

Wednesday December 9, 2008 at 3:00 PM Eastern time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

Attendees: Mark, Shoreh, Ingrid, Dianne, Allen, Wendy, Cindy
Regrets: None

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Ingrid
Second: Mark

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of November 2008 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in November '08: \$379.49, YTD: \$19,244.18 since 2003: \$38,347.31.
- Total contributions in November '08: \$0.00, YTD: \$2,268.00; since 2003: \$67,514.76.
- Total balance as of end of November '08: \$29,167.45.

3) Committee Updates

- **Website:**
 - Cleanup, adding projects/missions & linking to each other, vols & comments: Shoreh has created all the missing projects and missions and has also linked them all; also for all but 3 missions all volunteers are linked to missions. Comments are cleaned up but not all linked to missions yet. They will be taken care of shortly.
 - Travel form & Adding 4 questions to New Project (DTS): 4 questions are added to the form and DTS will take care of the Travel Form soon.
 - List of leftovers and newly requested items from the conf call (+/-20 items): a few of these items are taken care of and the rest will be added this month.
 - New Enhancements (IMS and Posting Interface) – DTS cost estimate: Allen and Shoreh have been working on these two tasks. Allen will send a quote.
 - Dianne asked if they each CC member can get their own user name and password to get into the back side. Shoreh will ask DTS to expedite that task.
- **Financial:** Mark sent the white paper to Allen. He and Shoreh have revised the document and Mark has commented on that. The final document will be finalized shortly.
- **K-12 (Justwilling.org):** Dianne, Wendy and Shoreh will attend a conference call with this group tomorrow. They have requested 5 volunteers.
- **Publications:** The next newsletter will be published at the end of January. SOPM revision will start after all website related interfaces are finalized.
- **Other Committees:** None

Deployment news (active and incoming missions)

- **Broadmoor Development Corporation:** Mark and Shoreh had a conference call with them. They need one volunteer to go on-site for 2-3 days and teach them higher

level GIS work. They will send a detailed list of what they want to get out of the training. Mark will develop a job description based on the information and will then start the recruitment. Need to get clarification on covering travel cost.

- **Brisbane Flood Assistance:** since the initial contact by Martin Carney of Red Cross Australia, Shoreh hasn't heard from him. A volunteer in Brisbane, Paul Hill, was put in contact with him. She will send another email to get an update.
- **IMMAP's new proposal/interest** – gROADS/CODATA – Pilot project: Allen and Shoreh met with this group. Their objective is to create a global road network which will be placed on the public domain. They were interested in GC's endorsement on the idea which CC approved it and then told us that they would like to start with a pilot project. They have the link to "New Project".
- **Peace Corps** – Tony Bloome emailed Shoreh and said that they have decided to use GE Pro. To kick start their activities, they are planning a WebEx and wanted to know if we can provide a volunteer to act as a co-facilitator and then another one (may be the same person) to provide ongoing tech support to their remote posts. Shoreh directed Tony to the "New Project" page.
- **IMMAP –Iraq** – the mission is finalized;: Shoreh sent GISP letters and certificates to 3 volunteers. Has also asked Marcelle and Paresh to fill out their feedback form.
- **PRAD/FBR – Thailand, Guatemala – Gold Mine, EW_VITA:** Joe Forrest is in contact with TDM and they are exchanging information. Early February trip is still on. The other two missions are ongoing.
- **2009 GSDI projects:** Mark had sent his feedback to Al Stevens and has not heard from him yet. Grants will be awarded after the committee's review is finalized. Dianne asked for timing. Mark was unsure.

Other business

- **Partnership with UN Volunteer program** – Update: in hopes of getting connected to an insider at UNV, Shoreh emailed CJ but she didn't know anyone. Shoreh and Allen will work on an email to UNV to find out how GC's capabilities can be best introduced to their participating organizations.
- **Conference call with GeoEye:** Allen and Shoreh attended a conference call with GeoEye. After describing GC's objectives and examples of our projects, they told us about GeoEye Foundation which provides free imagery to disaster recovery and humanitarian relief related projects. They have a website called GeoFuse where anyone can go and find out the image coverage and there is an application form that can be used to request imagery. We plan to use this service for the first project in need of imagery. The limit on the amount of imagery is at +/-200 Sq KM.
- **Stats update on FTP site:** an updated list of missions and volunteers are posted on the FTP site. Shoreh will also update the annual donations and budget files at the beginning of January.

Next meeting Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 3:00 pm EST