

Space Frontier Foundation Board Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2003

Present:

- Bob Noteboom, Chairman of the Board
- Brook Mantia, Secretary
- Pat Dasch, Board Member
- Sam Coniglio, Board Member
- Al Differ, Board Member
- John Cserep, Board Member
- Tony DeTora, Executive Director
- Joe Gillin, Advocate Coordinator

Absent:

- Rich Godwin, Board Member
- Bob Werb, Treasurer
- Elaine Walker, Board Member

Call Meeting to Order – 9:05amPT/12:05pmET

Approval of Minutes

- A Motion to accept the January 18th Board meeting minutes was approved.

Administrative Items

- No new items to discuss.

Current Business

- Executive Director Status – Tony DeTora has fulfilled orders from credit card transactions dating back to August 2002. About 11 Advocate dues payments have been received via the website. Checks still go to Bob Werb. The database project has proved to be more complex than anticipated, so they are still working on it. February 19 was the due date to get everything integrated into ACT. Mr. DeTora has officially resigned from the Board, now that he is Executive Director. Mr. DeTora's next goal is to set up Project Agreements with all the projects and have them on file by end of March. He will send the agreement template to the rest of the Board for review. The email going to "info@space-frontier.org" will now go to Mr. DeTora.
- Core Materials Task Status – Bob Noteboom has received copies of all the promised materials. SpaceFront is good. The brochure is good. The essay needs tightening up. The presentation needs work.
- SpaceFront Publishing – Bob Noteboom has been in conversations with Rick Tumlinson and has authorized him to proceed with the next issue.
- Press Release Management – It has been proposed to hire someone to manage the process of identifying current issues for fast response. The Board was not ready to make a decision on this right now, and will wait until the following meeting.
- New Project Proposals – No new projects.
- Space Frontier Conference 12 – James George has volunteered to manage the SFC12 conference. They are still looking for dates around Columbus Day and location proposals. It will be held Friday through half of Sunday. The first day will be focused on projects reports, the second day on award winners, and the last day on strategic planning. The Advocate annual meeting and elections will be held Friday night as usual.
- Space Settlement Summit – The Space Settlement Summit is something that was initiated by conversations between Rick Tumlinson, Bob Noteboom and Dennis Tito following the Columbia accident to unite leaders of the space settlement movement. Participants also include business leaders and financiers. It is a private meeting and has not been publicized. The goal is to define what to do to make space settlement a priority for the U.S. It is intended to be focused on the

“why” more than the how. It will be held next weekend in L.A. with about 40 people to build a case of why we believe space settlement is important. We’ll come up with a strategy to get the message out to the public and policy-makers. The meeting is being organized by Rick Tumlinson, Bob Noteboom, John Cserep, Rich Pournelle, etc. Invited participants include Buzz Aldrin, Robert Bigelow, Elon Musk, Brian Chase, John Carmack, etc. John Lewis is moderating. The goal is to put together a briefing book to use in responding to questions, like political parties use in taking point memos.

- Laurie Wiggins DC Event – Laurie Wiggins social got snowed out, so only 4 people showed up—Bob Noteboom, Laurie Wiggins, Jim Dunstan and Gary Oleson.

❑ **Committee Reports**

- Message and Policy – John Cserep. Since the space shuttle was lost, we’ve only come out with one press release that was just a statement of condolence. Mr. Cserep has proposed some ideas, but has not been able to gain a consensus. We need to back-up the “space settlement” message so it is credible, perhaps by creating a white paper, followed by a press release announcing it. It should be prepared in time for the hearings on Capitol Hill that will be held in the wake of Columbia accident. Pat Dasch will follow up with Lamar Smith on what the schedule might be.
- Finance – Bob Noteboom. The bookkeeping for SFC11 has finally been worked out, and the books for 2002 completed.
- Operations – Tony DeTora. (Mr. DeTora had dropped off.)
- Events/Projects – Rich Godwin. (Absent)
- Marketing & Fundraising – Pat Dasch. Pat Dasch needs to reconnect with Mr. DeTora to get the “end of year” fundraising letter out. She has been in touch with the project leaders regarding their budgets. She needs to talk about fundraising with Manny Pimenta for RTTM so he understands he needs to organize that himself.
- Member Services – Al Differ. No report.

❑ **Date for next Board Meeting – Saturday, March 8, 2003, 9:00amPT/12:00pmET**

❑ **Adjourn – 9:58amPT/12:58pmET**
