Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam 28 June 2008

Attendance

Ally Athuman Jumbe
Aseli Wilison
Elaine Baker
Filbert Mbecha
Frank Peter Rwechungura
Husein Hamza Hamisi
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Juma Hassan Chibaya
Jumanne Idd Selemani
Paulo Atibu Hatibu
Sudi Saidi Ramadhan

Road safety project - Wamba Memorial Fund

During the meeting the members spent time going through the cycle safety manual translating it. Elaine will type and format the translation.

As the training of trainers is only three weeks away it was agreed we should start inviting people. We will invite one or two people from HUWATA, National Institute of Transport, Traffic Police and one or two participating schools and write them letters of invitation. It was agreed up to 10 UWABA members could participate and they should be willing to be cycle safety teachers later on. A knowledge of English is an advantage to communicate directly with Andrew. It was agreed that UWABA's Wamba funds be used to pay participants Tsh 5,000 per day as well as paying for food, as participants will be away from their normal work and businesses.

Office

Mejah has not yet painted the logo in the office. Elaine wrote a letter to the local government in Manzese introducing UWABA and our new office and Juma will deliver it.

Tax

Juma followed up on and received a reply to our letter to the TRA asking about tax rates. It says that the import duty rate for bicycles is normally 25% but this is 0% if imported from Kenya or Uganda or if imported in CKD (Completely Knocked Down) format. It is not clear exactly what this means. We phoned Mr Ngaja of the guta company and he said he pays 25% import duty and 20% VAT, although he is importing parts not final cycles. We decided to give him a copy of our letter from TRA and also to give a copy to Mrs Mlamba in the City Council who was interested in this issue.

Finances

During the week Juma spent Tsh 1,500 on a cycle toy which can be used as a gift, although Markus had already left by the time he bought it. This week's guta money has not yet been paid. Juma has Tsh 62,200 of UWABA money at home. Members agreed to pay Juma Chibaya Tsh 1,000 so he can get some treatment he needs for the roof of the new office..