**MaliWatch All-member meeting minutes- June 12, 2016**

Present

Fatim Diallo

Aissata Thiam

Harouna Maiga

Ablo Doucoure

Jim Barry

Aliou Haidara

1. Welcome by the President
2. Ablo: skype connection issue. Numbers entered are being doubled.
3. Fatim: Bank balance is about $4700 before withdrawal of reimbursement check to Aliou for $1,100.
4. Fatim: Due payment level is very low. Email linked to paypal account is : harouna@crk.umn.edu for payments. Will ask Dakouo again to fix issues on bank reconciliation before sending report to all. Harouna offered to help. Will remind Niang again to update spreadsheet. Ablo: ask Niang to push for due payment in light of MSAS symposium.
5. Fatim: budget and letter of MSAS sent of ambassador.

Ablo: Can he touch base with minister of finance, Boubou Cisse and have him review the documents? Ask him to specify which 3 ministers he will solicit.

Ablo: Centre intern. De conference booked. Conference will have a focus on cancer in Mali/Africa. Commitment from high profile health prof. in the U.S. to attend. 4-5 faculty members in Mali will be present. Questions on size of posters.

1. Project updates- Fatim: some group leaders still have not contacted group members. Only Aissata Thiam’s group has given update.

Ablo: Fatim should send e-mails to members regularly and ask what they are working on. Fatim to send the chart of projects to all, Ablo will see if it can be simplified to include update.

1. ***How to get people involved***

Get everyone together to talk

Why spend time on a project if it is not going to be reported

We could call them, send an email to get a date (that might be better

Lay the ground, say what the issue is (it is too hard for the small group working)

½ hour or an hour

We should send updates

Ablo: MaliWatch is very influential in the MSAS conference

MSAS is not an official platform for organizing the diaspora

Faculty in Mali say MaliWatch is essential

We need to promote ourselves better about activities and how we have made an impact.

Ablo had a series of discussions- The MSAS Symposium has been booked but not paid yet.

Now we need direct contacts to begin funding activities - The Ambassador will be contacting ministries- we need to know which ones he will be contacting. Fatim has been contacting no response

President of the Islamic Bank will be contacted with an official letter.

Should we work the general secretary and to get the letter done, then get the minister's signature. Maybe we have been doing it the hard way.

Fad is working on things

All the prouvost of the various Universities

Former ministers need to be directly contacted to get them to come.

Life science conference (August 2) has been active. Focus on Cancer in Mali and Africa. Several professors will be coming from the US, several foundations.

These people have questions about posters. - Jim will be put in contact with them

Aissata is active on the medical side of the conference

There is an energy workshop and another on water

MSAS conference is a good time to gather MaliWatch funds as part of it goes to support a grand event.

We struggle really reporting what we do. Including the website.

Possibly gather activities info periodically

Fatim would send out a template to get information

JIm was able to get Skype to work by throwing away the his application and emptying the trash, then installing the update. All members who have trouble with skype should try same.