Wednesday July 23, 2014 at 12:30 pm EST
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

Attendees: Dianne, Shoreh, Heather, Allen, Wendy, Keri, Carol, Dave, Mark
Regrets: none

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes
Moved to approve: Mark
Second: Allen

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of May 2014 Financial Report

- Total expenses in May 2014: $36.11, YTD: $3,166.11 since 2003: $78,746.91.
- Total contributions in May 2014: $500.00, YTD: $1,525.00; since 2003: $102,333.83.
- Total balance as of end of May 2014: $23,586.92.

3) Committee Updates

- **Website:** Carol reported on her efforts on performing a facelift for the website. She explained two following two options:

  1) **Current server agreement with DTS:** Website and database* hosting - $2775/year ($231/month), Database maintenance and email blasts included; Total: $2775/year ($231/month)
  2) **Alternative plan:** Database hosting, maintenance, and email blast capability (tying this into the Dreamhost web frontend solution) with DTS: $1775/year ($148/month)

     Website hosting with Dreamhost: Dreamhost Shared Account $107/year ($8.95/month) **<-- Free for qualifying non-profits**

     Total: $1882/year ($157/month) - without non-profit discount
      $1775/year ($148/month) - with non-profit discount
     Other than $1,000 saving, going with Word Press makes maintaining the website much easier. STS will help in connecting the DB to the website in its new location. Carol will work with Derek on that. Carol has developed a JD for volunteers to help with the facelift, one an expert volunteer in Word Press and the other a medium level content developer. She'll recruit for those positions. She also asked the CC members to assist with content QC and review. Carol will send a timeline for the implementation plan. Dianne asked if Carol has confirmed that the integration with DB would work (with DTS) and Carol reported that she has and that it would. Shoreh made a motion to go with option 2 and Allen seconded the option. All voted in favor of switching to second option.
- **Finance:** Wendy reported that Network for Good has a special going on for this month.
- **Disaster response:** Heather said that she attended a training at MO VOAD. She has also contacted HOT to find out if there are any projects for our volunteers.
- **Publication:** August newsletter: have two feature stories so far.

Deployment news (projects in progress and new projects)

- Launched, ongoing, new:
  1. Walimi Fish Cooperative Society (WAFICOS) – Uganda: Shoreh informed them that they need to cover the travel expense. They will find out if they can pay for that.

2. Kabale University - Uganda (teaching GIS): Mark asked whether this university is aware of Markerer University's GIS pro=gram as he is familiar with them. Shoreh said that she'll ask for another Skype call to clarify that.
3. International Rescue Commission (IRC): a volunteer who heard about this project at the UC presentation has been recruited for the project. He has asked to bring in another volunteer. They will start digitizing the health districts shortly.
4. Palisades (New Jersey): the project is launched and the volunteer and the PA are now in contact.
5. Alaska Search & Rescue: two volunteers have been selected and are now in contact with the PA.
6. The World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) project: ongoing and have submitted a brief report.
7. Southern Polytechnic State University, GA – Kabul Polytechnic University project: volunteer have obtained their visa and are heading to Kabul in August. Teaching material is now ready and has been translated to Farsi.
8. CDC project in Uganda:
9. Young Voices on Climate Change (YVCC): feature story for August.
10. 1947 Partition Project – India: feature story for August.
11. Nigeria GSDI: no update.
12. GSDI projects: South Africa: the project is on pause.
13. N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP: Dave and Carol didn't attend last month's meeting, however, good news is that digitization is complete and QA/QC is near completion. They plan to let go of the volunteers in August. Edge matching is being performed by ITOS as it has been since the beginning.
14. GSDI 2104/2015; Ecuador: the first recruitment didn't produce any viable candidates. The PA is asking if we can recruit two new volunteers and is in the process of developing a new JD for the second position.

Other business

- Standard Operating Procedure Manual (SOPM): Dave will contact Dianne and Shoreh.
- Esri User Conference: the conference went great, many people visited the booth on Monday night at the Map Gallery. +/-20 people attended the presentation on Thursday and Allen, Shoreh and Lorri Peltz-Lewis presented. Shoreh has posted the photos on the website.
- Stanford Project: Shoreh will include the names of the 2 volunteers who replied to call for GIS information to the database. She has sent certificates and GISP letters to them as well.
- URISA's need for volunteers (for AGOL): Keri and Allen will put a project plan together to deploy GC volunteers to create maps for URISA using AGOL.
- Podio: Keri reported that URISA now has an online Management application called Podio and that GC can also use that for internal communications. Carol volunteered to work with Keri and set it up for the CC.
- Georgia Spatial Conference: Carol will be presenting on GISCorps at the Georgia Spatial Conference. Shoreh will send her the latest ppt file.

Next call: Wednesday August 13, 2014 at 12:30 pm EST.