

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> June 2007**

**Attendance**

Abdalha Joseph  
Ally Saidi Mohamedi  
Ally Salum (Guta ya Abiria)  
Bakari Sadiki  
Elaine Baker  
Filbert Mbecha  
Hemedi Juma  
Izdoly Aludo Kihalule  
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo  
Jumanne Idd Selemani  
Kibwana Mohammad Msiga  
Kilenja Kasim Ramadhan  
Mejah Mbuya  
Mrisho Rumuli  
Paulo Atibu  
Prosper Nyaki  
Ramadhani Rajabu Nyengo  
Rashidi Saidi Karanji  
Rematus Nghazambi  
Suddi Saidi

**New members**

There were seven new members at this meeting so they were welcomed and everyone introduced themselves.

**Communications with Ilala Municipality**

Prosper reported that that he had been invited to attend the first task force meeting with Ilala Municipality on traffic congestion, which was held last Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June. At this meeting it was decided that maguta (three-wheeled goods-transport bicycles) would be required to register at their local ward and there would be special designated places where they are allowed to wait for customers. The same rule will apply to pick-up trucks and taxis. They would be required to pay a registration fee or tax. This was seen as acceptable by members at the meeting, so long as the fee or tax was reasonable and so long as they were free to transport goods to all parts of the city, so that only the waiting-places were restricted. It was also seen as a good way of organizing together and negotiating prices with customers per kilo.

However, it was stressed that language used to communicate policies is very important. If language such as “banning” or “prohibiting” (kuondoa or kupiga marufuku) was used, this could be misinterpreted by journalists and police and cause maguta to be hassled. Ilala Municipality should produce written documents of their policies which are very clear and unambiguous.

Prosper also reported that other issues discussed included the provision of roads for cyclists and maguta.

It was also stressed that Ilala Municipality should communicate properly with UWABA and inform us of all meetings or changes of policies. In addition, deciding policies at meetings was useless without clear communication to the public of policy decisions, and implementation.

We thanked Prosper for communicating with the meeting and expressed the hope he would continue to be a good representative for cyclists at task force meetings.

### **Bicycle caravan**

Elaine reported that she had printed out the letters asking for sponsorship drafted at the previous meeting. Juma spent two days distributing these letters. Letters were sent to Embassy of the Netherlands, Mohammad Enterprises, Knight Support, the Guta manufacturing company and ZANTEL. On Monday he will deliver the letter to Bakhresa. Juma also collected phone numbers at each office.

Elaine said she would follow up by phone next week and try to arrange meetings with marketing managers or equivalent. Meja said it would be important to send letters of invitation to Knight Support and schools later on also to get large number of cyclists. He also got the details of the Chinese company which sells ice-cream on bicycles Sinu-Tanzania Fuwano – their headquarters is in Kiwahani.

### **Roads planned for construction**

Juma also distributed letters to TANROADS Dar es Salaam, TANROADS Ubungu and four out of the six consultants and contractors on the three roads – Sam Nujoma, Nelson Mandela and Kilwa Road. He will distribute the other two letters on Monday. He also got phone numbers for them.

### **Office and meeting location**

This was the first meeting at the new location Mahakama wa Ndizi, Mabibo. The turnout for the meeting was good and new members were recruited. Jumanne arranged with a local bar for chairs and sodas.

The meeting decided that it would be good to have an office in this area. There is an unoccupied office (a small room) next to Jumanne's office where he fixes maguta. This was seen as ideal, as both Jumanne and Rashid are working nearby so if people come to the office they could deal with any questions or issues. We could put information, posters etc about UWABA as well as membership forms for people to join after they have been sensitized on what UWABA is about.

The rent for this office would be Tsh 20,000 to Tsh 30,000 a month. Jumanne suggested that rather than having an ongoing recurrent cost, it would be good to invest in a guta. The money made from renting out this guta could cover the rent of the office and so we would have a once off cost instead of an ongoing cost. A guta costs Tsh 330,000. Elaine said she would investigate if some individuals she knows would be prepared to meet some of this cost, and members could contribute the rest.

### **Bank Account**

It was decided to open a bank account at National Microfinance Bank in Magomeni. The committee are to follow up on how to go about this. This is especially important if we are to receive sponsorship for the Msafara.

### **Other business**

Elaine reported that Shukuru (who was not at the meeting) had attended a Government open day at Mnazi Mmoja and at the TANROADS stand he had raised cycling issues with the officials at the stand and collected TANROADS leaflets.

Elaine took digital photos of members who do not yet have an ID card so she can make them ID cards.

Meja suggested we ask the traffic police to facilitate an education session about rights and responsibilities of cyclists on the roads.