OpenStreetMap Foundation

Management Meeting (Board)

23rd September 2008

16:30 UTC On-line Skype

MINUTES

Present: Steve, Etienne, Andy, Mikel (Part), Henk, Richard Weait (Part), Ivan (Part)
Apologies. Mike

Minutes of last Meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

1   Welcome to new Board
Steve welcomed the new board and asked everyone to give an brief comment of what they expected from the coming year.
Steve wanted to step up the professionalism and personally take a more leading role as chairman.
Nick looked forward to working with everyone and realising his stated aims.
Etienne stated he would be looking to spending the Foundations finances more effectively.
Mikel looked towards the challenge that we will face with the continued growth in the project.
Henk stated he was thrilled to be joining the board and hoped to bring OSM closer to the Open Geo world.
Andy stated he hoped to take a step back from as much direct activity to devote more time to servicing the needs and activities of the foundation & board.

2. OSM Open Data License - Next steps
Steve stated that there had been problems contacting the lawyer at Baker McKinsey to obtain the recommended licence wording changes. Nick and Steve suggested an alternative IP/licensing lawyer working for a firm in Menlow Park that CloudMade had engaged for other work. Steve suggested that they be asked to quote for undertaking another legal review. Etienne pointed out the urgency that this needed to meet the original target date of Christmas for completion of this project. Steve agreed the programme needs to be maintained. Etienne confirmed that the OSMF has some funding to undertake a further review and that an option for £2000 from Cloud Amber through Peter Miller may still be available. Alternatively a potential sponsor could be sought. It was agreed that **Steve** would meet with the Menlow Park lawyer this week to request a formal proposal on the basis of spending no more than £2000.
Steve to request feedback from those interested parties who have previously expressed an interest in the licence, eg Multimap and Peter Miller etc. **Mike** to place a link to the current draft on the OSMF website.
With respect to implementation, Steve confirmed that discussions with Tom Hughes were ongoing to ensure the technical issues relating to any licence change can be addressed.
Later, Ivan, who had not be part of the earlier discussion, reported that a local Spanish Lawyer active in the same IP/Licensing field had been in contact and that he had proposed a meeting to discuss working for OSMF on a review. Etienne stated that the current plan was to move forward with the earlier proposal put forward by Steve. Andy

pointed out that that should not preclude Ivan meeting with the Spanish lawyer to discuss and provide an appraisal of the situation.

3 Collaborative Projects
Steve outlined some basic information relating to discussions with a large computer company that had expressed an interest in working with/supporting the OSM project. Steve stated that the company wished to remain anonymous until such time and only if a mutual agreement in principal can be reached. The board agreed to respect this wish such that minutes of the discussions will only be made publicly available after any agreement in principal is reached. It was agreed that **Steve** would continue the discussions with the other party and provide a further report at the next meeting.

4. OSM Policy - Tile delivery and use of the API by third parties
Steve restated a summary of the previous board discussion regarding the use of the API by third parties. Etienne proposed that the use of the API by the T@H rendering operation be dealt with first and went on to confirm that there were other options for T@H other than the main API, including OSMXAPI. Steve to redraft the original combined email to cover the API restrictions alone, without singling out T@H specifically. It was agreed that the first part of the email should state clearly the proposed policy for acceptable use of the API.

Delivery of map tiles:
Steve raised concerns that this item had already been discussed and agreed at the last meeting and that he was surprised that Grant's email requesting a reconsideration of the decision had not come to light with his meetings with him, including the last meeting to which Andy also attended. Etienne stated his view that Grant's email was providing additional information that was not presented at the previous board meeting and therefore there was a valid reason for further debate on the matter. Steve confirmed that only 10% of the OSM tile traffic is currently unrelated to the openstreetmap domain. Andy wondered if Grant's concern ultimately stemmed from a lack of response to his proposals to permit wikimedia to host OSM tile cache's as a trial. Steve voiced his wish to see servers, regardless of type, remaining under full OSM control. It was resolved that **Steve** would obtain option proposals (priced as necessary) by discussion with sysadmins:
1. As per the current proposal - limit tile delivery to the osm domain.
2. Tile cache servers hosted by wikimedia, with OSM control. The ownership of the actual servers to be considered.
3. OSMF owning and hosting its own tile/tilecache servers, potentially away from UCL, centrally located or distributed in other countries. It was noted that there might be opportunities to host equipment on Kennisnet/HEAnet and others if agreement could be reached.

