Minutes Maliwatch Executive Committee Meeting May 30th, 2009

1. Meeting was called to order by Harouna Maiga

Were present: Ibrahim Yattara, Abdoulaye Niang and Harouna Maiga.

- 2. The approval of April 25th, 2009 minutes was postponed to the next meeting, because they were not ready.
- 3. The lion club of Crookston, MN has put together a letter about how to sponsor the school water project of Zakoire-Ansongo in Mali. They will provide the funds and Maliwatch-Mali will execute the project in conjunction with Lions clubs of Bamako. The funds will be provided through Maliwatch USA. Ibrahim asked to put all the detail of the project in writing. The lion club will fill out the form required by Maliwatch.
- 4. Ibrahim reported about the membership fee payment. According to him: Cherif Keita paid his membership. Eloi Diarra of France had attempted to pay his membership fee but there were some problems with the transaction. As of Saturday May 30, Maliwatch has \$6441.72. Harouna indicated that MSAS funds in Bremer account balance was \$6500 from which \$600 were paid to Aliou Haidara and \$600 paid to Mohomodou Houssouba as partial airline ticket reimbursements for MSAS 2008 meeting. Harouna also said Moktar Sellami of Algeria need to be reimbursed for his ticket (\$1000), as well as Fad Seydou and Djeneba Traore for partial reimbursements once they submitted their tickets.

The members made a proposition to separate the fund of MSAS and Maliwatch in the future. Discussion to be continued!

We also suggested dates for the Maliwatch meeting in DC. Harouna proposed Labor Day but there was no consensus reached on that. Harouna to submit three different dates for the members to select from

Harouna have an update on project for Dimade organization and the Health project submitted by Bintou Coulibaly. These projects will be discussed at the next MW Board of Directors meeting in June.

The meeting adjourned after one hour.