



Space Frontier Foundation
Annual Business Meeting Minutes – Friday, September 13, 2002
Millennium Resort, Superstition East Room

- ❑ **Meeting Call to Order – 6:30pmMT/AZ**

- ❑ **Project Reports** – Bob Noteboom started the meeting by inviting reports on the following projects and events:
 - Arthur C. Clarke Gala - James George recapped the event, summarizing that although the event was successful in gaining exposure for the Foundation, it did not meet our fundraising expectations. There is still substantial debt to pay, due in part to two sponsors who did not meet their obligations. We are investigating legal recourse to collect these funds.
 - Return to the Moon IV Symposium – Tony DeTora gave kudos to Manny Pimenta for doing an outstanding job. We had great speakers, didn't lose any money. We made some friends in Houston and expect to return there for RTTM V. Manny Pimenta is truly dedicated to the cause as RTTM project manager, and the event can only get bigger. This year's event was smaller than past years, but more professional. Having Bill Burroughs of Alliance to Rescue Civilization as a panelist and banquet speaker was an impressive addition. A bigger team would be very desirable. Recruitment of sponsors for next year will begin no later than this October to coincide with corporate fiscal planning. Close attention needs to be given to budget management.
 - SFC11 – Bill Boland acknowledged that this year's conference is certainly different, and has been quite controversial. Despite initial misgivings, after today's session he feels it's been worthwhile and productive. Tomorrow's session will tie everything together.
 - "Space 101" – Rick Tumlinson described this project as comparable to a "mini ISU" format, where students work together on designing a mission. Five events are planned. Two interns are currently hard at work and have generated at least 20 grant proposals. John Wright is working on rolling this out to other universities.
 - Yuri's Night – George Whitesides reported that Yuri's Night 2002 was celebrated at 125 events in 45 countries (and ISS). He thanked Bill Boland for his support. It was a great public success. Yuri's Night gives the space community another access to communicate through the media on a new and different level. The next steps are to get celebrities involved, expand, figure out a way to make it sustainable and build a brand. Because of the variety of gatherings, YN will get away from the term "party," in favor of "global celebration," and work more of the space frontier message into it.
 - Permission to Dream – George Whitesides reported that Meade has donated about \$25,000 worth of telescopes that have gone to 10 different countries. Rick Tumlinson emphasized the relevance of PTD to the Foundation is the "Next Generation," and encouraging young people to step-up.
 - The Watch – Rich Godwin reported that the past year has been spent mainly on raising money for The Watch. Lee Valentine has been working with Mark Schlather to get NEOs on the March Storm agenda. A successful Roundtable was also held in Washington D.C. earlier this year, sponsored by The Watch, Apogee Books and FINDS, with a live webcast. When a congressman was taken on a tour of the Minor Planet Center, he was shocked that only "two and a half people" worked there. The possibility of dove-tailing

The Watch and PTD efforts was mentioned. Mr. Godwin also requested help in keeping the web page updated and maintained.

- **Financial Report** – Bob Werb, Treasurer. The books are open to the Advocates (with the exception of very few privacy issues.) The Foundation is currently crippled by debt. It's not getting worse at the moment, but it's not exactly "handled" yet either. While much of the money brought in to the Foundation is ear-marked for specific projects or events, the money required to run General Operations does not come from many sources. In the short-term, the Foundation will be receiving a monthly, unrestricted contribution from FINDS, but other sources of income need to be secured.

The Treasurer presented the following slides:

- 2001 Statement of Accounts (attached)
 - Cash Basis P&L January-August (Provisional) – This came out of QuickBooks. An EOY statement will be placed in the minutes.
 - People who contributed \$100 or more in (not Advocate dues) of unrestricted contributions between January and August 2002 (attached)
 - Major Space Frontier Foundation Debts (attached). Note: A previous footnote addressing Foundation debt stated, "In the past a number of commitments were characterized as liabilities, they are listed below. There is no evidence of a contractual obligation on the part of the Foundation, hence they are not listed as liabilities of the Foundation nor do they represent Restricted Funds. They are instead an indication of the intent of the management for future expenditures. – The Watch: \$24,000; -High Frontier Marketing \$33,250."
- **Board Elections** – Joe Gillin and Mike Eastwood served as Election Officials. The Election Officials ensured that each ballot was signed for by an Advocate in Good Standing, and confirmed all proxy submissions. Each of the eight final candidates were allowed an opportunity to make a final statement before the ballots were cast. There were eight candidates in all. Bill Boland spoke on behalf of Pat Dasch who could not be present. Once all the ballots were submitted, the Election Officials tabulated the votes and determined the winners of the Board election.
 - **Dinner & Awards** – In a departure from tradition, the meeting was divided into two parts. The first part, which was "private" to the Advocates, consisted of the business meeting and elections, and the second part was open to conference attendees for the "public" portion of the meeting which included dinner. Bob Werb acted as master of ceremonies for the public portion of the meeting. Elaine Walker provided musical entertainment.

Two Space Frontier Awards were given. A very surprised Brook E. Mantia received the "Service to the Frontier Award," and Rich Godwin received the "Best Presentation of Space Award" on behalf of Apogee Books.
 - **Induction of New Advocates** – The induction ceremony was personalized this year to allow a more formal introduction of the new Advocates. A current Advocate stood and presented each new Advocate to the group before receiving their Advocate Pin. The new Advocates are:
 - Manny Pimenta, introduced by Tony DeTora;



- David Livingston, introduced by Elaine Walker;
 - John Hanks, introduced by Rich Godwin;
 - Jeff Greason, introduced by Al Differ; and
 - Rich Pournelle, introduced by James George.
- **Election Results** – The Election Officials announced the results of the election. Everyone on the ballot was elected to the Board. The new Board members are:
- Sam Coniglio
 - John Cserep
 - Pat Dasch
 - Tony DeTora
 - Al Differ
 - Rich Godwin
 - Bob Noteboom
 - Elaine Walker
- **Adjourn – About 9:30pmMT/AZ**