Etienne suggested that in light Grant's email regarding the discussion that perhaps in future sysadmins meetings should be minuted or at least a briefing note prepared by that group for presentation to the board. **Steve** to discuss.

5. Local Chapters / Affiliations.
Nick agreed to lead the new drive to facilitate local chapters and affiliations around the world. Etienne restated his desire to see some amount of funds being passed back from locally managed OSMF membership to the OSMF itself. **Nick** to contact other interested parties and Richard Weait and Ivan to assist with an invite extended also to Simone Cortesi.

6. OSMF Membership
OSMF Membership renewal packs. Leave until next meeting. Etienne confirmed that from the Treasurers perspective membership renewals were continuing without issue.
Action: Andy - sort out previous OSMF meeting minutes for website. Minutes in PDF form have been sent to **Mike** for publishing to the website. The minutes for the January 08 meeting were missing from GDocs. **Andy** to investigate and rectify. It was agreed that **Andy** would provide a copy of the Agenda as a "Meeting Notes" page on GDocs that can

be used by anyone to record items during the course of the meeting. Andy will continue to create the official minutes but may refer to the notes in doing so.
Action: **Andy** to produce comments on Sustrans Ranger Packs. leave for next time.
Action: **Mike** - Newsletter. Left for next meeting

7   GPS2GO - Update
Etienne confirmed that the next recipient of the GPS2Go programme would be Maning Sambale in Manila, Philippines. Units not yet ordered, awaiting co-ordination confirmation with Mike. Nick suggested that a press release should always be done to accompany GPS2GO events.

8   Merchandise (Partly covered during item 4 as Henk needed to leave the meeting)
Etienne confirmed he had handed all merchandise contacts over to Henk, including the tracking of the StorageDepot GPS sales. Henk confirmed he had contacted all potential supplier contacts and that a German company appeared to be the best option with an expected return to OSMF of 15% on sales. **Henk** to provide a full update at next meeting.

9   Followups from prior meetings Action points:

Health and Safety policy - **Andy** still to do
OSM Trademark (UK only) - **Steve** reported that UK trademark search had been completed and progress to secure for the UK ongoing.
Insurance - **Mike**. Leave till next meeting
Bolivia request - **Etienne** reported that there had been further correspondence with the requesters. He also tabled the requested 2008/09 outline budget indicating that he expected, based upon prior performance, expenditure in the forthcoming year of £26,500 including an allowance of £10,000 for hardware against an income estimate of £19,000.
NETWORK FOR SOCIAL CHANGE/FUNDING FOR CHANGE LTD - **Etienne** discussing with Peter Miller
Logo evaluation - **Andy** still to circulate email. Steve confirmed that the Logo as in use on the OSM website is that which Matt Amos originally produced.
3rd Party Communications - **Andy** still to do.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10 SOTM09:
An offer by Nick to lead the request for proposals for the SOTM09 conference was accepted. Nick to check via the email list whether the dates of July 11/12 are generally suitable before requesting formal proposals.

11 Press & Media.
Andy stated that with the resignation of Richard Fairhurst that there was now a need for someone to cover press and media related matters. Nick agreed in the interim to look at fulfilling any requirements as they come up and also proposed to look at draft generic press release template, possibly with some professional input.

Project Sponsors
12 Etienne suggested that in light of the growth of the project we might give more emphasis and recognition of UCL on the website and elsewhere (eg SOTM). Further discussion needed at the next meeting as Steve, Nick Henk and Mikel no longer on the meeting call.

Next meeting: 17:30 local London time, 28th October 2008.
Meeting closed at 19:05 UTC