

# **OpenStreetMap Foundation**

## **Board Meeting**

**19th August 2010,**  
**18:00- GMT (19:00 - BST)**

**Dial-in**

## **AGENDA & MINUTES**

*Draft*

Present: Emilie Laffray, Steve Coast, Mike Collinson, Henk Hoff, Simone Cortesi, Oliver Kühn, Iván Sánchez Ortega, Mikel Maron.

Apologies: none

Minutes of 22nd April  
([http://docs.google.com/a/osmfoundation.org/Doc?docid=0AVpHn23-hYdNZGQ5ZzNxaNbfNThnc3R3eDNkNw&hl=en\\_GB](http://docs.google.com/a/osmfoundation.org/Doc?docid=0AVpHn23-hYdNZGQ5ZzNxaNbfNThnc3R3eDNkNw&hl=en_GB)  
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Proposed: Henk, Seconded:  
Simone

Minutes of 27th May  
meeting.  
([http://docs.google.com/a/osmfoundation.org/Doc?docid=0AVpHn23-hYdNZGQ5ZzNxaNbfNjlnCXQzOXFjMw&hl=en\\_GB](http://docs.google.com/a/osmfoundation.org/Doc?docid=0AVpHn23-hYdNZGQ5ZzNxaNbfNjlnCXQzOXFjMw&hl=en_GB)  
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viewing as  
[http://docs.google.com/View?id=dd9g3qjp\\_69gqt39qc3](http://docs.google.com/View?id=dd9g3qjp_69gqt39qc3))

Proposed: Henk, Seconded:  
Mike Collinson

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10th June

Proposed: Henk, Seconded:  
Mikel

[http://docs.google.com/a/osmfoundation.org/Doc?docid=0AVpHn23-hYdNZGQ5ZzNxanBfNzVuNzlXMmdneg&hl=en\\_GB](http://docs.google.com/a/osmfoundation.org/Doc?docid=0AVpHn23-hYdNZGQ5ZzNxanBfNzVuNzlXMmdneg&hl=en_GB)  
- 10th Aug special meeting

Proposed: Steve, Seconded:  
Simone

**MATTERS ARISING.**

(Today we dealt with under an agenda item below so that could be reviewed and re-assigned).

**1**

**Welcome to new board members and appointment of officers**

The board noted thanks to the outbound members, Andy Robinson, Mike Collinson & Ulf Moller.

The board noted welcome to the incoming members, Iván Sánchez Ortega, Emilie Laffray & Oliver Kühn

Emilie Laffray was proposed by Simone and seconded by Steve for Treasurer and was accepted.

Simone Cortesi was proposed by Emilie and seconded by Henk for Secretary and was accepted.

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**LWG Report**

**(1) Status**

We fully announced the voluntary re-licensing program on August 12th. We've also got the beginnings

of an open monitoring system running so that we can visualize how much of the OSM database is potentially covered by the ODbL.

As of our Tuesday meeting, there were 948 acceptances (about 40% of total edits ever but the bulk comes from just 3 accounts: TIGER and bots). That suggests that if we sit and do little, we will probably get 2,000 total acceptances over the next 4 weeks. We can increase that number by authoritatively resolving questions that folks are asking. These are usually of the form, "I have imported or traced data from source XYZ, is it really compatible with ODbL or the new Contributor Terms". We are also going personally to the next ten biggest accounts who have not signed up and asking them to do so or how we can help them decide. It is however, highly unlikely that we are going to achieve the best case scenario: Getting most of the top 12,500 signed up and therefore near to 98% of data covered by ODbL.

Top 9 who have not agreed to the new CT as of last Tuesday:  
CLCF06, Matt Toups,  
MikeNBulk, Liber, nhd-import,  
3dShapes, nmixer, argrath,  
Tom\_G3X

## **(2) Request for formal written statement from the board**

The chief concern that arose at SOTM was, "I should not accept the new terms, because if I do, someone in

my area (big or small) is not going to accept, their data will be removed and ruin my area". We have resolved that partially by simply removing the option to decline for the present. But we need to give a firm indication that the OSMF is not going to be wild and crazy, force a change to ODbL and remove lots of data from the live database in the process. The LWG has come up with a draft of its own position and I request the same from board level.

I would note that one alternative requested by various members of the community is to make the actual decision to change-over a vote. While this remains an option, it is something that we are not pursuing until it is clearer what is and what is not covered by ODbL acceptances.

**Agreed statement from the board on the license change process:**

"The OSMF wants OSM to be the best open database of geographical data. OSMF supports the project by hosting the servers, organising events such as the State of the Map, and last but not least, ensuring copyleft legal protection of the data, which has always been the spirit of project. This protection is best accomplished by switching the license of the data from CC-BY-SA to ODbL, as CC-BY-SA was not designed with databases in mind. Both are Attribution and Share-Alike licenses.

The OSMF emphasizes that it will freeze and make (as long as possible) available one version of the OSM database under CC-BY-SA with NO data removed. Anyone is free continue using the CC-BY-SA 2.0 data.

The OSMF will not do anything wild and crazy that could kill the project, that's not in anybody's interest. We will look at the BOTH the quantity AND the quality of the re-licensed data at a global and local level. We will work with the community to reach a consensus.

The OSMF and LWG's strategy is:

- 1) To ask as many to re-license as possible;
- 2) To continue working with the community to provide the tools necessary for independent verification and visualisation of re-licensing progress;
- 3) If the bulk of the community has re-licensed but there are still significant contributors who decline the new Contributor Terms, we will ask them politely if they will consider re-licensing their old contributions for the good of fellow contributors.
- 4) If there is anything left and we understand the specific situation, seek legal advice on whether we can leave it."

