Direct Connect Network Foundation (DCNF) meeting protocol

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Pretorian opened the meeting as interim meeting supervisor and all members announced their presence. All members accepted the by-laws.

Choice of meeting supervisor and secretary

Pretorian was elected meeting supervisor. Pretorian was elected meeting secretary.

Voting length

Voting length was set to two (2) minutes.

Choice of meeting vote counter and meeting protocol adjuster

poy was elected meeting vote counter. cologic was elected meeting protocol adjuster.

Fair announcement

All members agreed that the meeting has been announced correctly.

Meeting items

Pretorian called for meeting item suggestions where poy and eMTee provided a list of items to go through later. These items were:

- 1. Content on the DCNF website
- 2. Mailing list for the DCNF
- 3. Activities of the DCNF (blog, "social media" presence...)
- 4. Acceptance of supported projects (type (programs, protocols...), workflow...)
- 5. Separation between the foundation and supported projects (legal, in particular)
- 6. Hosting DC hub lists
- 7. Hosting DC support hubs for supported projects
- 8. Hosting code repositories for supported projects
- 9. Hosting websites for supported projects
- 10. Hosting mailing lists for supported projects
- 11. Hosting bug trackers for supported projects
- 12. Buying the services of a network administrator
- 13. External services to proxy DCNF / supported projects data
- 14. Legal structure to help the DCNF
- 15. Legal structure to help supported projects
- 16. Ways to find new members
- 17. Hub for the DCNF
- 18. Involvement of the DCNF in DC protocols
- 19. Buying the services of developers
- 20. Mobile/web-based DC-related programs
- 21. Contacting well-known tech bloggers
- 22. DC and businesses

Board information

The organization did not previously exist so this item was skipped.

Auditors

The organization did not previously exist so this item was skipped.

Discharging the board

The organization did not previously exist so this item was skipped.

Member fees

The members decided that 10 € (Euro) per person per year shall be the member fee that all members shall pay.

Eventual plan

The organization did not previously exist so this item was skipped in favor of discussion items later on.

Board

Pretorian, poy and cologic were nominated and elected to the board.

Stand-in board

eMTee was nominated and elected to the stand-in board.

Treatment of motions and items

The items mentioned in "meeting items" are treated here and discussed.

Content on the DCNF website

The DCNF website should contain content that is specific to DCNF and to its supporting projects. This includes a DCNF blog, a forum, a wiki, DC usage tips and an appealing section for people to get to know DC.

Votes: 3 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Mailing list for the DCNF

There will not be a mailing list for DCNF.

Votes: 0 votes to "yes", 4 votes to "no".

Activities of the DCNF (blog, "social media" presence...)

DCNF shall be present on Twitter, YouTube and Reddit. If there will be a need in the future for Facebook, Google+ and other social media outlets, then DCNF may pursue them.

Votes: 3 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Acceptance of supported projects (type (programs, protocols...), workflow...)

DCNF will provide services for members where they can register a project or protocol and receive supported content. The supported content can be seen in the following items. The board will decide if the project may be registered or not.

Votes: 4 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Separation between the foundation and supported projects (legal, in particular)

Board members may not cast a vote for a supported project that they themselves own or maintain.

The board will compile a list of questions to prepare and ask the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) regarding legal separation between DCNF and supported projects.

Votes: 3 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Hosting DC hub lists

Hub list hosting shall be available as a supported project. DCNF shall not be directly behind a hub list.

Votes: 4 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Hosting DC support hubs for supported projects

DC support hubs shall be available for supported projects. These hubs shall be chat-only with the exception of connectivity testing bots.

Votes: 4 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Hosting code repositories for supported projects

Code repositories shall be available for supported projects. The board shall decide on repository specifics.

Votes: 4 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Hosting websites for supported projects

Websites shall be available for supported projects. The websites shall be heavily restricted to avoid maintenance and set up time.

Votes: 2 votes to "yes", 1 vote to "no".

Hosting mailing lists for supported projects

No mailing list shall be provided as a supported project.

Votes: 0 votes to "yes", 4 votes to "no".

Hosting bug trackers for supported projects

Bug trackers shall be provided as a supported project.

Votes: 3 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Buying the services of a network administrator

Services may be set up by a network administrator. The network administrator may get funding to provide the system setup. However, the domain and servers are prioritized when it comes to funding.

Votes: 4 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

External services to proxy DCNF / supported projects data

DCNF will provide automatic synchronization to DCNF servers for external services. The external services shall be used as the primary project management portal.

Votes: 4 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Legal structure to help the DCNF

The board will take legal structure questions to the EFF.

Votes: 3 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Legal structure to help supported projects

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Votes: 3 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Ways to find new members

There are two aspects of this item: a) advertisement or recruitment of new users and b) motivation for users to sign up and remain in the organization.

- a) Once the project has been established and it is possible to easily register, then DCNF shall advertise itself on various Internet websites as well as DC forums.
- b) DCNF shall provide "badges" that are included in the supported software, as well as physical items such as t-shirts.

Members are expected to send a mail to the organization with the information and transfer the member fee to the organization's PayPal or bank. The board will manage all users.

Votes: 3 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Hub for the DCNF

A DCNF hub shall be hosted on the same server as dcbase.org is currently hosted on. The DCNF hub shall be part of DCNF's infrastructure.

Votes: 3 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Involvement of the DCNF in DC protocols

DCNF shall take control of the NMDC and ADC protocol and incorporate them into the DCNF infrastructure. The board will discuss this item with Jacek Sieka, the original author of the ADC protocol.

Votes: 4 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Buying the services of developers

DCNF shall attempt to recruit developers, both from other DC projects as well as external developers. DCNF shall create a project for Google Summer of Code. DCNF shall aid in announcing on supported project pages what type of positions are in demand.

Votes: 4 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Mobile/web-based DC-related programs

DCNF shall aid in the development of a web-based and/or mobile platform that can connect to DC. DCNF shall try to contact a university and see if students may be willing to participate in a project of this magnitude.

Votes: 4 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Contacting well-known tech bloggers

DCNF will contact tech bloggers for interviews and reviews of DC. DCNF should do anything it can for the development of software that is very easy to use.

Votes: 3 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

DC and businesses

DCNF will provide documentation and information for companies and industries that may be looking into DC for secure transfers, transferring documentation between parties in a company or simple chat facilities and more.

Votes: 3 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Additional items

Any additional items that had not yet been addressed but were not mentioned previously

Copyright management for DC Plugins

All DC Plugins that currently exist should transfer their copyright to DCNF. The board shall query each respective plugin developer. The DC Plugin SDK shall only transfer its copyright.

Votes: 4 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Copyright management for clients and hubs

Existing clients and hubs shall not transfer their copyright to DCNF. DCNF shall provide as a service the ability to manage or generate certificates.

Votes: 4 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Old domains

DCNF shall purchase old domains that are now not in use, but were previously in use for DC.

Votes: 4 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".