

Space Frontier Foundation Board Minutes–Saturday April 10, 2004

Present

- Tony DeTora, Executive Director
- Bob Werb, Treasurer
- Al Differ, Board Chairman
- Bill Gaubatz, Board Member
- Bob Hillhouse, Board Member
- David Livingston, Board Member
- Brook Mantia, Corporate Secretary
- Erin Medlicott, Board Member
- Manny Pimenta, Board Member
- Natalie Vollrath, Board Member

Absent

- Joe Gillin, Advocate Coordinator
- Rich Pournelle, Board Member
- Elaine Walker, Board Member

Call to Order: 9:11am

- **Approval of Board Minutes** – A motion to accept the February 7, 2004 Board Meeting Minutes was approved.
- **Current Business**
 1. Executive Director Status – Tony DeTora
 - Regarding the Dan Brown matter, conversations with our attorney are going forward. The case may have some merit. More research is needed.
 - The Foundation for the Future held a meeting in Seattle last week, to which 16 space advocacy groups were invited, including the Space Frontier Foundation. Their goal is to act as a catalyst to help raise money for a space exploration initiative and develop an action plan.
 - Current financial reports have distributed. We are slowly regaining financial health.
 2. Foundation's Organizational Objectives – Tony DeTora
 - Tony distributed updated organizational objectives for the Foundation based on the feedback he has received. The Board discussed the revised objectives laid out by Mr. DeTora. A motion to accept the revised objectives was approved.
 3. Director's Responsibilities: Fund Raising, Goal Setting
 - There is an urgent need to raise money for upcoming activities, including SpaceFront. Board members need to take a more active role in raising money, and do a better job of “care and feeding” of donors. The Board will divide the list of past donors and start calling people. Mr. DeTora will provide the list, each Board member will pick a minimum of five and coordinate with Mr. DeTora to avoid duplicate effort, and begin calling. A dedicated meeting will be held to address this Monday after next, April 19, 4:00pmPT/7:00pmET. The Membership and Fundraising Committee needs to be engaged.
 4. Committee Updates & Meeting Plans – Committee Chairs
 - Operations (David Livingston) – The committee held a brief telecon and discussed the organizational objectives, fundraising, officer terms, and By-Laws.
 - The Membership and Fundraising Committee needs to get going.
 5. By-Laws Proposed Amendments: Director's Length of Term and other minor fixes – Update
 - Some of the language needs to be worked out, and then the latest revision will be sent to the Board members and presented at the next meeting.

6. Advocate Coordinator Status – Joe Gillin (out of town)
 - The Board still needs to identify a replacement for Mr. Gillin.
 7. Space Settlement Update – Rich Pournelle (absent)
 - The event has been postponed indefinitely. The team is regrouping and exploring the best way to proceed.
 8. RTM 5 Conference Update – Manny Pimenta
 - Eight registrations have been received. There is still a lot of work to do. A postcard announcement mailing will be done, using a list rented from the AIAA. The press release on James Cameron is out. There are 24 confirmed speakers. John Young will be there if we pick up his tab. David Gump will help raise money. A VIP reception is being planned to entice sponsors.
 9. Space Frontier Conference Update – Bob Hillhouse
 - We now have a signed contract with the Queen Mary Hotel. Rick Tumlinson will be program chair and help with donors. The Orange County Space Society will supply volunteers, as well the Space Tourism Society and John Spencer. Ivor Dawson will bring his Traveling Space Museum.
 10. Space Frontier Awards – Brook Mantia
 - Just a reminder that it's not too soon to start thinking about nominees for this year's Space Frontier Awards.
- **New Business** – (None)
 - **Date for next Board Meeting:** Saturday, May 8, 2004, 9:00am PST/12:00pm EST

Adjourn: 10:25am
