

Space Frontier Foundation Board Minutes – Saturday January 3, 2004

Present:

- Joe Gillin, Advocate Coordinator
- Al Differ, Board Chairman
- Bill Gaubatz, Board Member
- Bob Hillhouse, Board Member
- Brook Mantia, Corporate Secretary
- Manny Pimenta, Board Member
- Rich Pournelle, Board Member

- Natalie Vollrath, Board Member
- Elaine Walker, Board Member

Absent:

- Tony DeTora, Executive Director
- David Livingston, Board Member
- Erin Medlicott, Board Member
- Bob Werb, Treasurer

Call to Order – 9:07amPT/12:08amPT

- Approval of Board Minutes** – A motion to accept the December 13, 2003 Board Meeting Minutes was approved.
- Current Business**
 - *Executive Director Status* – Deferred until Executive Director is present.
 - *Vision, Mission and Goals: Discussion and Suggestions* – Al Differ has set up a webpage for Directors to register their comments regarding the Five Objectives set for the Foundation in 2002 at SFC11.
 - *By-Laws Proposed Amendments; Director's Length of Term and other minor fixes* – The Directors are directed to online webpage where the proposed changes are posted. Rich Pournelle and Bill Gaubatz will work with Dr. Differ on refining the wording of the proposed changes.
 - *Executive Committee Discussion* – Per the By-Laws, we are allowed to form an Executive Committee for quick action on urgent issues. It is composed primarily of a subset of the Board, and some offers. The Directors are requested to consider if this is an option we want to pursue, and if so, who would serve on such a committee.
 - *Committee Meeting Schedules:*
 - Finance – Wednesday, January 14, 7:00pmPT/10:00pmET
 - Operations – Wednesday, January 7, 5:00pmPT/8pmET
 - Events & Projects – Thursday, January 8, 5:00pmPT/8:00pmET
 - MAP – Thursday, January 15, 5:00pmPT/8:00pmETWe will be trying a new teleconferencing service, watch for details from Dr. Differ.
 - *RTM 5 Conference Update* – Manny Pimenta has been writing up a plan and laying the groundwork. There are 7-8 people on the team so far. Site selection is underway. The theme for this year's conference is "This Time We'll Stay." A proposed budget will be submitted this week. Andy Chaiken will co-chair the event. Steve Durst has committed to sponsorship of \$5,000, and we're working on Celestis. The team could use a sponsorship manager.
 - *Space Settlement Summit* – Rich Pournelle has distributed an outline for the next Space Settlement Summit to be held in April. Dennis Tito has agreed to host a reception at his home again. A funding structure is being developed to cover total estimated expenses of approximately \$15,000. A few more details need to be clarified before executing the contract with the Riviera Country Club. Also looking for an appropriate co-chair for the meeting.
 - *Advocate Coordinator Status*
 - Changes in Advocate Status – New advocates have been given their password access and added to the Advocate email list.
 - Issues Raised By Advocates – None.
 - *Communication Resources* – There has been no significant progress since the last meeting.
- Date for next Board Meeting: Saturday, February 7, 2004, 9:00amPT/12:00pmET**

Adjourn – 10:03amPT/12:03pmET