

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
26 July 2008**

Attendance

Ally Saidi Mohamedi
Ally Saidi Mwishehe
Amar Shanghavi
Aseli Wilison
Bashiri Rashidi
Dominata Rwechungura
Edgar R Paulo
Elaine Baker
Filbert Mbecha
Frank Peter Rwechungura
Husein Hamza Hamisi
Juma Imori Rugole
Jumanne Idd Selemani
Kibwana Mohammad Msiga
Mussa Alex
Mussa Omari
Nickson Kilunga
Paulo Atibu Hatibu
Solomon Mihoyo
Sosthenes C Amlima
Upendo Mwankenja

New members

New members Amar Shanghavi, Nickson Kilunga, Solomon Mihoyo and Upendo Mwankenja introduced themselves and were welcomed to UWABA.

Road safety project - Wamba Memorial Fund

The members discussed the Road Safety training which took place this week, and the visit to Tanzania by Andrew Wheeldon of Bicycle Empowerment Network, South Africa. Members agreed that the training went very well. The training was attended by about 15-17 UWABA members, two HUWATA members, three school teachers (from Msongole and Kigamboni), one TANROADS representative and one Traffic Police representative. Members liked the variety of topics taught and the interactive way of teaching and learning. Dominata organised for media to attend the event on the third day and the event was covered on two radio stations (Dira on Radio Times and Pata Pata on Wapo Radio) as well as one newspaper (Nipashe).

On the way forward, Hussein Hamza and Filbert suggested we practise teaching each other first. Ally Saidi Mohammed suggested we form groups and week one group teaches one topic, to members who were not at the training as well as members who were. We discussed getting a blackboard for our new office which will help the teaching (see minutes on office below). Elaine will write up notes on the training with the assistance of notes provided by Andrew and by the members. After we have moved office and got the blackboard we will form the groups.

Edgar suggested that later as well as doing training sessions we also do public awareness on cycle safety in public places. It was also suggested we get the media to broadcast our training sessions. Ally Saidi Mohammed said we should train parents as well as school students.

Juma and Elaine will prepare a financial report of the expenditure on the training and Andrew's visit.

Visits to offices

On Thursday Andrew visited both the traffic police and TANROADS with Sosthenes and Juma. He left a report for us and also Sosthenes briefed us.

They met the director of planning of TANROADS who had a positive meeting with him and said UWABA and TANROADS should continue to communicate about cycle issues. Andrew suggested a monthly forum on cycling issues be set up with the relevant Government and non-government organisations as participants and he agreed and said we should put this idea in writing.

There was a mix up about the traffic police meeting but eventually they met with a relevant person, who said we should invite traffic police to any events we hold.

On Friday they tried to meet Mrs Mlamba of the city council but they were late for their appointment and she had to go to another meeting.

It was decided as a follow on to this to invite TANROADS, city council, traffic police and other stakeholders to a meeting with an agenda of setting up the monthly forum

It was also discussed that we should ask Engineer Daffa if TANROADS can organise a tour of the cycling features on Sam Nujoma road attended by UWABA, councillors and others.

Office

As the 1st of August is the deadline for moving out of our existing office, it was agreed we should move on Monday afternoon starting at 12pm. The move will be organised Aseli Wilson, Filbert Mbecha (who will bring a guta), Hussein Hamza, Ally Saidi Mohammed (who will bring tools for taking down and putting up notice boards) and Juma (who will have key to new office).

Ally Saidi Mohammed also said he would get quotations for materials to make our own blackboards and Amar said he would investigate the prices of ready-made blackboards. It was agreed we should have portable blackboards so we can bring them to training sessions in schools also.

Cycle Caravan

Elaine revised last year's cycle caravan proposal to prepare it for this year but forgot to bring the draft to the meeting – she will bring it next week.

Other business

There was discussion about the BEN t-shirt which Andrew donated to us and Dominata was keeping. Sosthenes suggested it be kept in the office. However after discussion it was agreed that it should be worn by someone for publicity purposes. It was agreed that Dominata could keep it although it belongs to UWABA, and she should wear it often.

Edgar suggested that we try to get the Government to make it compulsory for cyclists to get a road safety training and a badge from UWABA before they are allowed to cycle. However other members said this would discourage cyclists and would increase bureaucracy and corruption.

Dominata suggested when we are settled in our new office we should do a short weekly cycle together after meetings in our t-shirts, helmets and reflective jackets to raise awareness.

It was suggested that we get a documentary made about UWABA and cycling in Dar es Salaam.

Sosthenes said that he heard that President Kikwete had said he would encourage people to cycle recently. We discussed writing a letter to him to introduce ourselves. However it was decided that Sosthenes and Dominata should first find out exactly what he said and when and where he said it.

Ally Saidi Mohammed suggested that Kibwana's arm-cycle for disabled people is not in good condition and that we in UWABA should help him improve it as he is a member for a long time. It was agreed that UWABA members who are fundis would examine it and then both UWABA as an organisation and individual members would contribute to improve it.

Bashiri asked that regular UWABA members who did not receive helmets at the office opening ceremony receive them. Elaine said it would be good to first have the financial report done this week so we can see how we are placed to purchase or subsidize helmets.