Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam 22nd September 2007

Attendance

Ally Saidi Mohamedi
Ally Saidi Mwishehe
Elaine Baker
Filbert Mbecha
Godfrey Jax (CHABADA and UWABA)
Izdoly Aludo Kihalule
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Jumanne Idd Selemani
Kibwana Mohammad Msiga
Patrick Masinga
Paulo Atibu Hatibu
Rahma Ali
Ramadhani Rajabu Nyengo
Selion Elieskia
Sudi Saidi Ramadhan

Guest

Hussein Ally - CHABADA

Cycle caravan

Juma and Godfrey Jax gave a report on the International Sport, exercice and health day which was marked in Mnazi Mmoja by a range of sport organisation including CHABADA. Juma also attended and distributed flyers and posters.

During the week Juma delivered letters requesting sponsorship to CRDB, NMB, the embassy of Ireland and DSI bicycle tyres. He will follow up with Mohammed Enterprises this week.

During the week we received a letter from Ilala Municipality confirming that we can use Mnazi Mmoja for the caravan event. However, it says we must pay Tsh 150,000 despite the fact that Azzan Zungu said we would get it for free. Elaine talked to the relevant person on the phone and Godfrey also talked to them and they said to write another letter requesting we be given use of Mnazi Mmoja free (although the first letter did ask this also). Elaine said she would draft the letter. They did not say that we would have use of tents either.

Hussein Ally said that his music / microphone system is still not fixed but he would give us feedback next week.

Juma delivered letters of invitation to Karume Saccos, Upendo Disabled Sports Club and the Traffic Police. He also delivered a letter of thanks for the offer of use of the ambulance and clarification on the date to Ultimate Security.

SUMATRA replied to our letter of invitation with words of support for UWABA but without being clear on whether they are actually attending.

Elaine bought a print cartridge with UWABA money for printing of raffle tickets and other printing costs as agreed last week. She used the money which was originally withdrawn for photocopying flyers and posters – more money will be withdrawn for this later.

TANROADS

Juma picked up a letter from TANROADS clarifying that we will meet them on Wednesday 26^{th} at 10am.

Elaine circulated the presentation written by UWABA members for the TANROADS Dar es Salaam meeting which she adapted and updated for the TANROADS headquarters meeting. The members came up with some points which should be included:

- it should be clarified which Government institution is responsible for street lighting and trees
- kerbs along a bike route causing dismount and mount should be made into slopes
- there are often hazardous large wholes, uncovered drains or stub of old metal poles which are dangerous and should be fixed or removed
- some roads have no place for either pedestrians or cyclists and are built only for cars
- On bridges there should be a special place for cyclists to pass
- On some roads the paved part is narrow but there is space to put a path for cyclists on the sandy margins
- The part of Morogoro road between Ubungo and Mbezi is good as it has a wide service road which passes behind bus stop
- many of the drain covers on Morogoro Road are already broken
- On Morogoro Road the service road is used by vehicles to pass the queue
- Between Tip Top and makutano taxis park along the road making half of the road into a taxi rank
- Ramps should be put between Manzese and Sinza to reduce speed
- Nyerere Road was a very good road with special lane for cyclists but now it is falling into disrepair causing the cycles to go on the main road
- Tandale Uzuri road has got ramps which reduce speed of vehicles good
- Ramps should be put on Uhuru Street between Buguruni and Ilala to reduce speed

Elaine will incorporate these points into the presentation.

It was agreed that some people will meet at 8.30am at Mabibo together and go to TANROADS while others will go straight to TANROADS at 9.30am.

Office and Guta

Ally Saidi Mohammed finished making the magazine racks for the office.

Jumanne had not collected the money for the guta from the guta driver – Tsh 21,000 is now owed.

ID cards

Paulo laminated ID cards during the week and distributed them. Elaine brought non-laminated ID cards and some members signed their ID cards which will be laminated next week by Paulo. Others requested ID cards in the new design.

T-shirts

Mejah could not come to today's meeting but sent a message to say he would print UWABA T-shirts according to the suggestions given by UWABA members last week. This would cost Tsh 1,500 for the printing and the plain T-shirt is estimated at Tsh 2,500. The following members put their name down to order a T-shirt - Ally Saidi Mwishehe, Elaine Baker, Filbert Mbecha, Izdoly Aludo Kihalule, Juma Ali Salehe Jongo, Jumanne Idd Selemani, Patrick Masinga, Paulo Atibu Hatibu, Rahma Ali Ramadhani Rajabu Nyengo, Selion Elieskia, Sudi Saidi Ramadhan.

Godfrey said there is a business selling T-shirts in town on Morogoro Road which he usually uses.