Ubuntu Zimbabwe LoCo Team

Minutes of Meeting

Date: Tuesday 2 February 2010

Venue: Webdev – 207 J Tongogara/Ninth

Present:

1. Kerry

2. Neil

3. Kalpesh

4. Joseph

5. Donald

6. Nyasha

7. Chris

8. Solomon

9. Tawanda

10. Alex

11. Ronald

Apologies:

1. Arthur

Team Positions.

The following were elected into positions of leadership:

Team Leader: Donald

Team Contact: Neil

Team Treasurer: Kalpesh

Projects Coordinator: Kerry

Public Relations Officer: Arthur

Secretary: Ronald

Official photographers: Chris, Nyasha & Kalpesh

General Meeting:

Team Leader

- Team leader elect – Donald, introduced new leadership team to Alex & Tawanda, thanked Neil and his outgoing team

- It is hoped that structure will bring a lot of improvements to LoCo team

- Team Leader indicated that he met Thomas who is promoting Mandriva, Thomas is good at marketing. Thomas is more interested in the business user as compared to the home user. He has problems with Ubuntu lack of support for codecs out of the box.

- It was agreed that we are not out there to compete with other Linux groups but rather we should work with them

- There is need for the team get out and market Ubuntu Linux a bit more – the banner (@ Joe's place) is doing good advertising

- Gateway has upgraded to 9.10 and are having problems they need help

Mission Statement

- Kalpesh pointed out that we need a Zimbabwe LoCo team specific mission statement

Offline Codecs Project

- Neil pointed out that the off line codecs installation has been tested at the Parliament of Zimbabwe

- HPLIP and VLC are having dependencies issues - Neil is working on resolving the dependencies

- Neil indicated that he does not have access to hardware to test the offline codecs installation on a clean install machine

- Team Leader Donald indicated that he is a position to organize hardware for testing with Microman

Training

- Donald is offering commercial training – he has both the student and teacher training manuals for Ubuntu

- He indicated that there is plenty of interest in Linux training locally

- Donald proposed that we come up with a rotating training model where the trainer, Phoenix Technologies (for the hardware) and the LoCo team would share the training income

Release party

- This time we have to give people a reason to attend the Release Party

- It was proposed that we give away freebies

Sponsorship

- Joseph indicated that ZOL is willing to sponsor us at this years ICT Africa show

- Team Leader Donald indicated that companies are willing to sponsor us

- Kerry indicated that he is in a position to get team sponsorship from his clients

- It was agreed that we need to come up a sponsorship structure – how do deal with, relate to .. with sponsors.

- What do we give back to sponsors? What's in it for them? It was suggested that we might provide banner advertising space for sponsors on our site for as long Yo Africa and Webdev are in agreement.

- It was also pointed out that we have skills to offer in return or as part of community projects

- Where there is conflict of interest involving Yo!Africa and Webdev we will give Yo!Africa and Webdev right of first refusal to sponsor (the repository and web hosting space are sponsored by Yo!Africa and Webdev respectively)

Website

- It was noted that the last release party photos were missing from the website, Kalpesh indicated that the quality was so poor and not worthy putting up

- It was noted that pictures from the December team meeting were missing from the website, Nyasha indicated that he handed the photos over to Ronald.

Next Meeting:

It was agreed that we should have structured meeting, please find below information on our next meeting.

Date: 02 March 2008 (note we meet every first Tuesday of the month, unless stated otherwise)

Time: 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Venue: 336 Herbert Chitepo Avenue – Harvest International Offices (cash bar available)

Agenda:

1. Team Leaders vision/manifesto presentation (Donald)

2. Release Party (Kerry)

3. Projects Feedback

    a. Freedom Toaster (Kalpesh)

    b. OpenICDL (Ganyani/Neil)

    c. Offline Codecs (Neil)

Minutes Prepared by:

Ronald

Secretary – Ubuntu Zimbabwe LoCo Team