

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam  
25<sup>th</sup> August 2007**

**Attendance**

Abdallah Fiki Ally  
Ally Saidi Mohamedi  
Ally Saidi Mwishekh  
Elaine Baker  
Filbert Mbecha  
Frederick John Frederick  
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo  
Jumanne Idd Selemani  
Kassim Bakari  
Lameck Charles  
Patrick Masinga  
Paulo Atibu Hatibu  
Rahma Ali  
Ramadhani Rajabu Nyengo  
Rashidi Saidi Karanji

**Cycle safety project / Wamba memorial fund**

Ally Saidi Mohammed reported that on Monday he and Mr Mwenguo followed up and got a letter of introduction from the local overnment for UWABA for the Wamba Memorial Fund application. Paulo went to the HUWATA office to collect the letter and registration certificate from HUWATA. Elaine emailed the proposal and attachments to the email address given on Tuesday. She did not get any reply so she tried phoning the US number given also to confirm it was received, but she got the answering machine of Professor Osili. She will follow up again during the week to ensure it was received.

**Guta**

On Monday Juma and Elaine withdrew Tsh 25,000 from the bank and gave it to Jumanne to do an overall service and buy spares for the guta. Jumanne gave this service and the guta is now fully ready for work. It will earn money during the week and Jumanne will starting bringing the Tsh 7,000 per week from next Saturday.

**Cycle caravan**

On Monday Elaine and Juma went to see the MP of Ilala Mhe Azzan Zungu. We congratulated him on cycling to the parliament and told him about the cycle caravan and asked him to be the guest of honour. He was very supportive of the cycle caravan and agreed to be the guest of honour. He also said he would assist us to obtain sponsorship and that he would arrange that we get the venue Mnazi Mmoja for free. He said we should follow up with him in one week. Elaine and Juma met Selemani Majembele from AALOCOM on the way out of the meeting as he was late, while Jax from CHABADA did not come.

Elaine and Juma then went to Bakhresa company in Kariakoo and then were told Mr Bakresa was in Tazara. We were given a lot of hassle by the gate guards of Bakhresa in TAZARA who refused to let us in to see anyone. We phoned Mr Lawrence (who was not there) who is a secretary to Mr Bakhresa and he was not helpful in allowing us in until after we phoned him three times. When we got in we talked to Mr Abdul who was cooperative and helpful and who then went to Mr Bakhresa's office with our request for sponsorship for drinking water and advertisements. He came back and told us that Mr Bakhresa would donate 600 litre-bottles of drinking water but not the advertisement sponsorship. We were very grateful and promised to write him a letter of thanks. We were given Mr Abdul's phone numbers so that we could follow up with collecting the drinking water closer to the time of the caravan.

Elaine followed up by phone with other potential sponsors. Ultimate Security said that they received the letter but the manager was not interested in sponsoring the caravan. Knight Support keep telling her to phone back another day. Celtel said they are following up the letter and will get back to us. One of the officials at the Embassy of China said he had seen the letter and it had been sent to the ambassador, but the secretary to the ambassador said he had not seen the letter so Elaine emailed it to him again.

Elaine said that her family had agreed to donate Tsh 250,000 to the caravan. She gave Juma the money who will deposit it in our account.

As the highest priorities are advertisements and more raffle prizes it was agreed that a group of members would go to the Chinese Embassy on Monday morning (leaving Magomeni at 8am), followed by approaching IPP media (Mr Mengi) for the first time.

### **Office**

Ally Saidi Mohammed has put up shelves to use as magazine racks. As the papers could fall off easily, he said he would put ledges to prevent this. He also said he had enough money left over to make a table with drawers. He will also make a frame for the certificate of registration.

Elaine brought printouts of photos and extracts from the UWABA website to put on the notice boards and Ally Saidi Mohammed put them up. Members were encouraged to contribute articles or drawings for the notice boards. Paulo said that we should have a full copy of the photo of members in Dar Leo newspaper.

Elaine said she emailed IBike, Joey and Matthew to update them on our progress with the office.

### **Post Box**

Juma checked Mejah's brother's post box on Monday but there were no letters meaning we have not got any replies to our letters.

Jumanne asked if members could have personal letters posted to them care of the UWABA post box if they don't have a post box and it was agreed that this would be OK.

## **TANROADS**

Elaine said she would follow up with TANROADS this week on rescheduling our meeting with them.

## **ID cards**

Sosthenes drew icons of a guta and a three-wheeled arm-cycle for disabled people and delivered them to Elaine on Monday who scanned them and put them on the ID card. She also put the PO Box and physical address of UWABA on the ID card but didn't bring a copy to the meeting.

Frederick said that the ID card should also be signed by the member. It was agreed to do this, even though this would mean the ID being printed, then brought to the member and then being laminated afterwards.

It was agreed that people should pay for their cards before having their photo taken to prevent ID cards being prepared for members who don't pick them up or pay for them.

## **Temeke Branch**

It was discussed about setting up a Temeke branch for the many cyclists in Temeke who cannot come to Mabibo for meetings regularly. It was agreed that Paulo and Fredrick who live in Temeke would investigate a good place for holding meetings for the Temeke branch. The Elaine would print flyers advertising the first meeting of the Temeke branch for a date in a few weeks time and Paulo and Fredrick would distribute them.

## **Other business**

It was discussed that UWABA should have an official stamp. Paulo said he would investigate the cost of a stamp with our logo and address.

It was discussed that UWABA should have T-shirts and flags for attaching to cycles and sell them to members. Fredrick said he would investigate the costs of having T-shirts printed.