

5th board meeting of NewPipe e.V.

People from the board present: Stypox, Fynn, Poolitzer.

Additional participants: TheAssassin.

Agenda items:

1. Appointment of the protocol writer
2. Determining the quorum
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Adoption of the protocol of 01.12.2024
5. Scheduling and assignment of outstanding tasks
6. Update on sponsoring programming competitions
7. Collecting email addresses of TeamNewPipe members
8. Privacy policy amendments for special occasions and TeamNewPipe members
9. Budget distribution among FrOSCon participants
 - Marketing and merch
10. Miscellaneous
 - NewPipe summer meeting updates

The meeting is started at 19:05 German time, 06.06.2025, by the chairman of the meeting, Fynn.

Item 1: Appointment of the protocol writer

Stypox agrees to take the protocol notes.

Item 2: Determining the quorum

The present board members acknowledge that a timely invite happened and that the meeting has quorum according to §8.10 of the statute. The agenda was attached as part of the invitation.

Item 3: Adoption of the agenda

Fynn explains that there is no need for private discussions for FrOSCon money allocation, so the point is moved before miscellaneous.

The new agenda is adopted unanimously by the board.

Item 4: Adoption of the protocol of 01.12.2024

The protocol of the previous board meeting of 01.12.2024 is adopted unchanged.

Item 5: Scheduling and assignment of outstanding tasks

The board members go over the tasks that need to be done, assigning responsibilities:

Transparency registry

Fynn explains that we need to notify to the transparency registry that Stypox does not have German nationality. Also, sending data to the registry is mandatory and they send ~20€/year of invoice. The fact that this didn't come up before is because they often aggregate invoices from multiple years, and also the registry exists only since ~2019. Fynn agrees to register an account to send the updated information about Stypox to them. Registering an account can take place as an individual. Poolitzer agrees to pay the invoice.

Establishing contact with ponypower

Ponypower is the creator of the NewPipe logo. Contacts with them are undergoing, and Fynn has handled it so far.

We wanted to discuss getting a license from them to get copyright rights over the NewPipe logo and over the “pipes” background on the newpipe.net website.

- They asked if we have a lawyer, TheAssassin suggests we do find a lawyer ourself to ensure we get a proper contract in our favour.
- The board discusses an appropriate price proposal for the logo, to get a license for full commercial rights. TheAssassin suggests a few hundred euros and the board agrees on 200€.
- Poolitzer agrees to take over the task of keeping in touch with ponypower.

FrOSCon Call for Projects

The participants agree, on suggestion of TheAssassin, to ask for 3 tables and 5 chairs, and Stypox inserts the information in the system.

Implement chat rules

TheAssassin confirms that Christian Himmler has Matrix and email accounts, Fynn will create the website PR and Stypox will take care of finally publishing it and sending it in the Matrix channels.

Contacting unofficial NewPipe Lemmy community

Poolitzer agrees to pick this up

Mail to abuse contact of trademark infringing websites

In particular `newpipe.app`, `revanced.net`, `vanced.to`. Stypox agrees to continue working on this task, explaining that some progress has already happened for `newpipe.app`.

Make APKMirror compliant to the trademark

This is postponed to a later time.

Donation to FOSDEM

Stypox agrees to send an email to FOSDEM to see if 600€ counts as sponsorship.

File new board with notary

This is ongoing, although a hiccup happened due to some wrong data having been sent. Regarding bank account access, Fynn asks the papers for the bank to be signed by Poolitzer, while the data at the registrar is updated.

Sending merch to LuanRT

This task is dismissed, since LuanRT has not replied to the mail asking for his address yet.

Be more inviting to new members

At the moment signing up for the e.V. involves downloading a PDF, filling it out, signing it, and finally uploading it. A more user friendly interface would be to use a CiviCRM/Admidio form for the signup, since the signature is only needed for SEPA and that could be done separately. Since CiviCRM has not been setup yet, Fynn sets out to try making an Admidio form and asks TheAssassin to create an empty test instance of Admidio.

Contacting a designer for NewPipe

As discussed in the 5th assembly, NewPipe would need a designer, such as Jaime Lopez who [already contributed NewPipe designs](#), as previously assessed. This task is however moved to 2026 as TeamNewPipe has no bandwidth to handle app designs yet.

Redoing the website

Some community members, who happen to be able to do web development, asked whether they could help out on NewPipe tasks. Stypox argues that they could be redirected to improving the e.V. website. Stypox remains assigned to this task.

