ScoutLink Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday 3rd September 2017

Time meeting opened (GMT): 13:00

Present (voting):

Juham (C)	*Finland*	Kerrby	*Minecraft*
Sorcerer (S)	*Scandinavia*	Layton	*Webteam*
Darren	*JOTI*	MY-jsapr	*Asia*
Emily	*TechTeam (Dep.)*	Atoen	*Indonesia*
Geejee	*BeNeLux*	Elguayanes	*South America*
Joetoad	*UK (Dep.)*	Nrikito	*Peru*

Present (non-voting):

Lillelykke	*Scandinavia (Dep.)*
Webrat	*TechTeam*
JohnR	*South Africa (DC)*

Apologised:

Hamada	*Arabic Region (Dep.)*
Strike	*Oceania*
Fox	*North America*

Approval of last month's minutes: Approved

Agenda & Decisions:

1. Changes in complaints policy and appeals process.
    a. When an appeal is dealt with by an appeals team of 3 people, it is suggested that it would be a good idea for a report to go to council on discourse. This report should contain, how the appeal was handled, the action and the reasons for this decision. It is important for other Council Members to see how complaints are handled, to ensure everyone is being dealt with fairly and consistently.
    b. It is also important to inform TheTeam about what the basic decision was, and if a user continues to be banned. Sensitive and personal information should be withheld as much as possible.

    VOTE: Appeals panels are to report decisions to council via discourse including reasoning for the decision. The decision itself should be reported to theteam, without details. Both should be posted on discourse. APPROVED

2. Chair and Secretary – sharing of responsibilities.
    a. Responses from Chair/Secretary to appoint appeals panels has been very slow. Council needs a way to make sure all complaints and appeals are handled quickly and effectively.
    b. Ban appeals are posted on discourse. If a Council Member has time, and is not ineligible due to previous involvement, they can sign themselves up to handle an appeal. Chair or Secretary will then approve the three volunteers. This reduces workload for Chair/Secretary. During JOTI the JOTI Coordinator can approve the appeal panel.

c. Emily has volunteered to help the secretary write up the missing Council Minutes. This will be done as soon as possible.
d. Chair/Secretary can delegate other roles as they see fit if they are having workload issues.

3. Election Updates CC Venezuela and CC Mexico

   ACTION: The elections of CC of Mexico and Venezuela will be organised by the South America Coordinator, with UK Coordinator as Returning Officer.

   ACTION: Webteam Coordinator – Simplify the elections page on the website to help make elections easier.

4. Safeguarding Team
   a. We need a small team constantly making sure our safeguarding policy is up to date, to make sure all operators are using our safeguarding policy, to ensure all team members are trained to handle issues, and to keep updating user resources to make sure our users understand how to keep themselves safe.
   b. These things are already happening – but a team is needed to make sure everything stays up-to-date and relevant.
   c. All our training courses already have Safeguarding sections and we have a Child Protection Policy. We require all users to read our rules and safety pages before joining the network.
   d. As we are an international organisation, we would like to have people on the team from lots of different regions to make sure we are meeting the needs of as many countries as possible.

   ACTION: A team will be recruited to advise with safeguarding policies, guidance for users, and resources. This team is not designed to handle safeguarding complaints – these are, as according to our policy, handled by council.

A.O.B.

JOTI   There are 100 applications outstanding on volunteer.scoutlink.net
              Please can all Coordinators ensure they are handling applications.

South Africa We have a JOTI application from someone in Nigeria – how should it be handled?
              All applications without a Coordinator should be sent to the JOTI Coordinator to verify.

Scandinavia   Could we have a web-shop on scoutlink.net to sell our badge, necker, etc. UK are looking into this as they currently hold stock of these items. Other countries can be given the specifications if they would like to get badges and other items made.

TechTeam   TTC election was due in June. Webrat will be standing down as Coordinator due to lack of time, but will remain on the team. Deputy TechTeam Coordinator asks if the Minecraft Coordinator can be Election Organiser for the new Coordinator. Council Chair will be Returning Officer.

JOTI   We need a few amendments to council rules where decisions have been updated at council meetings.
              ACTION: Send information to Webteam to amend.

Time meeting closed (GMT): 15:00