

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam  
23 February 2008**

**Attendance**

Ally Saidi Mwishehe  
Aseli Wilison  
Elaine Baker  
Filbert Mbecha  
Husein Hamza Hamisi  
Jumanne Idd Selemani  
Kassim Bakari  
Kibwana Mohammad Msiga  
Paulo Atibu Hatibu

**Office**

Ally Saidi Mohammed was not at the meeting and has not yet put up the second new notice board. Members said they will remind him if they see him during the week.

Mejah told Elaine that he would organise to paint the doors and outside of the office with UWABA name and logo.

Elaine will wait until nearer the time of the official office opening to print out the materials as they will get dusty quickly.

Juma and Elaine withdrew Tsh 465,000 and put this together with Tsh 35,000 which they were holding of UWABA money. This money was used by Juma to buy 30 reflective jackets and Mejah to buy 30 mitumba helmets. The remaining money is being used for printing of T shirts. These will be given out to members during the official office opening.

**Newsletter of Kali Mata**

Kali Mata, the organisation of women cyclists in Gezaulole, sent us their newsletter in both English and Swahili. It included a report on their participation in the Cycle Caravan. The newsletter is on the office bookshelves.

**Ben Bikes and Wamba Memorial Fund**

Elaine was in South Africa for a holiday and while there she met with Andrew Wheeldon of Ben Bikes, the organisation who will be working with us on the road safety project funded by Wamba Memorial Fund. He also introduced her to other staff and volunteers at Ben Bikes, showed her around their office and told her about some of their activities while Elaine told him some news about UWABA. He gave us a copy of their annual report which the members browsed through during the meeting, and members were very interested in hearing more about another organisation in Africa with similar aims and activities to ours on a larger scale.

We have still not received details of how we will get the Wamba funding so Elaine emailed them to remind them last week.

### **Morogoro Road**

After the discussion on Morogoro Road at the previous meeting Elaine compiled the comments into a letter and Juma delivered it to the Dar es Salaam City Council at the office of Mrs Mlamba.

### **Temeke Branch**

It was decided that we should hold the first meeting of the Temeke branch of UWABA on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 10am at Sterio Sokoni Temeke where the gutas are parked. Elaine will produce flyers advertising this meeting and Paulo will distribute them to cyclists in Temeke before the meeting.

### **Essay contest**

The deadline for the Ibike essay contest for children is in May. Paulo brought some pictures of bikes drawn by a 15 year old but for this age group they are also required to write an essay. He said he would encourage him to do so.

### **Finances**

Ally Saidi Mwishehe has continued to pay UWABA Tsh 7,000 every week for use of the guta and brought this week's money to the meeting.

At the meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> December it had been agreed on Elaine's suggestion to give Juma Tsh 20,000 allowance due to the long hours work he does for UWABA. However, it appears there was a misunderstanding in that some members understood this to be a once-off allowance while others understood it to be every month. Hussein, Kibwana and Filbert said that it could be seen as unfair to give one member an allowance on a regular basis when others also volunteer their time. They suggested that we can award special allowances to members who have used a large amount of their time for UWABA work from time to time if money is available, but this should not be a regular amount. This was discussed and agreed by all members.

Hussein suggested that the money from the guta be tracked more closely and it was agreed that every week we report the money available in the bank and UWABA money held by Juma together with the money spent during the week.