

# **OpenStreetMap Foundation**

## **Board Meeting**

**22nd August 2009, 11:00 BST**

**Cloudmade offices,** London

## **Minutes**

**Present:** Steve, Etienne, Andy, Mike, Mikel (via video conference), Nick, Henk..

Apologies: None

### **Minutes of last meetings.**

Proposed by Steve and seconded by Mike.

Steve gave thanks to Geodan for hosting the last board meeting and to CloudMade for hosting this meeting and the AGM.

### **MATTERS ARISING.**

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#### **AGM**

The articles were reviewed in case of questions at the AGM. All other arrangements in place.

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#### **SOTM**

- Summary. Nick gave a summary of the conference. General feedback was positive although questionnaire response forms were still being reviewed. Feedback suggests the dual track was not optimal. Felt that next year more local SOTM's might be devised. Henk went on to observe that the Friday session had been successful. 250+ delegates attended over the three days. Very

- few no shows.
- A vote of thanks was given to Henk, the rest of the SOTM organising team and the CCC for the excellent venue and service. Nick was also thanked for his chair of the organising committee. Etienne confirmed that a draft invoice had been received from CCC but had not yet been checked although it was broadly in line with expectations. The conference is expected to show a positive financial balance once reconciled.
  - A local team dinner had been proposed and the board agreed that this should be covered by OSMF.
  - Hurricane has put feedback forms into a spreadsheet but has not yet produced a summary. Steve indicated that from a brief review most feedback was positive.
- 2010 RFQ.**
- Henk suggested the following timetable:
    - September bid request
    - End October for bids in
    - Mid November for decision
    - End November for organising committee formation
  - Proposed date - Aim for 10/11 July 2010 but let the proposers have a say
  - Steve suggested and it

was agreed to ask that bids be developed publicly via the wiki. The RFQ to be developed publicly on the wiki too.

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#### **License / Legal:**

- Update. The list of board questions together with the contributor terms have been looked at. Our legal counsel has returned a detailed legal document for the contributor terms. Discussion with counsel took place on Tuesday last to work through the remaining questions. Etienne joined in with the discussion. Counsels notes need to be summarised to protect client/attorney privilege.
- A general discussion was held regarding the potential to extend the relationship with Wilson Sonsini.
- LWG to develop list of OIP organisations and other major commercial players to whom a letter would go to to solicit comments on the ODbL. Board to review letter before it is circulated. A request for information already received from Wikimedia Foundation and being reviewed by LWG.
- Revised ODbL proposal document for further review by board yet complete but expected in next two weeks.

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#### **Membership:**

- Current membership

stands at 240. A significant spike in membership sign-ups during the board election period with 10 new sign-ups (plus two renewals) received on the last day of voting.

- A welcome was extended to all new members.
- Membership records -
  - Currently run from a spreadsheet
  - Most pay by Paypal
  - Mike developing a membership records system
  - Communications WG to look at improved sign-up process and gathering additional information from members.
  - Additional payment options need to be considered, especially for "difficult" countries where credit cards are not accepted.
  - Mike to add a note on the current sign-up page to offer alternative routes for payment for those who cannot use paypal. Principally by directing the person to the OSMF for individual assistance.
  - Mike to check

with Companies House or legal advisor regarding responsibility to disclosure of the membership list in accordance with the Companies Act.

- Confidentiality Agreement - **Andy** to draft a sample CA for review - to be signed by all those who have access (or potentially have access) to personal data. To include sysadmins team.
- **Andy and Mike** to look at notification and compliance with the Data Protection Act with respect to use of personal data.

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#### **Other Working Group Reports:**

- Local Chapters: Nick. Nick reported that it had become clear from discussions at SOTM and since the last meeting that different agreements would be needed with different countries. Flexible payment basis required.
- Technical. A further £10k of equipment and server upgrades is being installed over the present weekend together with platform reconfiguration. Board agreed to move wiki to

Imperial College as per the proposal produced by Grant.

- Data - Group to look at attribution issues and provide guidance to community
- Articles - It was agreed that only OSMF members should serve on the proposed working group.
- Data Import - Steve still to formally establish the group although mailing lists already established.

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**Staffing:**

Nick raised his concern that more community support still needed. Nick to turn the previous meeting spreadsheet results into a volunteers sought list. The feeling being that the community might still resolve most of the OSMF needs at the present time.

**AOB**

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Already covered

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**Fundraising:** Fundraising proposal produced by Mikel but requires review. Ultimate suggestion is to form a Working Group.

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**Humanitarian OSM team.**  
Mikel asked whether such a team would fit with the aims of the OSMF. Wiki page developed which needs review but feeling is that broadly it aligns with OSMF aims.

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**OpenstreetmapS.org**  
domain at Tucows. Grant has established domain is available for purchase. Donation drive required to purchase.

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Google Enterprise TOS. Nick noted that OpenStreetMap is

now specifically covered in  
the Terms of Service.

Date of next meeting. 18:30  
BST 15th September 2009