Putting hardware offer to NewPipe contributors on website

Poolitzer picks up this task.

Contacting other projects that we might want to help

Poolitzer explains that they contacted another project that was not represented by any entity, but they replied they don't need help. In any case, if some project would show up asking for help, we'd then need to decide how to handle stuff based on what they need, but we can't decide what exactly we want to offer in advance. Fynn suggests that we could help out with fiscal hosting, or by collecting the small amounts of donations that FOSS developers might get in exchange for (e.g. server) support from our side.

Keeping track of Profpatsch's job

Stypox is doing this.

Design and order permanent conference merch

Stypox and TheAssassin will handle the designs. See further discussion in "Budget distribution among FrOSCon participants".

Hire IT infrastructure development person

Stypox takes this on, a note about hiring somebody will be put in the next `newpipe.net` blogpost.

Item 6: Update on sponsoring programming competitions

Stypox explains that he has inquired SWERC organizers about sponsoring SWERC and giving a talk there for the purpose of educating the participants on the topic of free software. However, he explains that the prices for giving a talk or for just having a booth there are respectively 15000€ or 2000€. Stypox initially had the idea to contact a few associations to collect such amounts of money, but after discussing with the president of FSFE, Stypox arrived at the conclusion that spending even just 2000€ on sponsoring SWERC (even if coming from multiple associations) would be a bad idea, since it would mean funds are taken away from open source projects. As a comparison, 2000€ was the whole budget the NewPipe e.V. used to participate to FOSDEM.

Stypox argues that we should still look for opportunities to spread the word about free software, and suggests sponsoring some hackathons. Stypox gives a figure of 1500€ as an example price for sponsoring a Hackathon ([source](#)), which might also have the benefit of attracting more contributors to NewPipe. Stypox explains that he might therefore make a proposal like that in the future.

Item 7: Collecting email addresses of TeamNewPipe members

Fynn explains that we want to be able to collect email addresses of TeamNewPipe members to keep in touch with them, for example in the context of the TeamNewPipe summer meeting. TheAssassin explains that we could add a new kind of membership on Admidio to handle this.

The chairman asks the board to vote on this formulation: “Do you support collection of TeamNewPipe’s personal data for the purposes of contacting its members?”. The board unanimously votes “yes”.

Item 8: Privacy policy amendments for special occasions and TeamNewPipe members

While editing the privacy policy to take into account the collection of data about TeamNewPipe members, Fynn realized some more stuff needed to be changed in the privacy policy to make it GDPR compliant.

The amended privacy policy is not brought to a vote to leave more time for other board members to look at it. A new board meeting will therefore be announced together with the “TeamNewPipe summer meeting” email. This implies still not being able to collect TeamNewPipe members data.

Item 9: Budget distribution among FrOSCon participants

4 individuals applied. The board agrees that all 4 individuals should be supported and are a good fit for representing NewPipe at FrOSCon. Per the wishes of the FrOSCon attendants (as provided in the form and detailed verbally towards the board), the board agrees to book 1 two-bed room and 1 single-bed room for the duration of FrOSCon. The remaining expenses requested by the FrOSCon attendants amounts to 520 EUR. Attendants are to be notified that they can exceed their requested budget by 20% insofar required for necessary travel expenses without further approval, but are still asked to choose economical options. This results in the allocation of 624 EUR for reimbursement of travel cost and approx. 322 EUR for the hotel booking, summing up to a travel cost of approx. 946 EUR.

The chairman asks the board to vote on this formulation: “Do you approve the money allocation for FrOSCon participants detailed above?”. The board unanimously votes “yes”.

Policy for travel budget distribution

The board agrees on a policy to use for future events regarding how to distribute the travel budget among applicants. *voluntary contribution money* and *maximum amount of money* refer to two fields in the FrOSCon application form described as follows:

- *voluntary contribution money*: “Is there any amount you feel comfortable paying yourself in any case? (€)”
- *maximum amount of money*: “Given budgetary constrains, we may not be able to afford everyone’s needs. How much are you able to contribute to your own travel and accommodation costs in this case? (€)”

The policy the board agrees on is:

- if the budget is exhausted:
 - the *voluntary contribution money* is deducted from everyone’s expenses
 - the *maximum amount of money* is used to calculate how many people we need to reject in order to fit everyone else in if they pay the maximum
- if the budget is not exhausted:
 - the *voluntary contribution money* is **not** deducted from everyone’s expenses, meaning the e.V. reimburses everything

Marketing and merch

The previous plenum meeting allocated 300€ for marketing and merch, but the board argues that since we'll use less money for FrOSCon than expected, we can reroute some of the budgeted money for FrOSCon to marketing (up to 800€). The board agrees that another general assembly just for the redirection of part of the FrOSCon budget is probably not needed, especially since the money is used for marketing stuff to bring to FrOSCon.

