Thursday May 14, 2015 at 4:30 PM EST
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

AGENDA
Present: Shoreh, Mark, Dave, Wendy, Allen, Carol, Heather
Regret: Dianne

Approval of Minutes
● Motion: Allen
● Second: Heather

Monthly Financial Report
End of Mar 2015 Financial Report:
● · Total expenses in Mar 2015: $1,571.01, YTD: $15,272.75 since 2003: $98,668.11.
● · Total contributions in Mar 2015: $5,174.09, YTD: $13,578.41; since 2003: $126,346.92.
● · Total balance as of end of Mar 2015: $27,678.81.
● · Approving Carol’s invoice for April for $375 (view timesheet)
  ● Move to approve: Mark
  ● Seconded: Allen

Committee Updates
● Website: Carol - Website Facelift has made it back into my work plan for this month! I’ll be contacting TapRoot about options to get started. My time will be limited due to outstanding documentation wanted for Vanuatu and Ebola and I hope to focus more energy into the website next month.
● Finance: Not much to report.
● Disaster response: develop a stand-by team
  ○ World wide search for volunteers who have experience in people management and technical expertise AND availability.
  ○ Possible training opportunities with Google, ESRI, Tableau (and OSM?) to get these volunteers set up as coordinators
  ○ Data cleansing, geocoding, mapping, documentation
  ○ We need to be selective in who we pick (minimum 5-7 years of experience)
  ○ Recruit as many as 30 coordinators (pre-trained in ESRI, Google, etc.)
    ■ They would work with CC member(s) for the recruiting
    ■ Duration is important to take into consideration
    ■ Approaches: focus on skill sets,
  ○ Maybe we need to set up a test run? Go through the process and document it?
  ○ Dave’s opinion: He has seen that OSM recognizes that they need more organization
  ○ GDoc for brainstorming: (Dave volunteered! :D)
    ■ standard operation procedure
    ■ define “coordinator” - will depend on skill sets and project duration
  ○ We are up to 3800 volunteers in our database!
● Publication: Wendy can send out the Newsletter tomorrow. It’s been thoroughly reviewed by Dianne and Dave.

Deployment news (launched, ongoing, new):
1. Nepal: HOTOSM – Shoreh: need help for certificates (no GISP letters this time but in the future we can add a yes/no for GISP letter in GSheet)
   ● 47 vols - GISCorps Volunteer List (Nepal Earthquake Assistance (HOT OSM)
2. Nepal: Village/Census data project – Shoreh & Mark:
   - Work was extremely appreciated!
   - There is a GIS file (Admin 4) for the villages of gender demographics and damage. Mark’s team wrote code that found the percentage of characters that needed to be reviewed.
   - Adelie (sp?) and Shoreh did checking of the village names in high priority areas. Shoreh then created webmap that were a perfect match from Mark’s team. This map was then turned over to ground crews to ground truth.
   - Second earthquake hit last night and another map was requested.
   - They want different fields mapped based on rich dataset. AGOL exp. is needed to create second maps.
   - Nepal Admin 4 Data Cleansing for Census in AGOL (DAVE AGAIN!!!)
   - SWB did a great job cleaning up the data and makes the joining easy.
3. AAAS – Syria
   - They are requesting WMSs from OSM which is not really available right now. (Carol will be reaching out to HOT/OSM about this)
4. MICRO – Guatemala - Shoreh
   - Partner agency is very happy so far. Vol is looking into micro-loans
5. Cyclone Pam - Heather/Carol (full work summary)
   - Carol needs to complete the documentation I started to submit to Helen Campbell. (Everyone is behind because of Nepal.) - Van - NU -wa -TU
   - Shoreh would like to know more about Hagupit and Vanuatu.
6. Lone Buffalo; Laos - Shoreh
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7. UHRP - China - Shoreh
   - Vol wants to do some work on AGOL for this project
8. WHO-Ebola project - Dave
   - Completed! Shoreh almost has final report together. Dave put together a great structure.
   - Last on-site vol, Jeff (Geneva), just got home about a week ago.
   - Ravi sent very nice, complimentary email praising our volunteers’ work.
9. NetHope - Carol - full work summary:
   - Final data and map update completed April 21st.
   - Meeting on May 9th with NetHope (Joel Myhre and Helen Campbell):
     - Completion of my documentation for this mission will need to be done along with recommendations to NetHope.
     - Shoreh expressed that GISCorps wants to find ways to streamline our recruitment process for emergency response events
     - Joel mentioned that there would be talks within NetHope about regular funding to support GISCorps in order to have 1-2 volunteer (maybe coordinators?) in place (no details how that would work as of yet)
     - Suggestion was made to approach Google, ESRI, Tableau, (and I hope OSM) for training of coordinators
   - I will send volunteer feedback forms this weekend. I need to talk with Heather and Dave about how we should organize these in GDrive so we can find everything easily
11. HOT project in Malawi – Heather
   ● Completed and can be removed from list!

12. Kabale University – Uganda (teaching GIS) – Shoreh
   ● Complete and feedback forms will be going out to the vols this weekend
   ● Vols and partner org are very happy

13. Alaska Search & Rescue - Shoreh

14. The World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) project - Shoreh

15. Young Voices on Climate Change (YVCC) - Shoreh

16. Nigeria GSDI - Shoreh

17. GSDI projects: South Africa – Shoreh

18. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP - Dave and Carol - No new news

Other business

● Esri UC material preparation - Shoreh -- SAG Award
  ○ GIscorps will be with DirectRelief, World Vision, NetHope, and WHO.
  ○ Need to send graphics to Shoreh
  ○ SAG Award (we are waiting to hear back from David Gadsen)

● White House Mapathon
  ○ More info to come. Megan Smith is keynote speaker.
  ○ A lot of gov, military, MapBox, Google, etc..
  ○ Shoreh is going!

● Kabul Polytechnic asking for more volunteers via Kennesaw University
  ○ Job description needed; need 2 vols for July/Aug.

● NetHope asking for more volunteers (3rd round)
  ○ Still waiting for job description

● GISCorps email addresses through Google org. (Carol) - Also, would anyone like some
  training/question session about GDrive and other Google Apps?
  ○ This is totally optional!
  ○ We will talk about this next month - Carol will set up email to begin this discussion.

● Project Volunteers - Already Deployed GISheet has been moved into the GISCorps >
  CoreCommittee folder here

Next call: Thursday June 11, 2015 at 4:30 PM EST