

Tech Valley Game Space Meeting Notes for 3/31/2019

The regular meeting of the Tech Valley Game Space Board of Directors was held on Sunday 3/31/2019 at 1:07 pm.

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

Taro Omiya (Executive Director)

Jason Harlow (Chair)

Frederika Edgington-Giordano (Secretary) attended via Discord

Jamey Stevenson attended as a guest via Discord.

Frederika needed help with recording the meeting notes and Jason assisted with recording the notes.

Jason reported that he had spoken to Steve Derrick regarding the possibility of his joining the board.

The annual meeting was discussed. The by-laws were reviewed. It was agreed that the annual meeting will held be on 4/30 at 7pm. Frederika noted that 15 days' notice would be required, as per the by-laws.

Jason asked for help reaching out to Board members for the next meeting, due to the importance of the meeting.

Taro smacked his forehead because he accidently asked to reserve the SEFCU room for a private event, which costs a fee. The meetings in the past have been public, so this is unnecessary.

Next, the action items were reviewed.

Jamey did not have an update on whether Sarah was remaining on the board. This action item is still in incomplete.

Frederika to double check if the list of board members who are ending their term in April is complete. This list is Frederika, Stephanie, Laquana, and Sarah.

The grant report presentation action item was not completed, this will be done next time. Taro or Jamey to share link to the document of report with the board.

There was no progress on the action item for notifying the TVGS members of the membership changes.

Jamey reported on his meetings with the Center of Economic Growth. There have been a couple meetings in recent months. Jamey shared link from January meeting notes in the chat. There was a meeting at GDC, Jamey has an action item to share his notes of this meeting. The CEG is now involved working on setting up a gaming incubator (offering space, potentially at the Troy Innovation Garage, and an advertising budget). CEG picked Dang! to participate. Jamey would like us to arrange the budget to include CEG collaboration. We would like to be included in the gaming incubator. Anyone from the board who wants to help in this effort, can do so.

Jamey reported on getting an email from Jeff Goronkin from Urban Coworks, who is working on setting up eSports in Schenectady. He is also interested in setting up a gaming incubator. Jamey is handling working with him in conjunction with CEG.

Jamey also discussed SCCC and their new game development degree program.

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CEG consulted with Jason Delaroca (sp?) who pointed them to us. Jason will be a paid consultant for them and will be drilling down to how we do things. We should ask ahead as to what he would need to know. Jamey has an action to ask Jason what questions he will have ahead of meeting with him.

There was no progress on the volunteer coordinator survey action item.

The board member nominee process was discussed. The process document that Taro created, and Jason updates were reviewed, and updates were made.

The pronouns used in the by-laws were discussed. Frederika has an action item to check if the gendered pronouns in by-laws are required. If not, it would be more fitting for TVGS to update the pronouns to they/them. Jason has an action item to update the by-laws, if this can be done.

Term limits for board members was discussed.

Taro reminded everyone of the upcoming Admin Jam.

Troy 100 meeting coming up, Jason suggested that someone from TVGS should attend to represent the organization.

It was discovered that the forwarding email for board needs to be recreated on Google Admin. This may have disrupted communication to board members. Abigail or Taro has an action item to fix the board@techvalleygamespace.com email.

Potential board members were discussed, some were suggested from Jamey's list of contacts. For diversity, Vijaya Kokkili, Allison Armour-Garb, Quinn Miller, and Becky Arcovitch were discussed as potential board members. Guha Bala and Karthik Bala were discussed as possibilities, due to their connection to the game industry. Other possibilities were discussed, some would not be available or might not be suitable at this time.

Taro shared the 2018/2019 RPI grant budget breakdown and it was discussed. Frederika to research equipment and software related to accessibility, to be added to the 2019 budget.

The board has an action item to review budget and provided feedback on priorities. Board members in attendance discussed education, promotion, and business development.

The meeting was adjourned.



Frederika Edgington-Giordano, Secretary of the Board