

Minutes of a Board Meeting held 2024-03-30
Held online by voice conference

Chair: Michael Norsworthy
In attendance:

Lathreas	Moonbeam	Svaros	Syralth	Serathin	Keiro	Tiltwolf	Zennith
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

This formed a quorum. Additionally, one non-Director, Hyperbunny, was present.

Called to order at 1:06 pm Boston local time

The meeting was called to order in a private location that only board members and invited attendees could join.

Executive session:

- **Additional financial ideas**
 - Tiltwolf proposed an idea for donations in kind, such as specific supplies or materials we could use for projects.
 - This would allow those uncomfortable with direct cash investments to take part, as well as allowing donors to see a direct effect of their contributions. Equipment items could also be given names after donors.
 - Tilt will develop a list and proposal for the website
- **Housekeeping**
 - Future board meetings will be scheduled in advance to allow for planning around the date, reminders and checks on compatibility will be done as the dates approach.
 - Provisional dates are as follows:
 - Sunday June 23rd 1pm EDT
 - Saturday September 21st 1pm EDT
 - Sunday December 15th 1pm EST
 - A small working group is to be established for the proposal of updates to bylaws, with the intent to review and complete work discussed in the previous year

All-volunteers session:

- **Financial update**
- **Zennith comments**
 - Thanking everyone for working well
 - Particular praise to the community moderation teams for dealing with the large influx as a result of a viral social media post
 - Reenforced the need for teamwork and community from all our volunteers
- **Outreach discussion**
 - The group discussed a series of video project ideas

- Lectures on engineering aiming at a general focus much like the current head anatomy videos. A number of members will collaborate ideas asynchronously
 - Short form content was floated as an idea however we feel we need someone with proper experience due to the difficult nature of making such material.
 - An introduction to the FFF video was brought up again, however it was pointed out by Zennith, SvarOS and Lathreas we could use need more content to produce a good video. Moonbeam suggested some key requirements:
 - 10-20 minutes total
 - Summarize key points from the FFF website in video form
 - Future proof where possible. Avoid references to specific future events. Teams, not heroes.
 - Pitch for core stakeholders unfamiliar with the org, not investors or non-furries
 - Three core ideas:
 - This is the FFF, this is what we believe
 - We are capable of achieving these goals
 - Here is how you can help
 - Research day:
 - Our previous research day still generates a number of discussions in our discord server to this day.
 - Board and volunteers are eager to do this again, suggesting possible recording, editing out stumbles by presenters. In addition for privacy concerns audience members will have their questions read by FFF volunteers for the recorded videos.
- **Strategic focus**
 - **Cat girls?**
 - Hyperbunny raised an important concern that's been developing within the community and has been asked by a number of contacts to the FFF email; development of cat girls as part of our research. Where smaller more human transformations are desirable to a more non-furry community.
 - General consensus is that it is a topic worth pursuing since many requirements such as eyes and ears overlap with our current goals and as such we can make progress on them. However our main goal still focuses on anthros without diverting our projects from that.
 - **Philosophy paper**
 - Moonbeam and Tiltwolf plan to write a philosophy paper
 - Explain our core philosophy of morphological freedom in the context of nonhuman biological freedom, as an extension of bodily autonomy

- Discuss possible ethical objections to our philosophy and to transhumanism in general
 - Address areas of concern that may occur to most people who are not deeply familiar with transhumanist ideas, including concerns about safety, accessibility, inequality, ableism, etc.
 - This will become increasingly important as we experience wider awareness and appeal to a larger audience
- **Spotlights**
 - Svaros will undertake a series of interviews with volunteers to go into the newsletter and website in order to inform our community about who we are on a more personal level

Adjourned at 3:24 pm Boston local time