

# Space Frontier Foundation Board Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2003

## **Present:**

- Bob Noteboom, Chairman of the Board
- Brook Mantia, Secretary
- Sam Coniglio, Board Member
- Al Differ, Board Member
- John Cserep, Board Member
- Tony DeTora, Executive Director
- Joe Gillin, Advocate Coordinator
- Rich Godwin, Board Member
- Bob Werb, Treasurer
- Elaine Walker, Board Member

## **Absent:**

- Pat Dasch, Board Member

### ❑ **Call Meeting to Order – 9:07amPT/12:07pmET**

### ❑ **Approval of Minutes**

- Approval of the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting Minutes was tabled until the next meeting to give everyone time to review them.

### ❑ **Administrative Items**

- The Secretary has sent out an updated Leadership Roster adding Joe Gillin, Advocate Coordinator.
- Sam Coniglio has completed the revised business card template. Since it is a large file, he will send it upon request.

### ❑ **Current Business**

- Executive Director Status (Tony DeTora) – Mr. DeTora has sent a detailed status report to the Board. There was a flood in the storage area where the Foundation material is currently being kept, but luckily only a little damage to a few books. An issue regarding website registration renewal has prompted the need for an Ops Manual. (Mr. DeTora will follow-up with Mike Heney to ensure the registration renewal has been handled.) Most of the inquiries coming in on the “info” email address are junk mail. There have been 2 or 3 recent contributions. The member database is still being worked on.
- Treasurer’s Report (Bob Werb) – The February reports are out. Gen Ops is losing money because we have not been getting the monthly donations from FINDS. However, they do intend to get caught up and we should receive the outstanding pledge amounts by the end of March.
- SpaceFront Publishing (Bob Noteboom) – The next issue of SpaceFront is behind, due to the Summit, but articles are expected to be done in the next 1½ weeks, and ready for printing in the next 3-4 weeks.
- Marketing Materials (Bob Noteboom) – A package of materials for fundraising needs to be created. Brochures will be printed as soon as we have the money. We’ve got a quote of about \$1,100, for 1,000. Bob Noteboom will follow-up with Pat Dasch regarding a fundraising campaign.
- Space Settlement Summit (Sam Coniglio) – The Space Settlement Summit, held in Pacific Palisades last weekend, was a small gathering of business leaders, space organizations, etc., who met to pound out common points of agreement, and forge a “master plan” for making space settlement a goal of the United States. The plan is to have on-going summits. The meeting itself was very successful; however, cost overruns caused the event to lose money. The lack of budget

controls was unacceptable. The Treasurer pointed out that strict budget controls are essential in the Foundation's current precarious financial state.

- Space Frontier Conference 12 – James George will be conference chair. He is preparing a budget and talking to hotels. The Four Points Sheraton near LAX is a strong candidate. The proposed dates are October 10-12, Columbus Day Weekend.
- Return To The Moon – No real planning has been done so far. It was suggested doing a bi-annual symposium, in opposite years from the Princeton conference. Proceedings from last 2 Return to the Moons still need to be published. Perhaps we should work on pulling together the proceedings, rather than trying to produce another event this year.
- Cheap Access To Space – Bob Noteboom made an observation that space transportation policy has been the dominant topic at MAP meetings lately. He suggested pooling these discussions under the CATS banner. The CATS project has been dormant lately, but could be tied together with current efforts around space transportation. Interested participants can be rounded up to form a CATS “focus group.”
- Frontier Files Online (Al Differ) – Dr. Differ reported the project is moving along OK. The number of participants is increasing.
- Chained Rocket Awards – Critical mass is still necessary to move forward. Project Manager Alisa Schreiberman said they're still working on it, and have a meeting planned for Thursday. They're looking at targeting ITAR.
- The Watch (Rich Godwin) – Not much is new since the Roundtable in July last year. They are still donating money to Brian Marsden at the Minor Planet Center. Mr. Godwin hasn't been able to devote enough time to managing the project and is looking for a suitable replacement. Eric Dahlstrom and Drake Mitchell are possible candidates to take over The Watch. John Young and Ed Lu are involved in a mission to move an asteroid. ProSpace has taken some action, and it's on their agenda.

#### □ **Committee Reports**

- Message & Policy – John Cserep. There's a bit of a lull right now. There was a press release prepared prior to the Summit, but it was deemed too premature to go out then. Now that the Summit is over, the committee would like to revisit that one now. The Summit press release should go out by Monday. Op Eds are another effective means at getting into the press, rather than just press releases. Maybe some of the proposed press releases can be converted into Op Eds.
- Operations & Finance – Bob Noteboom (covered above.)
- Events & Projects – Bob Noteboom (covered above.)
- Marketing & Fundraising – Pat Dasch (covered above.)
- Member Services – Al Differ (covered above.)

#### □ **Other Business**

- CATS Prize BBS – The CATS BBS is no longer appears to be very effective in its current state, so Dr. Differ proposed that it be discontinued and archived for “read only” purposes. He will follow-up with Mike Heney on how to proceed.

□ **Date for next Board Meeting – Saturday, March 22, 2003, 9:00amPT/12:00pmET**

□ **Adjourn – 10:35amPT/1:35pmET**

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