

OpenStreetMap Foundation
Management Meeting (Board)
25th February & 4th March 2009

Minutes

Present: Steve, Etienne, Andy, Mike, Henk, Grant Apologies: Mikel & Nick
(Mikel and Henk were not present for the March 4th extension meeting)

Minutes of December Meeting. (See docs)

Mike proposed the December Minutes, however it was agreed to give Etienne until Monday to check as he believed there were some proposed additions which he did not have to hand.

Action: Etienne

Minutes of January Workshop. (See docs)

The January workshop minutes were discussed and reviewed item by item.

Action: Andy to make links to flip chart photos and recirculate for final review. Board then required to approve.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Licence Working Group Update

Steve gave an update on behalf of the Licence Working Group. The current status is:

- Licence drafting has been completed by Jordan and the final draft circulated to OSMF Board.
- Licence to be hosted by Open Data Commons
- Comments regarding the draft will be accepted by Jordan/ODC up to 28th March 2009
- Conference (Pull from plan). Proposed to launch as version 1.0
- Clark has completed the use case responses. Some questions require additional community input.
- Working group has prepared a draft email to go out to the community.

Endorsement process was discussed. It was agreed to overturn the previous Board decision to approve the licence draft prior to release to the community. Instead Etienne proposed, supported by Andy and agreed by those present that to mitigate further delay the Board would review and endorse the licence in parallel with the review by the community for comment. A final board decision will be planned to coincide with the planned 31st March vote on licence adoption by OSMF members.

The draft licence plan prepared by the working group was reviewed and amended. Action: Steve to obtain correct link to Factual Data Licence prior to publication of the plan. Action: Grant to circulate the plan and licence draft to the community on 26th February. Action: Mike to insert Clark's use case responses and appropriate details about their origin to the Use Cases page on the wiki in parallel with the plan and draft licence release.

It was confirmed that Mike and Henk had engaged with the Licence Working Group in order that the board could be satisfied that the group was performing. Mike gave the following review of this process:

- Attendance at two meetings had been arranged.

- Review of the April 2008 version of the licence had been undertaken alongside the current draft. Very little substantive change to the licence since April 2008. ie not much substantive happened between April 2008 and relatively recently.
- There is no evidence of manipulation by the working group Chairman or others.
- The OSM community was given the opportunity to engage in the development
- Drafting was not controlled by the OSMF.
- Happy with the outcome of this due diligence process.
- Conduct of meetings was fine.
- The perception that built up in the community was unfounded.

Henk suggested that differences in personality while making things difficult do bring a valuable variety to the discussion. He saw no concerns.

Etienne reviewed Grant's original email (ref needed). The Plan now involves more community input since Henk and Mike have been involved. Regarding point 2, last paragraph (quote needed) "shroud of secrecy" Mike and Henk were asked if any discussions had been suppressed. They were unable to comment on the Audit trail but concluded that very little had transpired between the April draft and the current version. During this period the tasks required were with the legal team to progress. Mike saw no evidence of suppressed discussion.

Henk concluded that going forwards there needed to be better communication with the community and improved public/community relations.

Grant was pleased that the process had been opened up and was looking forward to the release of the draft to the OSM community.

Steve asked for feedback on the licence and the plan from the board.

Mike proposed that board to meet weekly while/if there are issues or decisions to make regarding the licence. This could be achieved by conjoining the licence group with board meetings. It was also agreed that opening up the licence group meetings beyond those already in that group would be desirable. Etienne suggested the working group put out a request for new participants with a sign-up on the wiki.

The next licence working group meeting is proposed for Thursday 11th March.

2. **Trademark**

The Board agreed to drop the unsuccessful UK Word application in order to re-evaluate a combined word/logo mark for the project. It was agreed that this was a better course of action and use of Foundation resources. **Action:** Andy & Steve to confirm with Solicitors.

3. **OSMF - Scope and communications**

Steve. **Not discussed**

SOTM 09

Nick provided an update on SOTM planning progress. Little to report since the last meeting as a result of a postponed SOTM working group meeting. The Call for Papers will be the next notable announcement from the group.

4. Etienne reported that some early registrations had already been received and that most had signed up for all three days on "Community" passports. There were no registrations yet for the "business" option, however it was pointed out that no publicity had gone out to the business community yet.

5. **Conflict resolution Working Group Update:**

The data working group has been investigating Lithuania data issues reported last year. The group agrees that the data is suspect and a plan has been put together to resolve the issue. A script that is suitable for data removal and rollback has been produced. This script will unavoidably remove data that has been added to suspect data after the original data

was added. A significant number of accounts will be closed as part of the process and a number of IP addresses blocked from further account sign-up.

Action. Andy to prepare emails to those accounts being closed, to those other users affected, and a list post to Talk and Talk-li explaining the action.

Confidence is high that problem user accounts have been identified but there could be some false-negatives & false-positives and a route for appeal will be established and communicated in the emails sent.

The board agreed that the matter should be given priority and concluded as soon as possible.

Other possible data abuse/queries have been received and these will also be investigated by the group and a report prepared for the Board in the future when full details are proposals are available.

6 **Technical Working Group update:**

Steve & Grant reported that there had been problems getting the whole group together due to time zone issues and as a result there had been no formal technical working group meeting for some time although informal discussions within the group were going on normally.

Grant reported that a final decision on the replacement database server had been made but not yet ordered. Nailing down the required hardware specification had taken longer than expected and a final revised quote from the anticipated supplier was awaited. In view of the proximity of the proposed API0.6 roll out date it was suggested by Nick that a final go-ahead on this should be made by the end of the week. The API0.6 roll out may need to be delayed if the hardware is not in hand.

Tile usage. Grant reported that flosm.de had no noticeable impact on server usage stats. Therefore the concern about over use was probably unwarranted. A Tile Usage Policy has been prepared and this was reviewed. http://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Tile_usage_policy. It was concluded that there is no necessity at the current time for any extra level of tile management.

Steve & Nick did not consider there was or had been any conflict of interest with respect tile usage policy to date.

Action: Community input to be sought regarding the acceptable use of layering external data sources over OSM map tiles.

HEAnet - An open offer is on the table to further develop our hosting relationship with HEAnet. Etienne stated his view that it could be used to spread risk and that at an earlier meeting the board had identified this risk. Nick believed that other things should received higher priority. It was agreed that needs should be better identified and therefore what hosting requirement would be needed. Grant felt that HEAnet would be an ideal candidate for the wiki server.

A wiki page started to detail hosting considerations. A Gdoc is also available to team@ detailing the HEAnet offer/proposals and their requirements that need to be met in developing any proposal. Grant requested assistance in developing the proposal document.

7. **Local Chapters / Affiliations Working Group Update:**

Nick reported that there had been no working group meeting since the last board meeting. Further work ongoing to review community correspondence received.

8 **OSM Blog**

It was agreed that OSM project should have its own blog. **Action: Grant** to setup a wordpress instance.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 9 **Working groups structure.** Not discussed
- 10 Steve reported he had had dinner with Peter Miller to help clear the air and that many aspects of the project and licence process had been discussed.
11. **OpenMaps.org domain donation**
Andy gave an update on the proposed donation of the openmaps.org domain by Eric Pritchett. A full post to the list and blog will be made once transfer has been completed asking the community what they would like to use the domain for. **Action:** Etienne to send Foundation Godaddy account details to Eric
- 12 Anonymous editing - update
Not discussed
- 13 Conferencing account for future meetings (management and working groups) **Not discussed**
14. Communications Working Group - Not discussed

Next meeting: Tues 24th March @ 18:00 GMT