

Meeting Minutes – Mars Society

September 26th, 7:00 PM Challenger Center, Alexandria, VA

1. Ron Hess: Announcements

- Mars video “Pioneering the Planet, a summary of Mars Direct is available for viewing. Contact Ron if you wish to view video.
- The next General Membership Meeting will occur on **October 24th** and not on October 31 due to the Halloween holiday. Be sure to mark your calendars!

2. Craig Harbuck: Bylaws

- Craig took the Charter of the Mars Society and began to modify it to fit our chapter.
- Please submit comments regarding the Charter to Craig so that the Board and other DC Mars Society Members can review.
- Everyone who attended the meeting received a copy of the edited Bylaws. If you would like a copy, contact Craig Harbuck.

3. Ron Hess: Board Elections

- Jennifer Melton and Joe Webster have thrown their hats into the ring to run for Chairperson of the DC Chapter of the Mars Society. Ron will take over for whatever position is vacated due to the elections. However, Joe will continue to head the Outreach position he currently holds with the National Mars Society.
- All of the Board positions are currently available. Here is a listing of the Current Board Members and their positions:
 - Tom Hill: Local Chapter Council Representative to the National Mars Society.
 - Eric Choi: Public Outreach Assistant. **Note: As of October 4th, Eric has resigned his duties. This position remains open.**
 - Dr. Rob Terry: Web Coordinator.
 - Dr. Bruce Beherns: Membership Coordinator.
 - Dr. Craig Harbuck: Financing Coordinator.
 - Ralph McCartney: Programs Coordinator.
 - Danny LaBre: Meeting Site Coordinator.
 - Laura Hess & Ruben Harbuck: Youth Outreach Coordinators:
 - Jennifer Melton, AIA: Recording Coordinator.
 - Joe Webster, JD: Public Outreach Coordinator.
 - Ron Hess: Chairperson.
- If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact Ron Hess or anyone on the Board. Also, even if you don't want to be on the Board but would want to help out in any capacity, contact the Board as well. Any help is greatly appreciated!
- People running for Chairperson and any other Board position will need to submit a statement which clarifies their intent for the position and their plans for their duties for the coming year. We don't have a formal process for choosing Board

Members, but a statement from potential candidates would be helpful for the general membership if we knew what your position was so that we can make the best choices.

4. Tom Hill: "Two Projects for NCAC"

- Sample Weekend Mission: Devon Island Dry Run. Conduct a mission to simulate the Devon Island mission that took place over the summer. This will increase awareness of Mars Society missions to the general public and might be fun! Possibly coincide with the true Devon Island Mission that will occur in July 2001.
- Simulate a Medical Emergency on Mars: <http://www.galaxyonline.com/>
- Contact Tom Hill for further details.

5. Laura Hess: High School Research Project

- Laura has received permission to coordinate her High School Research Project with Barry DeGregorio, who help edit the book with Dr. Levin regarding the labeled release experiment.

6. Dr. Bruce Beherens: Labeled Release Experiment Criticisms

- Dr. Bruce Beherens presented a critique of Dr. Levin's Labeled Release Experiment.
- The critique was focused on the 9 items Dr. Levin listed as reasons why life couldn't exist on Mars.
- Contact Dr. Beherens for a copy of his critique.

7. Tom Hill: Next Board Meeting Annoucement

- At Tom Hill's House, Sunday, October 15th, 2-4 PM at 16819 Centerfield Way, Olney, MD. Phone numbers, Home: (301) 570-6904, Cell: (301) 928-0728.
- All is welcome, even if you are not a Board Member!

End Meeting.

Next meeting:

October 24th 7:00 PM Challenger Center, 1250 N. Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA.