GAMCHIX REVIVAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Friday 22nd September 2023

Time: 14:30 GMT

Venue: QuantumNet Institute of Technology (QIT)

ATTENDEES

Esther King (**EK**)

Aji Alima Jah (**AJ**)

Marie Louise Johnson-Njie (**ML**)

Binta Saidy (**BS**)

Marie Ellen Chery (**ME**)

Anna S. Ndure (**AN**) (Recorder)

APOLOGIES

Aisha Saho

Fatou Secka

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I. **Welcome and Introduction**
   A. The meeting commenced at 14:30, with Chairlady EK calling the meeting to order.

   B. Commencing with prayers, AN warmly welcomed all attendees, setting the meeting's purpose as discussing the hiatus, revival process, membership, and crafting a sustainable strategy for our impactful journey ahead.

   C. EK provided a concise recap of Gamchix's mission, vision, and past projects, emphasizing their positive impact on beneficiaries. She also mentioned the last general meeting in March 2022 and the training conducted that year.

II. **Reviving the Vision of Gamchix**
   A. To better understand the reasons behind the hiatus, EK initiated a discussion on its causes. BS acknowledged the previous training and existing partnerships, proposing that we leverage them to restart our activities. AN stressed the importance of identifying the reasons for member inactivity before seeking solutions. AJ seconded AN's suggestion and recommended recruiting new members, if necessary, a point ML also supported. It was decided to conduct a poll in the WhatsApp group chat to gather member opinions on the hiatus's causes. Some of the reasons we will put on the poll includes, timing, personal issues, and putting the monthly contributions aside.

B. Regarding the renewed vision for Gamchix, it will align with the mission: "Empowering, connecting, and supporting the next generation of women leaders in STEM." This vision will underpin the forthcoming action plan, with strict adherence to our constitution. The focus will remain on our core goal, which has solidified Gamchix's position in society. We will devise strategies based on the upcoming action plan.

III. **Membership**

A. EK stressed the importance of member involvement and commitment in Gamchix's revival, citing the meeting turnout as an example despite ample notice and reminders.

B. AJ proposed engaging members in the group chat to gauge their continued interest.

Rules Around Inactive Members: As part of Gamchix's revival strategy, a poll will be shared for members to confirm their interest in remaining part of the group. If a member affirms their commitment but fails to attend two consecutive meetings, their membership will be terminated.

IV. **Next Steps**

A. Immediate Next Steps:

• Organize and streamline the organization's operations, addressing all factors that could directly impact our future activities.

• Develop an action plan with the goal of hosting an activity before the end of the year.

• Initiate correspondence with organizations, partners, and donor agencies.

Any Other Business (AOB):

• We identified both short-term and long-term organizational goals:

Short-term goals include:

• Developing a curriculum.

• Renewing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with UTG-ITCA.

• Establishing an annual project, specifically the Gamchix training course every summer.

Long-term goals encompass:

• Acquiring a dedicated computer lab or space for Gamchix activities.

• Exploring the introduction of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) in place of STEM.

Action Point:

    • AN is tasked with setting up polls and sharing them with our general membership for input and feedback.

Next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, 6th October 2023 at 14:30pm**.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from EK to all participants for their valuable contributions.

Respectfully Submitted by: Anna S. Ndure (Secretary)

Approved by: Esther King (Chairlady)