This meeting of the Tech Valley Game Space Board of Directors was held on Monday, 5/19/2022 at 8:00 pm EDT.

The following members of the board were in attendance via teleconference:

Taro Omiya (Acting Chair of the Board)

Daniel Tanguay (Secretary of the Board)

Jamey Stevenson (Executive Director)

Jarell Pryor

Tom Carmona

A quorum is present at the start of the meeting.

Firstly, the Board onboarded Tom to how the Board operates. We discussed if Tom had any conflicts of interest with serving on the Board.

The Board cancels the consent agenda vote because Dan did not have the minutes ready. Dan updates the minutes while also taking the minutes for the current meeting.

Taro proposes that we revise the Board meeting time to be the 2nd week of the month to avoid any potential conflicts with holidays. The Board agrees.

Next up are the Board Officer elections. Taro reviews the expectations of each Office. Taro volunteers for the Chair again. Dan volunteers for Treasurer and Secretary. Tom also volunteers for Treasurer and Secretary. Dan and Tom discuss who is the better fit for Treasurer. The Board dives deeper on the availability required for the Treasurer, especially collaborating with Jamey on invoices and other urgent financial needs. While Tom is new to the Board, he seems to have more availability than Dan, as well as some experience for his Treasurer role. Ultimately, Dan passes on the Treasurer in favor of remaining the Secretary. There are no volunteers for Vice Chair.

The Board then votes on Taro as Chair of the Board. The Board approves Taro.

There is no vote for Dan, as Secretary is his current Office.

The Board then votes on Tom as Treasurer. The Board approves Tom..

Taro inquires if there are updates on potential leads for Joshua's position. There are not.

We discuss who wants to participate in the Financial Committee. Taro, Jamey, and Tom are interested in joining that committee. Tom volunteers to help "wrangling the cats" to keep the meeting momentum going. Jarell asks if we need to schedule the Committee around Jason Harlow's time, and Taro feels that we don't. Jason will make himself available for onboarding the new Treasurer, and the Committee seems to fall outside of those responsibilities.

Next is an update on the Questar opportunity taking shape. Jamey recaps the opportunity (noted in the previous minutes). He then reviews the opportunity's risk, costs, and returns. Taro asks what is Jamey's confidence to hire someone to do the curriculum work? Jamey seems cautiously optimistic that we can work with the folks we worked with this past summer, so long as we haven't burned any bridges and our Treasurer can stay on top of invoicing. Taro expresses concern at the discounted rate, as the discount seems very generous. Jarell sees a lot of upside; he sees it as a big opportunity that not only brings in consistent income but also gives TVGS access to these materials for its own classes. Jamey agrees; he feels it's a big client that could give him the ability to focus on execution instead of pounding the pavement to scrape together smaller clients. It could also provide the runway needed to bring in a full-time Executive Director. Dan recommends that we check in on this topic again once we know who the developers on this curriculum will be.

Taro takes a bio break.

Brian Corrigan also reached out to Jamey for two collaboration opportunities. The first was for workforce development and helping fill gaps in the TVGS education pipeline. The second was for utilizing additional coworking space. Jamey will make the proposals available for the Board to review post-meeting.

Taro returns from a bio break.

Dan reviews the survey responses. There have only been 6 respondents. The Board agrees that we need to gather more data. Dan needs to work with coordinators to signal boost this and send it to non-members as well.

Are there any actionable items with 6 data points? The chief one seems to be an in-person event, and either Community Night or Interactive Showcase seems to be the best bet, with a suggested donation at the door. A potential mask mandate is trickier. While it seems like a given now, this could change depending on when the question is asked. It might be better to repoll the community closer to the event due to changing conditions on the ground.

The Board reviews and approves the previous meeting's minutes.

There is a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passes and the meeting is adjourned.

Daniel Tanguay, TVGS Secretary of the Board