

Council Meeting Minutes

February 2019



Minutes from Scoutlink Council Meeting – 3 February 2019

1. Present, Apologized, Absent

Present: ardiansatovic_113314, Arjo, bucanero, elguyanes, floepainwonderland, fnutt, Fox, Francisco, GewoonYorick, Gregor, hubcio, Joetoad, juham, kaa_it, Layton, Locutov, nrikito, Radar, Roger-uk, Sorcerer, Tony, Waitee

– Apologized: None

– Absent: Ali, Jesushpjvzla, JohnR, MY_jsapr, rigoh,

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2. Composition of Chair and Secretary – Roger-uk

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– The proposal to change the eligibility for the position of Council Chair and Secretary to any member of the Council or a Team in good standing was passed on Discourse effective 24 December 2018.

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3. Chair and Secretary for 2019 – Layton

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– Elections for the position of Council Chair and Council Secretary were held. Roger-uk has been elected as the 2019 ScoutLink Council Chair and Fox has been elected as the 2019 ScoutLink Council Secretary

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4. Bot Approvals Process – Joetoad

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– Per Joetoad, with the merger of Bot Team into TechTeam the old bot approvals rules and process were rendered obsolete. Since the merger, TechTeam has deliberated on the implementation of new policies and procedures for the approval of bots on the ScoutLink network.

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– The following changes have already been made to the process, and there are more changes and further development in the future:

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– All applicants desiring to run bots on the ScoutLink network must be able to answer the following on their application. Does the bot need IRCop abilities? If so, which commands

– does it need and why? What benefit does this bot bring to ScoutLink?

Applications for bots may only be forwarded to TechTeam by Country/Region/Team Coordinators or their deputies. TechTeam will process these applications in a timely manner and notify all involved parties on the status of the application and the reasoning behind their

decision.

There is no limit to the number of times an applicant can apply to run their bot on the network and, if approved, the appointment lasts for 12 months after which the bot owner must renew the application with TechTeam.

This movement put forward by Joetoad was discussed within Council and the motion carried with no objections.

5. Rewording Discourse poll procedures – Joetoad

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- Proposal made on discourse, the full text can be found at <https://discourse.scoutlink.net/t/february-2019/2766/6?u=joetoad>
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- Motion carried with no objections

6. Safeguarding update – Gregor

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- We have had a number of SG incidents over the past two months, would just like to thank everyone involved for the support given! All have been reported to the Safeguarding mailbox and I believe every young person got the correct care and support needed as a result of the work of Coordinators. Reminder to Coordinators to not forget to follow up with team members involved and provide support to them :) and I am always happy to help. One last highlight is even if you have reported a concern or you think one has been raised by someone else, please ensure you keep sending logs as it helps build a bigger picture! Thank you!
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- Council would like to thank Gregor for his diligence and tact in dealing with Safeguarding concerns on our network!
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7. Announcement of future TT plans – Joetoad

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- Per Joetoad, the ScoutLink network is not as stable as it could be and is in need of reorganization. In short, Joetoad wants to downsize the network to three servers that are owned and managed by ScoutLink.
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- This reorganization would put an end to our network's dependency on donated servers, including the server financed by WOSM.
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- Further, Joetoad and others are working on plans to establish a financial plan for the operation and maintenance of these servers. This plan includes the possible implementation of crowdfunding. Several platforms, including LiberaPay are being considered for this purpose. ScoutLink is NOT moving towards becoming a paid service but rather giving members the option to support the network financially.

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- These initial 3 servers do NOT include considerations for Minecraft. The Minecraft server and its' situation will be handled separately between the Minecraft Team, the Scoutlink TechTeam and Council.
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- No solid decisions were made, but there were good ideas exchanged and we look forward to seeing proposals for solid changes in the coming months.

8. Complaints from WOSM – Gregor

No update from WOSM regarding prior attempts at communication regarding several problems over JOTI 2018. Roger-uk will be contacting them soon to try to determine the status of our relationship with WOSM.

It is agreed that adjustments do need to be made to our response process to complaints and a new JOTI Leader's Guide is to be developed by Gregor with the help of roger-uk

9. +R to be enabled as default – Gregor

We, as a council, should look at the possibility of requiring all users to register (+R) to help counter the amount of spam in private messaging as well as over main channels. After discussion, there were two proposals.

Proposal 1: Proposal: For 1 month prior to JOTI, and 1 month after JOTI, force +r on unregistered users. Have HaTT train volunteers in how to help users with this and publish an easy guide on our website for this.

This measure passed.

Proposal 2: +R as default. Have HATT train volunteers and publish updates on website, this would require +R all year.

This measure failed.

The result of the passed measure is the implementation of a registration requirement for ScoutLink users the month before and the month after JOTI

10. Funding of Scoutlink Services – Sorcerer

Sorcerer has made a proposition on Discourse regarding the funding of ScoutLink Services.

His post asks the following questions – Council members have been asked to come up with ideas and answers for these questions to be discussed at the next ScoutLink Council meeting in March.

1. What kind of advertisement would we allow, if any. (website, ingame minecraft, facebook)

2. What kind of sponsors could we allow (scout and youth-related, national and international scoutshops, shops selling campgear, hosting sites, other?)
3. Are we happy receiving donations from people or companies/organizations without ads (perhaps just a nice little text-mention on our site somewhere?)
4. Are we happy to ask for one-time grants towards this goal? If so, do you know any in your – country that can be used and are happy to help set up a local account and forward the money?

11. AOB

Fox: Oceania has several candidates for Development Coordinator because they do not have enough users for an RC. Fox will collect candidate names, verify eligibility and report back to Council at the next meeting so that a DC Oceania may be appointed.

Layton: Layton resigns as JOTI Coordinator effective immediately. An election will be held within the JOTI team and a new coordinator will be chosen. The Election Officer will be Fox, the Returns Officer is Sorcerer.

Radar: Elections for BeNeLux need to be done, Geejee apparently asked several months ago. The Elections Officer for the BeNeLux election will be Fox and the Returns Officer will be Gregor.

■ END MEETING – Next ScoutLink Council Meeting is 3 March 2019 at 1500 GMT

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