

Space Frontier Foundation Board Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2003

Present:

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

Absent:

- John Cserep, Board Member
- Pat Dasch, Board Member
- Bob Werb, Treasurer

❑ **Call Meeting to Order: 9:09amPT/12:09pmET**

❑ **Approval of Minutes**

- A motion to approve the March 22nd Board Meeting Minutes was approved.

❑ **Current Business**

- **Executive Director Status – Tony DeTora:** The conference bridge line agreement with Christina expired at end of April, but is being extended while we look for other options. The best route to take may be to get our own line and look for a partner to share it with. Tony will maintain the central schedule for using the bridge line. The 800 line is now routed to Tony's home. Since the last financial report, we've gotten 7 new members and 15 Advocates have paid their dues and we received a donation from Eye Care. The Foundation has been asked to participate in an event called the "Future of Air & Space Travel" at Stanford University on July 31st; sponsorships are available at \$2,500. Work on the database is progressing, and getting it integrated into ACT. The Foundation has also been asked to participate in the Aerospace Technology Working Group at Goddard this coming week; the theme is "Blazing the Path to Human Space Flight." We have slot in the session on public outreach. Bob Hillhouse has full panel now for the SES event that will be held at ISDC, there's a banner up on the website now.
- **Advocates Coordinator Status – Joe Gillin:** Joe has finished sending out emails to both current and past Advocates. Some have paid, got some promises, some can't afford it. Total paid: 15. The Board agreed to defer dues for those struggling with unemployment. The removal of lapsed Advocates needs to be managed in a fair and equitable manner. Joe has reviewed the Advocate nomination process. He'll attempt to streamline it, then distribute to the Board for review.
- **SpaceFront Publishing – Tony DeTora:** The latest issue of SpaceFront has been printed and will be sent out upon receipt of payment. The mailing list has been updated. The next issue's articles have been assigned.
- **Fundraising Effort / Marketing Materials – Tony DeTora:** The tri-fold brochures are done and look beautiful. Tony will send them out ASAP. **Rich Godwin:** On the Slivka matter, he's avoiding our calls, so we will send a legal demand for payment. On DMS, Rich spoke to John Cameron since he knows them, but it's a dead issue now. We will have to write it off.
- **Space Settlement Summit – Tony DeTora:** There is supposed to be a follow-up meeting in D.C. in June. Ideas are floating around about format. A \$2,000 donation has been pledged so far, but there is no one to manage the event. Bob Noteboom and Tony have been talking about this. Rick Tumlinson is not willing to be the project manager, but one will we required for the next one to happen. The Summit's status as a formal Foundation project is not clear. Elaine Walker and Rich Godwin will bring it up at next NSS Board meeting. Someone needs to be the point person.

Another option is to get a different group to host next one. Tony will continue to work with Rick in interim until a leader is assigned.

- **Space Frontier Conference 12 – Tony DeTora:** A proposal and budget has been distributed. Bob Noteboom forwarded the hotel contract to everyone. Modules will be added when sponsorships are secured, such as coffees and hospitality suite. Direct any feedback to James George on the agenda or conference format.
- **Return To The Moon** – Tony DeTora will touch base with Manny Pimenta.
- **Cheap Access To Space** – John Cserep has been this leading effort. They are working on position papers, focusing on Space Transportation Policy. The MAP Committee meeting telecon is being used to cover this.
- **Frontier Files Online – Al Differ:** Things are going fine. The user base is increasing, as well as those contributing articles.
- **Chained Rocket Awards** – Haven't heard anything lately.
- **The Watch – Rich Godwin:** Rich spent some time helping ProSpace, working with Marc Schlather and Lee Valentine getting attention for Minor Planet Center by Congress, and hopefully will be able raise some funds for them.

□ **Committee Reports**

- **Message & Policy – John Cserep** (not here)
- **Operations & Finance – Bob Noteboom:** Nothing new since the February reports came out. Bob Werb is tied up with other priorities for next couple of weeks.
- **Events & Projects – Bob Noteboom:** Most items have been covered above. Project agreements still need to be completed for some. Al Differ and Tony DeTora will work on getting them completed.
- **Marketing & Fundraising – Pat Dasch** (not here)
- **Member Services – Al Differ:** Al is trying to round some Advocates back into the fold, or at least make an amicable parting.

□ **Board Elections**

Bob Noteboom brought up the proposal of creating staggered 2 year-terms for Board members to create better continuity. It would require a By-Laws change.

□ **Date for next Board Meeting – Saturday, June 7, 9:00amPT/12:00pmET**

□ **Adjourn – Time: 10:21amPT/1:21pmET**
