

Space Frontier Foundation Board Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2002

Present:

- Bob Noteboom, Chairman of the Board
- Brook Mantia, Secretary
- Tony DeTora, Board Member
- James George, Executive Director
- Bill Boland, Board Member
- John Carter McKnight, Board Member
- Libby Workman, Advocate Coordinator
- Denise Norris, Board Member

Absent:

- Rick Tumlinson, Board Member & President
- Shubber Ali, Board Member
- Bob Hillhouse, Treasurer

□ Call Meeting to Order – 7:05pmPT/10:05pmET

□ Approval of Minutes

- A motion to accept the February 13th Board Meeting minutes was approved.

□ Review of Fundraising Campaign

Bob Noteboom reported that George French will pledge \$1,000 if 9 others will match it, for a total of \$10,000. However, in general the campaign has not shaped up as hoped, which impacts the status of potential loans. James George's expenses will be reimbursed to him, before his back pay is addressed. Bob Noteboom will transfer James George's expense liability to himself, as a loan. This, plus payment of the Caesars bill, with an additional cash contribution to make an even \$10,000 comprises the total loan Bob Noteboom is making to the Foundation. Bill Boland reports the efforts to conduct the fundraising program has not materialized as he had hoped. He reiterated that it is not his role to be a "cheer-leader," as this is a matter that concerns everyone. He is scaling back his personal loan commitment to \$5,000. Hopefully we can begin making reasonable payments to the Sheraton Hotel on a monthly basis. Try starting out by paying \$2,000 per month for the next 3 months, to show good faith, and increase the amount as soon as we can afford it.

□ Discussion of Proposed Director of Development Contract

Discussion deferred until Bob Hillhouse is present.

□ Discussion of New Jersey Public Space Center Project

The approvals are done, however, Bob Noteboom received a note from Mike Urban stating his grantors are insisting the non-profit they use be a local entity, so they going to another organization. Denise Norris will follow-up and see if there's any way to bring them back by convincing them we are "local" for their purposes.

□ Committee Reports

- MAP Committee – Rick Tumlinson / Tony DeTora

The committee met last week and is moving forward on future planning. They will presently have a resolution to establish a permanent committee and procedures. Tony

DeTora will be pretty busy until March Storm is over. There was some discussion regarding the difference between messaging and policy.

- Finance Committee – Shubber Ali

Shubber Ali has informed the Chair that his work project is on-going, and acknowledged that he has not been able to put in the time required as a Board member. He is considering resigning. Bob Noteboom would like to discuss this with Mr. Ali further before any action is taken. In the meantime, Bob Noteboom tried doing an online joint meeting of the Operations and Finance committees with little success. FINDS has volunteered to provide John Wright's time in the office for basic Foundation operations support, although we shouldn't depend too much on that. Mike Eastwood may be able to get Cal-Tech student volunteers. Operations Manager and Finance Manager position descriptions have been circulated for review.

- Operations Committee – Denise Norris

No report.

- Events/Projects Committee – Bill Boland

- **May 22nd & 23rd Space Enterprise Project Event in Silicon Valley.** Bill Boland gave a heads-up on the event being planned for Palo Alto. Based on contact with Ken & Debra Winens, James George is cultivating that relationship. A good overview description of the event is needed. It should include objectives, the relation to the Foundation, the people involved, assets brought to table to enable the event, and a good budget with cash flow. The intent should be to make the event profitable. A list of sponsors to be approached, and the rationale that's based on, should be presented. The ground rules are that there can be no money advanced by the Foundation. These are requirements for any event/project. Bill Boland will have documentation on this within a couple of days.
- **Return to the Moon.** Symposium, Manager Manny Pimenta, is inexperienced and needs lots of help. George Abbey, Paul Spudis and Wendell Mendell are confirmed as co-chairs. There is a big focus on sponsorships. We will attempt to leverage Arthur Clarke to get the attention of Hilton for sponsorship consideration, and possibly look at getting a grant from NASA/JSC. The Hilton contract for the event itself will be deferred for now.
- **SFC11.** Still in the conceptual stage. Considering the weekend of November 8 as a target date.

- Marketing Committee – Rick Tumlinson / John Carter McKnight

John Carter McKnight has been compiling a slide presentation. The feedback from other's experience at NSS and the Mars Society is no one really uses them. Mr. McKnight will do a basic presentation and circulate to the Board for review.

- Member Services Committee – Bob Noteboom

Only 16 Advocates have paid their dues. Start thinking about people to identify as Advocate nominees.

- **Dates for future Board Meetings:**

The next Board meeting will be March 20, following March Storm. If all is going well, we will move to a monthly schedule after that.

- **Adjourn – 8:31pmPT/11:31pmET**
