on this issue. They were willing to ask the city council director to issue letters of invitation to the meeting. They made some suggestions for other participants such as the Lands University and the Ministry of Lands. We said that the Dutch embassy had offered a meeting room and refreshments. They asked if allowances were provided. We said that the Dutch embassy said they could not provide allowances. They said that the city council director would not be willing to issue invitations without provision for transport allowance of about Tsh 20,000 to Tsh 30,000 per person. We agreed to request the Dutch embassy, the World Bank and JICA to provide these allowances.

At today's UWABA meeting we discussed our frustration about this, as all UWABA members are volunteers who don't receive salaries or allowances while the Government officials receive salaries and yet UWABA members are working harder on this issue than the city council, and coordination is a core part of the mandate of the city council, who also did not offer to budget for the allowances themselves.

After the city council meeting Elaine sent an email to Dieter Schelling of the World Bank and Stefan Hultz of the Dutch embassy explaining the outcome but they are both out of the office this week. She also called into JICA and the relevant person (Asuke Tsuboike) is also out of the office. We agreed to write a letter to request a meeting with JICA.

Wamba project

Una Osili replied that she would follow up on getting documents from their bank to show that the transfer was sent.

Cycle courier cooperative

Elaine called into both the regional cooperative officer and the Kinondoni district cooperative officer Mr Bukuku. Mr Bukuku's assistants were discouraging about starting the cooperative but after she explained in detail to Mr Bukuku he said we should write a letter requesting to register, and then we find a meeting place such as a school and they will come and have an information meeting with us explaining about setting up and running a cooperative. Edgar agreed to deliver the letter.

We discussed the cooperative and agreed on a name - "Fasta bicycle messengers". We agreed that some people will be in town distributing flyers and ready for messaging while one person will be answering phone calls. Profit sharing will be on the basis of hours spent - phone duty will be half the value of town duty. We agreed to make a budget and set prices after the information meeting.

Foundation for Civil Society Grant

Elaine is following up to get CVs of trainers to add to the application.

Cycle safety video

Elaine found a way of burning DVDs with some software she downloaded. She will organise DVDs and also CDs. Mejah will donate some DVDs he has.

Juma

Juma has moved his personal things from the office.

Song contest

Mejah, Sosthenes and Edgar will find out about the costs of recording a single.

WHO meeting

We have received an invitation letter to attend a WHO meeting on road safety in Brussels. Elaine's name was on the invitation letter but she emailed them to request Tanzanian representatives of UWABA to attend. They have not yet replied to the email. We clarified that the UWABA members with both a passport and English language skills are Mejah, Filbert, Sosthenes and Edgar. Elaine will follow up to see how many places we can have at the meeting.

Finances and guta

Filbert owes Tsh 14,000 of guta money. Juma holds Tsh 7,000 of UWABA money. Ali Saidi Mwishehe owes Tsh 21,000.

Arriving on time

It was emphasized that members should arrive on time to meetings.