TheAssassin proceeds to make a sketch of how the stand could look like (see below). The board agrees on some items to buy in a spreadsheet and makes a rough estimate of 700€. These were the contents of the spreadsheet, all prices are approximate:

- renting 2 TVs + stand: 100€
- 2 phone holders: 60€
- 3 PVC/textile banners: 45€
- 1 beachflag: 100€
- 2 rollup displays: 100€
- 1 exhibition counter: 300€ (if it turns out we don't need it it can be resold while maintaining most of its value)

The chairman asks the board to vote on this formulation: “Do you approve the purchase of the items indicated in the FrOSCon planning spreadsheet for approximately 700 EUR?”. The board unanimously votes “yes”.

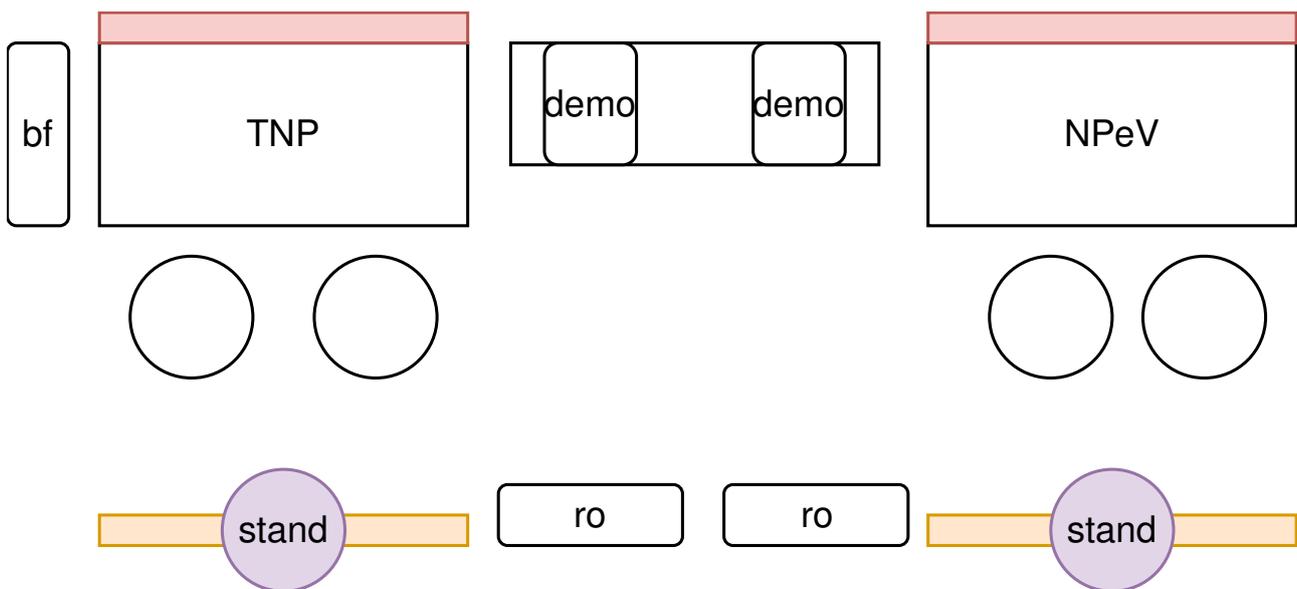


Figure 1: Sketch of the stand at FrOSCon. Legend: bf: beach flag, TNP: TeamNewPipe table, demo: table with demos of NewPipe on phones, NPeV: e.V. table, stand: stand for a TV, ro: rollup display, red rectangle in front of tables: PVC/textile banner.

Item 10: Miscellaneous

TeamNewPipe summer meeting

Fynn explains that the TeamNewPipe summer meeting will probably happen on the weekend of the 7th of September in Erlangen. Fynn asked Schabi to scout the options for working areas in Erlangen (e.g. inside hackspaces). If the 7th of September works out, the board will send out invitations to TeamNewPipe members.

Conclusion

After acknowledging that nobody has any other miscellaneous topic, Fynn closes the meeting at 22:30 German time, 06.06.2025.