

OpenStreetMap Foundation
Management Meeting (Board)

12th May 2009

18:00 BST

MINUTES

Present: Steve, Etienne, Mike, Mikel, Nick, Andy, Grant, Ivan, Simone. **Apologies.** Henk

Minutes of last meeting were accepted. Proposed by Mike and seconded by Nick

MATTERS ARISING

1 Financial

Approval of accounts:

Etienne tabled the company accounts for the prior year and provided responses to questions raised about Capital Allowances, Rates of Exchange and Trade Debtors. On conclusion of questioning, Steve proposed that the accounts be accepted by the board and Mike seconded. The Accounts were duly accepted by the board.

OSI funding arrangements:

Mikel gave an update on the funding received from OSI to enable a number of candidates to represent their local communities at the forthcoming State Of The Map Conference in Amsterdam. A total of \$45,000 has been provided buy OSI, Mikel to administer the scheme.

Discussion continued about how to transfer the funds to the OSMF. OSMF does not currently have a dollar account and this, and a Euro account, was something that needed to be resolved. Etienne indicated that the best longer term option would be to form a US company, however this may be expensive. In the interim Steve suggested that Cloudmade may be able to facilitate the transfer, something which Mikel and the Treasurer were comfortable with. **Mikel** to discuss with Steve.

Etienne and **Mikel** to continue to investigate euro and dollar account options.

2 Licence Working Group:

Steve provided an update following the just held Licence Working Group conference call, the summary and minutes of which were not yet available.

Process:

Steve gave thanks to Mikel for his support on the Working Group. Mikel confirmed his resignation from the group. He will concentrate on other OSMF matters.

Steve confirmed that Matt Amos and Ulf Möller had joined the group to replace the loss. Meetings of the working group (45min conference calls) were now occurring twice per week.

Communications:

Communications with the ODC had improved. Mike now sitting on the Advisory Board. Update postings had also been made to the legal talk mailing list. Minutes of meetings were now being completed in a timely fashion and placed on the OSMF website by Mike.

Progress:

ODbL Release Candidate 1.0 has been released for comment but contained two significant bugs. One related to the viral clause and the other related to compatibility with CC produced works. Both Jordan and Clarke looking at these issues.

Other issues being evaluated include the definition of "substantial" in terms of what OSM considers substantial. The same evaluation being undertaken for "Produced Work".

Candidate text for new user signups is being drawn up.

Clarke is providing further input relating to questions and queries raised during two 2 hour calls with Matt and Grant. Working to resolve these issues.

Mike indicated that the current timeline was difficult. The emphasis had moved to getting the licence right and thus the timescale had undoubtedly slipped. There is currently no date for release of RC 2.0 although the expectation is for it to be released in May. If necessary an extraordinary board meeting might need to be convened to permit approval of the final release candidate.

3 **SOTM 09 Update**

Nick presented the new logo for SOTM which had been selected from the recent competition. To date there are 75 sign-ups to the conference and 63 talks had been registered with many new topics when compared with previous years. A new landing page is being designed to assist with sign-up promotion and to help provide a link in twitter and blog postings.

The format of the Business Day was discussed. The following emphasis needs to be delivered to attendees:

Independence of source data

Advantages of crowdsourcing

Safety, security and reliability of data

Public interest – demonstrate ways that the data is being used.

The SOTM working group to look at better branding for the business day.

Nick made a further appeal for assistance in helping out with SOTM tasks.

4 **Technical Working Group update:**

It was noted that there are still no meeting minutes for Technical Working Group meetings.

Grant gave an update on the hardware changes that had been completed during the migration to API 0.6. The new database server had been installed and was now running PostgreSQL where the original had run MySQL. The migration had taken longer than planned due to having to rerun some of the migration processes. There remained a few post change fixes to be completed but otherwise the migration had gone well. Monitoring would continue over the coming weeks and additional hard disks were being sourced to provide additional redundancy.

The load on the new server is currently approximately 50% although set-up tweaking is expected to bring this load level down. Responding to a question raised by Etienne, Grant indicated that the new set-up would be expected to run without need for significant upgrade for the next 12 months and that the configuration now permitted other new machines to be brought online when required.

A vote of thanks to be given to all who worked on the move from API0.5 to API 0.6. **Steve** to do Blog post.

For site caching, Grant indicated that the team was still seeking half a rack (22u) of space.

5 **Staffing**

No further discussion at this time

6 **Local Chapters / Affiliations Working Group Update:**

Nick reported that Cragg Nelson has joined the working group and that communications with the wider community were ongoing. Spain, and specifically Ivan, were very enthusiastic but that other localities were needed to make the Local Chapter proposals a success when rolled out. It was envisaged that a final draft of the proposed federation agreement would be available at the end of June and that initial signup announcements might be possible at SOTM in Amsterdam.

7 **OSMF**

Mike reported that the OSMF currently has 156 members and that the signup process had been improved. Steve suggested there was a need to provide payment options for someone paying another person's membership (eg corporate bodies).

Articles: A new Working Group to be set up to look at the current Articles of Association and any needs for changes. Andy to email list to solicit volunteers to assist.

8 **Data & Data Import Working Groups**

Data Import Working Group – Steve suggested one is needed. Nick agreed. Mike felt it was a good idea in that it provides a monitoring capability. **Steve** to set up. Grant suggested not too formal so that process is not totally controlled by the group. Etenenne suggested that name might be seen by community as policing. Mike suggested "Import Support Group".

Data working group due to meet Wednesday 13th May.

9 **Exploration of OSM Stats**

No new data for review.

Andy reported no major change (negative or positive) in trends as a result of the move to API 0.6

10 **Next offsite meeting proposals**

Arrangements for next face to face board meeting and workshop ongoing. Full details to be circulated nearer the time. Possible venues being evaluated.

11 **OSM.org domain**

Grant contacted the domain owner and they wish to donate as a charitable write-off and are willing to transfer to the project. **Andy** to compose letter requesting what valuation they consider.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12 Recent Forum abuse:

Comments also apply to the mailing list. **Mike** to look at some wording. **Andy** to send mail to Gary.

12 Hi Viz Jacket. Andy looking at a new order for 200 vests from original supplier to same design as that used previously. Co-ordination with Henk on prices.

13 Getting minutes out / admin help:

Nick suggested CM admin to assist with getting minutes done. All agreed. **Nick** to set up for next meeting.

14 User experience working group update:

Moved to next meeting

Next meeting: June 9th at 18:00 BST

Meeting concluded at 20:15