Tech Valley Game Space Meeting Notes for 12/17/2017

The regular meeting of the Tech Valley Game Space Board of Directors was held at TVCOG on 12/17/2017 at 12:51pm.

The following members of the board were in attendance in-person or via Teleconference:

Taro Omiya (Executive Director)

Patrick Totaro (Treasurer)

Frederika Edgington-Giordano (Secretary)

Sarah Lauser (Chair)

Jason Harlow (Vice-Chair)

John Ceceri III

Abigail Mathews

The following guests were present via teleconference: Jamey Stevenson

There were technical difficulties setting up the call on Discord.

The notes from the previous meeting were reviewed by the board.

Taro reported that meeting with Ben Chang did happen.

The link to the TVGS Discord server was sent out to Ela and Stephanie.

Stephanie joined the meeting in person.

The board finished reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting and they were approved by the board.

The next item was the changes to the by-laws, Patrick shared the link via Discord. The changes were discussed, they encompassed changing the definition of the volunteer coordinators so that they are no longer officers of the board. They also included the additional volunteer coordinator position, the Communication Coordinator. The changes were passed.

Laquana was added to the Discord group and joined the call.

The next item was the membership tiers.

Sarah suggested doing a tier naming contest. Sarah has an action item to set up the contest.

For the mobile tier, sharing the twitch channel concerns regarding Code of Conduct. The twitch sharing may be a later enhancement.

There are some questions about the freelance opportunities board, it was removed and set as a potential enhancement.

A possible perk was only posting member's games on TVGS itch.io page. TVGS would grandfather any games that are currently posted on the itch.io page.

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The recent changes to TVCOG's membership fees for new members was discussed, since it may impact the membership tiers. TVCOG is now charging new members an additional \$50 to join, to be applied to the fourth month of membership. Taro has as action item to talk to Holly regarding the new membership fee changes and whether they apply to TVGS members. He also has an action item to get her response in writing.

Taro has action item to discuss group co-working memberships for the proposed organizational tier with Holly.

The board continued to review the proposed membership perks, selecting the ones that would be the easiest to implement in the short term. Other perks were discussed and put on hold until later. Three of the proposed tiers and their selected perks were approved.

Abby has an action item to write up the tiers and their associated perks.

Stephanie left the meeting.

Ela joined the meeting via Discord.

The budget and the statement of work for the RPI grant were reviewed.

Sarah left the meeting, Jason took over as Chair. Sarah to send out Doodle polls to determine the dates of the next meeting and to arrange another board admin jam.

Patrick went over the Statement of Work for the RPI grant.

Ela left the meeting.

The board reviewed the itemized budget to be submitted for the RPI grant.

Motion was submitted to authorize Patrick to amend the budget to be submitted to RPI.

Jamey reported briefly on the communication document that was discussed in yesterday's coordinator meeting.

Parking lot item – Taro has a draft for selecting board members. Board to review document posted by Taro.

Parking lot item - Discuss the options for getting licenses for non-profits, such as Tech Soup.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32pm.

Frederika Edgington-Giordano

Secretary of the Board

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