

OpenStreetMap Foundation
Management Meeting (Board)

On-line (Skype)

on the 21th February 2008

Minutes

	Meeting started at 20:10 present: Steve, Richard, Etienne, and Andy. Apologies received from Mike and Mikel	ACTION
	Minutes of last Meeting. Approved by those present.	
	MATTERS ARISING	
1.	<p>OSM Open Data License - update: Steve and Richard provided an update on the license change proposals. The following had been completed in the previous month:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Steve, Richard and Andy met with Jordan Hatcher, drafter of the ODL, on 28th January to discuss the use of the ODL license by OSM. It was agreed at that meeting that the Foundation would continue to progress promotion of the ODL license to the OSM community in order to obtain feedback and gauge expectation. A number of suggested minor changes to the license had been received from the community already and it was expected that further community discussion could possibly reveal more during the proposed FAQ response period. Jordan to be paid for his time in redrafting requirements (2 days work expected). No specific timetable agreed. 2. Richard completed with the assistance of Steve and Andy an FAQ on the proposed license change. This has been posted to the wiki with an email sent to the legal-talk list. A healthy amount of discussion about the proposed ODL license has ensued, mostly seeking clarification about its usage in the real world. 3. Richard responded to John Willbanks (CC) position email confirming that their open data license proposals did not mesh with those of OSM and that we would continue to evaluate the ODL. 4. Steve followed up with Jordan to advise on progress since the meeting with him on 28/01. Jordan agreed to review the postings to legal-talk since the presentation of the FAQ. Jordan confirmed that he requires to include other updates to the ODL; those not proposed by OSMF, in any work on the license paid for by OSMF. The intention being to complete and move ODL beyond the draft stage. <p>Etienne raised a number of observations regarding the proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern about the untested (legally) status of the ODL and whether its use would weaken the status we already operate under. Steve pointed out that OSM is already in a weak position with respect to its 	Richard

	<p>license, when applied to data, and one of the purposes of the ODL should be to strengthen the position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the license as finally drafted receive a peer review. It was felt that this was a good idea. • Better communication of what has been going on regarding the license proposals to the wider OSM community (beyond the legal-talk mailing list). Richard to provide a summary update via the OpenGeodata blog. 	
2.	<p>SOTM 2008: Steve raised concerns about the primary organisers for SOTM in Ireland. The venue for the conference had not been secured, despite the belief that it had been at the time the Irish submission was accepted. It was felt that dropping Ireland as the hosts was not now an option due to some OSM users having already booked flights. More support from OSMF board would probably be required to bring the planning for the conference back on track. Costs and availability of possible venues in Limerick were still to be obtained although it was thought that a basic cost for the 2 days of 600euros should be expected. Etienne confirmed that all outstanding payments from SOTM 2007 sponsors had now been received.</p>	
3.	<p>Geonames / SPOT agreement. Andy noted the recent announcement of the agreement between geonames and SPOT. Further investigation required.</p>	
4.	<p>Meeting attendance of Board members: Steve raised concern about Cory's lack of attendance for Board meetings and the extra work that put on everyone else. Andy to make contact and ask if he wishes to be active or wishes to resign.</p>	Andy
5	<p>Edit Wars - update. No resolution to the Cyprus "edit war". However it was noted that one of the users, David Janda, would be attending the London Hack day at which there would be an opportunity to discuss the issue more fully.</p>	
6	<p>Local Chapters - update: A number of countries have now expressed a positive interest in becoming local Chapters to the Foundation. Local Chapters would encourage local participation and provide an entity that can be used locally for funding and other opportunities. Etienne to progress ideas and formulate proposals for the next meeting. GPS2Go - Etienne confirmed the wiki page has been created. Steve suggested that the type of GPS unit should be evaluated for each application as a unit taking replaceable batteries might be better than a rechargeable unit in many developing regions. Recipients to be asked for this and other preferences when they apply.</p>	Etienne
7	<p>London Borough Of Sutton project. Tom Chance had submitted an email (28/01) to the Foundation requesting support for a joint funding application with Biodiversity for the better use of maps in the London Borough of Sutton. Richard agreed to contact Tom and offer general support but that OSMF would not be providing any financial support to any application.</p>	Richard
	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	

9.	NL funding: NLnet Foundation (NLnet) has granted the "loosely knitted OpenStreetMap group" in the Netherlands (OSM-NL), €15,000 to spend on software development. Steve discussed with Zoran and Martin van their ideas for sub-projects with concern that getting interest in large tasks (Edit rollback and change monitoring, A mobile editor and a Map annotator for the masses) may be difficult and suggested that Bug Bounties, 5k euro internships and assistants to existing developers may receive better attention. The funds cannot be spent on anything other than actual software development.	
10.	Mike to be asked to report on OSMF website status for the next meeting	Mike
	Next meeting. 12:30pm 20th March 2008. Meeting closed at 21:34	