

Space Frontier Foundation Board Meeting Agenda – June 7, 2003

Present:

- Bob Noteboom, Chairman of the Board
- Brook Mantia, Secretary
- Al Differ, Board Member
- Tony DeTora, Executive Director
- Rich Godwin, Board Member
- Elaine Walker, Board Member
- John Cserep, Board Member

Absent:

- Pat Dasch, Board Member
- Bob Werb, Treasurer
- Sam Coniglio, Board Member
- Joe Gillin, Advocate Coordinator

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

❑ **Approval of Minutes**

- A motion to approved the May 10, 2003 Board Meeting Minutes was approved.

❑ **Current Business**

- Executive Director Status: Tony DeTora. Regarding finances, bills are getting paid. There have been 12 more renewals since the last meeting. FINDS contributions have been coming in. A vendor has been selected for the new conference bridge line; Mr. DeTora will meet with Bob Werb soon to sort things out. Batches of brochures were sent out late last week. Mr. DeTora gave a presentation about the Foundation at the recent ATWG event, held at Goddard. About 100-150 people attended. There are a number of miscellaneous projects listed on the website. Inactive projects include Solar Power, ETs, NEOs, as well as Citizen Explorers project, the aerospace racing project, the Zaname space reflector, and one called Space Express which is a mystery since it is password protected.
- Advocates Coordinator Status: Joe Gillin was not present, so Mr. DeTora gave a brief update. The member database is still being worked, it needs more cleaning up. Mr. DeTora sent a message to Mike Heney asking about creating a members email list.
- Space Frontier Conference 12 and Awards: Plans are moving ahead for SFC12; James George has put a team together. He is still interested in getting additional volunteers involved. A couple more session chairs are needed, including someone to lead the session for award honorees. An awards chair could manage both the session and the awards process itself.
- SpaceFront Publishing: The June issue will be closed on Friday. There are more articles than room to print—which is a good thing!
- Fundraising Effort / Marketing Materials: Pat Dasch has not been very active lately because of her move. We do have marketing materials now. A dedicated telecon on this topic will be coordinated with Ms. Dasch.
- Space Settlement Summit: The June meeting that was to be held in Washington D.C. will not be happening. There has been discussion about holding it in D.C. in the fall, but most likely there will be a similar meeting held in conjunction with SFC12. Rick Tumlinson has now agreed to be the formal project lead on behalf of the Foundation.
- Return To The Moon: Planning is not going as well as hoped. Producing the proceedings from the past 2 events is progressing, although still trying to gather data from 2001 event.

Manny Pimenta is trying to determine if we can proceed with RTM5 at this point. Another update is will be forthcoming soon.

- Space Transportation Policy/CATS: The MAP committee is working on developing a policy paper. Bob Noteboom will be meeting with Brett Alexander, senior policy analyst for the Office of Science & Technology at the White House.
- Frontier Files Online: All is going along smoothly. An updated project financial report is due from the Treasurer.
- Chained Rocket Awards: Nothing new.
- The Watch: Nothing new.
- Permission To Dream: George Whitesides is considering doing something jointly with NSS; however NSS still owes us a proposal.
- Mars Proposal: Elaine Walker has been invited to go to Devon Island to visit the Houghton Mars Project and shoot a music video. She has raised \$1,000 so far, and is working on raising the rest of the \$5,000 needed. She'd like to raise donations through the website, and put a banner on the main page. She'll be making a lot of phone calls to raise money as well. The worst case scenario is she will personally cover any of the money not donated. A motion to donate \$400, to be used to upgrade the Mars Project website, was approved. The money will be recovered from the 10% project overhead fee.
- Space Enterprise Symposium at ISDC: Bob Hillhouse will be sending an update to Advocates shortly.

❑ **Committee Reports**

- Message & Policy – John Cserep: A press release is ready to be sent out. Mr. Cserep is disappointed that few people are contributing. Issues that need to be address include the Space Shuttle, OSP, and ISS options. More people are needed on the committee.
- Operations & Finance – Bob Noteboom: Covered above.
- Events & Projects – Al Differ: A meeting will be organized soon. Dr. Differ feels confident that if we just move old projects off the main webpage no one will mind.
- Marketing & Fundraising – Pat Dasch: Covered above.
- Member Services – Al Differ: There was some discussion about the Advocate list. What people get for their \$25 membership needs to be defined.

❑ **Elections**

The proposal to begin holding elections for staggered 2-year terms will target the 2004 elections for implementation. That will allow enough time to inform the Advocates and implement the necessary changes to the By-Laws.

❑ **Date for next Board Meeting : Saturday, June 21, 2003 at 9:00amPT/12:00pmET**

❑ **Adjourn 10:38amPT/1:38pmET**
