

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
30th June 2007**

Attendance

Ally Saidi Mohamedi
Ally Saidi Mwishekh
Elaine Baker
Emmy Rashidy
Faraji Kiruwa
Ima Mhigai
Juma Hassani Mibweto
Jumanne Idd Selemani
Kibwana Mohammad Msiga
Mrisho Salumu Lumuli
Ramadhani Rajabu Nyengo
Rashidi Saidi Karanji
Shabani Ramadhani
Sudi Saidi

New members

There were four new members at this meeting and Emmy as one of the few women was given a special welcome. We discussed the importance of getting more women members.

Bank account

Elaine reported that she called into National Microfinance Bank. The list of requirements are as follows:

- Tsh 11,000 opening deposit
- Letter from the local street / ward Government introducing the group and the signatories
- Three stamp sized photos of each of the signatories, stamped with the local government stamp
- Minutes of the meeting which decided to open the bank account, signed by the signatories
- Registration certificate of the organisation
- Letter from UWABA to the branch manager of the bank requesting to open a bank account
- Recommendations from two existing NMB customers
- Passport or voting card of each of the signatories
- Copy of UWABA constitution
- All signatories to come to the bank to open the account

Although our letter of introduction at the time of registration came from a local Government in Mwenge, it was seen as preferable to get the letter from Mahakama ya Ndizi this time as that is where we intend to have our office.

Ally Saidi Mohammed said he would follow up contacting the local Government of Mahakama ya Ndizi to arrange for the letter. He will also try to find some existing NMB account holders. Elaine said she would get photos of the three office holders. We have or can easily produce the other documents.

Office

Jumanne reported that the office can have is the one with the red gate. The owner wants Tsh 20,000 per month and he wants twelve months rent in advance. Elaine reported that she had not received a response from the people she asked to contribute. It was decided that the members would all contribute Tsh 5,000 if they can, in small installments each week, and Elaine would look at some other sources of funding to supplement this including the ITDP.

It was discussed that we would paint the office walls, put up notices boards and bookshelves for documents and notices and get a table, a chair and some benches.

Bicycle caravan

Juma had told Elaine during the week that he had delivered the remaining letter to Bakhresa and that he had talked to Bakhresa himself. Mr Bakhresa wanted to know if we had a bank account. Zantel have refused sponsorship saying that it does not fit into their portfolio. It was decided to approach Celtel.

Elaine did not have time to follow up by phone last week but said she would follow up by phone next week and try to arrange meetings.

Roads planned for construction

One of the consultancy companies, Carl Bro Associates who are the consultants for Nelson Mandela Road replied to UWABA via email recommending that we liase with TANROADS directly as they have already finished the consultancy last February. Elaine replied asking if we could call into their office to ask some questions and they agreed. Elaine will phone this week to arrange a meeting and inform the other members.

Dar es Salaam Transport Master Plan

Elaine read in the newspaper that the Government is cooperating with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to prepare a Dar es Salaam Transport Master Plan. In addition many members observed that there were people collecting data on numbers of vehicles passing at various junctions during the week. Elaine enquired with one group and their supervisor said they were students from the Dar es Salaam Institute of Transport in Mabibo collecting data for the master plan. He said the contact person in the Institute of Transport was a Mr Wemba. Elaine drafted letters to the Dar es Salaam city council, JICA and the Institute of Transport asking that UWABA be involved as a stakeholder in this process.

Other business

Elaine distributed laminated membership ID cards. People receiving the cards were asked to contribute Tsh 500 towards lamination and Jumanne kept a list of these contributions in the absence of Juma.

It was discussed that UWABA should have T-Shirts printed which members would buy and should have a slogan on the T-Shirts.