RadioDNS - Second Steering Board Meeting

6th October 2010 (TBC)
06:30 CDT / 08:30 EDT / 11:30 GMT / 12:30 BST / 13:30 CEST / 21:30 AET, duration 90 minutes

Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:
- Nick PIGGOTT
- James CRIDLAND
- John OUSBY
- David LAYER
- Ben MATTHEW
- Matthias COINCHON
- Russell STENDELL
- Colin CRAWFORD (for Nick JURASCHECK)
- Chris GOULD
- George WRIGHT

Apologies have been received from:
- Michael REICHERT (SWR)

Minutes

1. Finance

1.1 Income / expenditure summary
> Nick PIGGOTT said that we have just signed up RECIVA as a member; and we have spent nothing since the last meeting.
> Revenue so far: £29,000
> Total expenditure so far: £1,900

1.2 Update on bank account / invoicing
> Nick PIGGOTT and James CRIDLAND are both signatories on the bank account. Requirement for at least one more signatory. Chris GOULD and Colin CRAWFORD both volunteered.
> **Action: Nick PIGGOTT**
> **Action: Chris GOULD**
> **Action: Colin CRAWFORD**

1.3 Membership fee for 2011
> Nick PIGGOTT asked whether we should waive the 2011 fee for everyone who has paid 2010's fee by **31-January-2011**, in the context of the surplus we will have. This was agreed.
> David LAYER asked whether invoices had been sent out. Nick PIGGOTT confirmed that no invoices had yet been sent out; we need to wait for the bank account setup.

1.4 Audit
> Nick PIGGOTT mentioned that we should have our books audited prior to the GA.

His intention was to find an accountant, with an expectation to cost around £200. This was agreed.

Action: Nick PIGGOTT

2. Operations

2.1 Update on process to outsource operation of DNS / Trust Model

Nick PIGGOTT reiterated Global Radio's aspiration to move to a full trust model and process by a third party by the end of the year, but this was just an aspiration. He noted that this was not a major issue to his team at the moment.

George WRIGHT's team is beginning a piece of work by end October, and wants to review the trust model based on BBC feedback: working with a working party from RadioDNS.

Nick PIGGOTT noted that, after this document is finished, we will be able to find a third party to operate RadioDNS.

James CRIDLAND asked whether it was worthwhile waiting until after the trust model had been completed by George WRIGHT and the working team before we find a third party. This was agreed.

Matthias COINCHON asked to see a list of the objections put forward from the BBC. George WRIGHT agreed.

Nick PIGGOTT said that there is a benefit to RadioDNS being open about the trust model.

John OUSBY outlined that this may require signifcant resourcing.

Matthias COINCHON offered additional help from the EBU and partner organisations.

Action: George WRIGHT to send list of concerns to the SB

Action: ALL to volunteer people from our organisations to take part in George WRIGHT's working party if required

Action: Nick PIGGOTT to publicise this issue as appropriate

2.2 Website

Nick PIGGOTT said he was particularly aware that we are missing mid-level resources like HOWTOs and walkthroughs, and also the information on membership/supporters/users is not laid out clearly enough

Colin CRAWFORD agreed, and expressed a requirement that there's something simple and easy on radiodns.org

Nick PIGGOTT also mentioned a need for a source-code repository.

Nick PIGGOTT has suggested that one of his team might be able to revamp the website under SB direction.

James CRIDLAND mentioned the http://developers.radiodns.org/ wiki, and requirement for this to be as democratic as possible.

Colin CRAWFORD suggested that other developers could be encouraged to take part.

Action: all SB members to encourage people (whoever that might be) to contribute to the website.

Action: Nick PIGGOTT to sort out generic HOWTOs and walkthroughs

2.3 General Assembly

EBU Digital Radio Week: 14-18 February 2011, Geneva

16 February is the radio summit
Action: Matthias COINCHON and Nick PIGGOTT to help organise a room in an afternoon at the EBU Digital Radio Week

2.4 Review of RadioDNS Presentations
IBC in Amsterdam. Nick PIGGOTT thanked the EBU and Francois LEFEVBRE for their help.
NRSC in Washington DC. Nick PIGGOTT was grateful to NAB.
Radio 2.0 in Madrid
Matthias COINCHON also appears in YouTube video here
Colin CRAWFORD outlined a lot of Swiss and Scandinavian interest
Potential space at Le Radio! in Paris?
Action: Mathias COINCHON looking at Le Radio / EBU Belfast

3. Technical (20 mins)

3.1 Report from RadioVIS Working Team
Matthias COINCHON mentioned clarification required about caching
Action: Nick PIGGOTT to circulate document
Action: Nick PIGGOTT to publish contributors
3.2 Report from RadioTAG Working Team
Colin CRAWFORD was keen to play a larger part in RadioTAG
Action: Nick PIGGOTT to circulate document
Action: Nick PIGGOTT to publish contributors
3.3 Report from RadioEPG Working Team
Ben MATTHEW has formed a group; after waiting for the results of collaborative projects like IMDA and RadioPlayer. This work is now beginning.
Ben MATTHEW asked for contacts at the IMDA.
Action: Nick PIGGOTT to give contacts
3.4 radiodns.org vs broadcastdns.org vs tvdns.org
Nick PIGGOTT asked James CRIDLAND to give an update on interest from TV domain in RadioDNS. A number of people (cable operators, open TV projects) have expressed an interest in using RadioDNS for TV. We have a defensive registration of tvdns.org and broadcastdns.org. We will try and not fork the concept of RadioDNS - it should be possible to encompass TV within the existing technical platform.
John OUSBY highlighted the benefits of RadioDNS type functionality for TV, and was concerned that we were clear about which benefits we were mentioning.
George WRIGHT gave the BBC's view.
3.5 IMDA and RadioDNS
Agreement from IMDA to include RadioDNS signalling in their meta-data. This will allow a streaming radio aggregator to know where the RadioDNS services are.
3.6 Chumby
The EBU did a great job of hacking a Chumby to run RadioVIS/FM. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kHb-VNdbDM
Chumby want to include the FM API hooks into the next firmware.
3.7 Android app
Nick's team at Global have produced an Android prototype app on a Sony Ericsson. http://opendigitalradio.org/images/f/fc/IMG_0396.jpg

4. Promotion

4.1 How and to whom should RadioDNS promote itself

Nick PIGGOTT outlined that the barrier according to manufacturers is whether broadcasters are going to use this.

1. Fix this by working on a better website?

2. Discuss with Folder, AIM, etc, about a low-cost entry model for this service: the conversation appears to be "how many radio stations are using this?"

3. Matthias COINCHON: A workshop for broadcasters to do this? RTBF are really interested, etc.

4. Colin CRAWFORD mentioned that Frontier and Reciva are the two people to really hit here (and that goes for US as well as EU).

5. Chris GOULD asked whether it made sense to publish how many radio stations are in the RadioDNS database already on the website

Action: James CRIDLAND / Nick PIGGOTT

6. Ben MATTHEW wondered whether RadioDNS ought to provide a STOMP server. Nick PIGGOTT was of the opinion that third-party tech companies are better placed to provide this service.

7. James CRIDLAND discussed mobile phones. Nick PIGGOTT said that we have reasonable prominence with receivers, but once more the concern is sheer numbers.

5. Any Other Business

George WRIGHT asked what the procedure would be to add new applications to RadioDNS.

Nick PIGGOTT said that if you want to do it under the RadioDNS banner, you need to conform with the IP policy, and put it forward to the Steering Board.

6. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be organised via email: probably week 1 and 2 of February.

Nick PIGGOTT thanked all for their time.