Date and Time

13. July at 16:00 German Time at https://meet.assassinate-you.net/NewPipeMeeting

NewPipe e.V. Plenum Agenda

1. Prelude
    1. Session leader (one of the board members)
    2. select person who records decisions of the board for the protocoll:
    3. Acknowledging proper invite, happend a week prior
    4. Last minute topics (Hint: No NewPipe related topics, please only NewPipe e.V. topics)
    5. Acknowledge topics
2. Topics
    1. "Hello there, we exist now"
    2. Moneytary infrastructure
    3. IT Infrastructure
        1. How much money do we want to spend on infrastracture
        2. e-mail, website, voting infrastracture must have
        3. Self host password manager or use a different one
        4. lemmy/masterdone/piped/indivenous
    4. logo
    5. e.V. Goals: Can we support the rewrite? (Schabi)
    6. Call for Donations on NewPipe? (Schabi)
    7. Handle Wolf/Rossman
    8. Miscellaneous
3. Session end

Annuncement text

Header: 1. Board meeting of NewPipe e.V. at 13th, 16:00 german time.

Dear NewPipe people and other interested beings,

As you might have heard, last year we founded an association (e.V.), registered in Germany. We gave the board the rule to have a meeting every half year turn. Now, it's time for the first one of these meetings, after our initial founding meeting.
The goal of our e.V. is to support NewPipe and other, similar projects. How we intend this to happen will be decided by the board and the members of the e.V., and then stated on the website of the association. Some examples we can currently come up with are:
- Support the rewrite
- Call in and support live conferences
- Host project infrastructure

Since our founding, we managed to be officially registered by the state of Germany and acquired a bank account there (which took us a while). The next steps will be to setup infrastructure, redirect the money streams to the e.V. and setup a proper way to become a member. Look forward to this happening soon!

Now, if you want to participate in discussions please attend our first online meeting at 13th, 16:00 german

time.

We will publish the protocoll in case you can not attend to this meeting or do not want to, and will link to it in the comments once we have done so. So if you do not want to miss this, feel free to subscribe to this issue.

regards, Schabi

Invitation text

Header: same as above

Dear e.V. member,

we have our first board meeting in a week! This is the official invitation for you. You have the right to attend this meeting (which means listening and speaking rights), however votes will be made soley by the board.

You can find the agenda at https://github.com/TeamNewPipe/NewPipe/discussions/10212, as well as the link to the meeting.

We hope everyone will be there!

regards, Schabi

Prelude

- Session leader: Schabi.
- Person writing the protocol and recording the decisions of the board: Stypox.
- Everyone acknowledges that the invite happened one week in advance.
- Schabi lists the points that will be discussed during the meeting.
- Schabi asks for last-minute topics, and nobody has any, but this question will be asked again later.

Meeting starts at 16:20 CEST on 13/07/2023

Topics

1. "Hello there, we exist now"
   - Schabi: the association was created to better handle the money coming from donations for the NewPipe project
   - Schabi: the major push to create the association happened after Louis Rossmann contacted us with the intention to give us a grant
   - Schabi: we had the founding meeting on 5th of November 2023, then it took a while for everything to be properly registered
   - Schabi: without a bank account we wouldn't have been able to do much, so we did not announce the association until the account was ready. It took a while, but we finally have an account at GLS bank.

- Schabi: Schabi, Thjorven and Stypox were elected as leaders of the association, while Fynn was elected as cash auditor
- Schabi: money should be used to financially support projects (not only NewPipe but also related media serving projects) and provide IT infrastructure
- Thjorven: the goals of the association are written in the statute, the general assembly decides which topics/projects to pour money into (budgeting), the board then has executive power to actually use the money.
- TheAssassin/Thjorven: we are not a no-profit (in legal terms) because our goals were not according to the goals a German no-profit association needs to have, and after hearing a lawyer we preferred not to try to apply for that status. But the association's purpose is not for profit.
- Schabi: the association is German but non-German people can join, too (e.g. Stypox is Italian). For now there is still no signup form, but we will set it up once we have the infrastructure. Once you are a member you are free to get elected, at 18+ years, as we are a democratic association.
- TheAssassin/Thjorven: the board has power to reject signups

2. IT Infrastructure
- TheAssassin: I volounteered to setup the infrastructure, as I am already hosting the current NewPipe website.
- TheAssassin: the current state is: there is a medium-sized server setup (the core server, just for association matters, not for projects), 10€/month, but no service is running yet. We have already bought the newpipe-ev.de domain, which was pretty cheap, and the e.V. is based in Germany anyway. We have a backup space with Hetzner, and also TheAssassin's secondary backup space can serve that purpose.
- Schabi: we can't decide on a strict monetary cap, since it's difficult to calculate in advance, so it's better to just pay for what we really need.
- TheAssassin: you ought to set a cap, but then you can ask it to be increased
- TheAssassin: the email server will be setup in the core server, and also all of the accounting should be handled there. Everything not strictly related to the functioning of the e.V. should be separate, so that if a project breaks down or gets blocked from the internet the association is still up
- TheAssassin: I setup a mailbox.org account just as a contact to give to the people that provide us with the core server, because if the email we use to communicate is hosted on the core server and there are some problems there, there is no way to read emails from the server provider anymore
- Schabi: can that account be used also for other important things, e.g. PayPal?
- TheAssassin: Yes
- TheAssassin: we should setup a centralized account to access everything related to the association (e.g. email), which complicates the setup
- TheAssassin: the core infrastructure also needs (in order, everything self-hosted):
  - cloud platform and file hosting
  - association management software CiviCRM, complex tool that automates many things but we first need to test it, otherwise we'll need to rethink our strategy (an alternative might be Jameica + JVerein)
  - password management
  - website (completely offline, if needed with Content Management System)