### **(3) Key community issues - the Contributor Terms**

- Interpretation of clause one about having the right to contribute data

- Issues balancing the ability to import data or derive data (e.g. tracing from imagery) from sources with particular licensing conditions with the flexibility to move to a different license later, may be much later. Can data with a restriction A be imported when a future license may violate that? Options: 1) Leave things as they are ... future mappers can choose any "free and open" license; 2) Add a rider that any future license should have an attribution clause; 3) Add a rider that any future license should have a Share-Alike clause.

[Mike Collinson left the meeting]

[Decision on previous issue pending more board discussion]

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### **Discussion of goals for the coming year**

The board discussed board members helping more with working groups and the importance of running them regularly. Not necessarily weekly, but regularly. The board members do not necessarily need to be chair (but perhaps initially they will be) of each group, but give a board presence and a regular tempo to the meetings so we can accomplish more.

Iván volunteered to run the local chapters working group regularly

Henk volunteered to run SOTM working group

regularly  
Steve volunteered to run the  
DWG (pending Mikels  
approval) regularly  
Emilie volunteered to run the  
technical working group  
regularly  
Oliver & Emilie volunteered to  
run the design &  
communications working  
group  
Steve & Henk volunteered to  
run the strategic working  
group

Each board member present  
agreed to attend & help at  
least one working group  
meeting before the next  
board meeting. Until the  
groups are self-sustaining  
with community members,  
the board members elect to  
chair and help as necessary.

Emilie volunteered to run the  
GPS-to-go program. Emilie is  
contacting academic  
institutions to see whether  
there are better ways to  
cooperate & she will come  
with a proposal if applicable.

We discussed funding of the  
OSMF in the future and  
decided that the strategic  
working group is the right  
forum for discussion.

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#### **Review of previous action items**

These are from May 27th or  
before. June 10th meeting  
items were restricted to  
SOTM and the AGM.

- Andy - European  
Union Trademark. Audit  
Solicitors payment  
(Pending)
- Andy - GSoC mentors  
travel - Liaise with Ian  
to get invoice prepared.

(invoice to be sent this week)

- Mike/Andy - talk to a lawyer re definition of members and also on the protection and use of our data. General data use and protection viz a vis UK DPA (Data Protection Agency) (pending lawyer contact) (Steve recommended looking at ODesk.com as a possible source for professional services.)
- Mike/License WG - template reply letter is now available for companies asking permission to use OSM data or OSMF services. [http://docs.google.com/View?id=dd9g3qjp\\_9ddvp98q6](http://docs.google.com/View?id=dd9g3qjp_9ddvp98q6). LWG should put this on the Foundation wiki and then liaise with Data WG as to effective handling of future enquiries. (ongoing)
- Mike to organise a limited use osmf-announce mailing list. (ongoing)
- Mike - get D & O", Directors and Officers liability insurance quote(s). (pending)
- Andy - NetCologne server/hosting offer - Respond that we are interested in offer but will need to ask the community for advice on exact use. (pending)
- Andy- Companies House system - Get login privileges for Mike (ongoing)
- Mike - Companies House - Confirm whether we should

lodge this Resolution  
(pending).

- Steve - OSMF website graphic layout and working group Steve - Propose a remit. Mike will be secretary and will then set up a process for inviting members. Mike - mention in osmf-talk meeting minutes. (pending)
- Andy - Begin registration process for additional trademark as per Frederik Ramm's email. (pending, will liaise with Grant Slater)
- Mikel --> Steve - Data WG - Do a write up on Geodata on what the OTRS ticket system-based procedure is, after the clean-up has finished. (pending)
- Mike - Membership - Ask folks who have unsubscribed from osmf-talk why they did and report back to board (pending)
- Steve email to board@ --> Steve to change some wording and encourage broader participation to opengeodata (pending)
  - Migration from WordPress to Posterous ongoing but problematic. If anyone would like to help, please contact Steve.
  - Old data will later be available at old.opengeodata.org.
- Action - Steve /

Technical WG - please answer back-up system questions: (pending, do by email)

- is the system is sufficient?

- is it automatic?

- can wiki and GPX dumps be made available on a regular basis to the general community?

- Andy - Initiate the holding of a first Articles WG meeting (pending).
- Mike - organise a first Communications WG meeting (ongoing)
- Steve - Publish to logo shortlist to foundation wiki for review by members and publicise (pending)
- Andy - Seek professional advice on how do avoid being a de facto employer if we are the recipient of third party funds for humanitarian projects? (pending)
- Mike - Seek professional advice on OSMF's liabilities and how address them if we are the recipient of third party funds for humanitarian projects. (pending)
- Mikel - GPSToGo - Ask GroundSpeak who their Garmin contact is. (pending)

Steve volunteered to go through the list offline, contact past board members and coordinate handing off open issues.

DWG - Mikel dropped off the call due to comms issues.  
LWG - previously given earlier in minutes

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### **AOB**

\* Nike Issue.  
Henk gave an overview of Nike potentially misusing OSM data. LWG has sought legal advise. Our legal council has proposed an official letter to send to Nike and advised us to find a UK lawyer specializing in IP law to assist us. The board agreed to go ahead.

\* State of the Map  
Board advises to hold the conference in an easy to reach (by lowcost airlines) place. And it to continue on the way it is going.

\* How to handle potential forks (mail of TimSC)  
Board hands this issue to the strategic working group with the guideline to keep the data under the primary license.

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### **Date of next meeting**

Friday, Sept 17th at the same time.

Meeting closed at 21:50 GMT