- TheAssassin: then we can create additional infrastructure separately
- Schabi: we need password management rather early, because passwords need to be shared between board members. We need accounting infrastucture where to upload receipts and make Fynn's job simpler.
- TheAssassin: actually Fynn just needs an ordered list of receipts, and the spending list from the bank to check.
- TheAssassin: we need to take care of the renewal of newpipe.net: keep it or change it? Currently it is owned by TheAssassin, but it will be transferred to the association.
- TheAssassin: if anyone wants to help with IT infrastructure just tell me, the only requirement is that you are a member of the association, because of data handling reasons.
- Schabi: do we as the association want to offer taking over stewardship of the NewPipe domains for the newpipe maintainers?
  - Every member of the board agrees to vote openly
  - Every member of the board agrees to vote "yes" or "no"
  - All board members (Schabi, Stypox and Thjorven) say "yes" and approve the vote
- Thjorven: we are going to decide on other non-association-related services (e.g. invidious or lemmy) later

3. Monetary infrastructure
- Schabi: the monetary infrastructure needs to be completely in the hands of the association, so that board members have a rule against themselves, since currently I am receiving and holding it myself
- Schabi: requirements: cloud and password manager where to store common account information
- Schabi: do we need to keep track of all of the money that has already been transferred to the bank account? Also, do we want to move all of the money I have already collected directly to the bank account, or do it one bit at a time (200€ have already been transferred for the initial infrastructure setup)?
- Thjorven: that initial transferring of money from Schabi account to the association account will be considered just as a donation
- Fynn: since we are not a no-profit, donations will have taxes on them
- Schabi: probably better to transfer all of the money once the new donation methods are setup, so that I don't have to keep track of paid money and money that still needs to be forwarded
- Fynn: how do we collect membership fees, and how do I pay?
- Thjorven: just wait until the infrastructure is ready

4. Logo
- Schabi: should be related to the NewPipe logo, but should make it clear that the association is separate and just backs the project
- Thjorven: we don't need to decide on the logo right now, and also it's better to wait for a few new suggestions
- Schabi: we can let the website people decide on an intermediate logo for the moment

5. e.V. Goals: Can we support the rewrite?
- Schabi: I propose to pay people to work on NewPipe, e.g. during semester vacations for students (not full-time), so that the rewrite doesn't stall. This is also an opportunity for students to work on something interesting and useful in case

they need money, instead of going to work to a random shady company.

- Schabi: people from media-related projects should also be able to ask for funding in the future. Should we vote on whether this should be possible?
- Thjorven: there is not need as we already state that in the association goals. Any project, NewPipe project included, should be able to ask for funding, provided that they have clear goals and someone who has time to work.
- Schabi: all we can do is hire for a short amount of time a freelancer. Most possibly among team members, because otherwise it would take a lot of time to choose a person and to have them learn everything.
- Thjorven: deciding the budget to allocate for hiring people needs to be done by the general assembly

6. Call for Donations on NewPipe?
- Schabi: we could push donations more (e.g. Wolf/Rossman said they found it difficult), to get enough money to hire a freelancer part-time
- Schabi: offer the ability to donate from the website, also explaining how the money will be used
- Schabi: maybe even show a message in the app, like a sidebar
- TobiGr: add onboarding and announcement section in NewPipe and release announcements and donation requests there
- Schabi: first wait for the infrastructure to be ready, then make announcements and such
- Schabi: should we show "Donate to the e.V." button even on the NewPipe website or not? We should make sure it doesn't look like a scam.

7. Handle Wolf/Rossman
- Thjorven: we are having a hard time to reach them, after their initial offer
- Schabi: I have tried a few ways to get in contact with them again, but got no response. Maybe it's because we didn't agree to their not-so-clear proposal of turning NewPipe in a FUTO client?
- Thjorven: if we get the grant, fine, otherwise no problem, we can survive nonetheless, so there is no need to rush in order to get in contact with them, better wait for the monetary infrastructure to be ready
- Schabi: we can only accept the grant if it is no-strings-attached

8. Miscellaneous
- Schabi: are there any other questions or topics to talk about?
- Fynn: is there a repository for the website yet? Will we have a Content Management System? I would like to contribute
- Thjorven: there is still no repository, we haven't written anything yet and we'll try to build a fully static website
- TobiGr: the website should be easy to maintain
- Fynn: are Stripe and PayPal setup yet?
- Schabi: no, but we will have them in the future
- The attendees do not bring up any other topic to talk about.

9. Session end
- Schabi: ok, now that all association-related questions and topics have been addressed, we can close the session
- The session closes at 19:01 CEST on 13/07/2023