

Mars Society of Canada
University of Victoria

Minutes of General Meeting
October 17, 2003

Attendees:

Cory (e-mail comments)
Amber (e-mail comments)
Adrienne
Phil
Susannah

Agenda Items

- 1) This term's funds – full funding = \$189 (that was the last numb I saw)
 - We to figure how to budget it and use it up before end of term.
- 2) Club membership list:
 - We have 15 registered members. I have a list but I don't want to publish it one the web. I can give paper copies out at meetings. If anyone doesn't want their name distributed to members, pleas let me know.
 - The information looks like this now. I will X-out the student numbers.

3 Phil de Souza xx-xxxx Treasurer pdesouza@uvic.ca

- 3) Kids Mars book project
 - Adrienne had a preliminary story draft with pictures for the Kids book/comic. It looked really good to me. Susannah liked it too. Adrienne will continue with this.
 - Question: Who will be doing the publishing and distribution of this book? Can we count on financial support from other sources, such as MARS Society Canada?

- 4) Status of other projects – e-mail comments:
 - Cory (e-mail – 1)
 - i. Web page updates
 1. In the NEWS section, change January 2003 to January 2004.
 2. In the events section, update next meeting and upcoming events.
 3. Update minutes by adding this minutes.
 4. Update MARS kid's book status to “plan accepted work continuing”.

- Cory (e-mail – 2)
 - i. Student memberships for MARS Society Canada (MSC) is \$10. Anyone interested?
 - 1. Can we get a group rate for the whole club?
 - ii. January/February Canada-wide Mars Events:

With 4 spacecraft arriving in the December/January timeframe, all chapters of the Mars Society of Canada are coordinating their efforts and planning events (lectures, videos, NASA video streams, conferences, etc). The 3 week event (don't know which 3 weeks yet) will be capped off with a big event in Ottawa, to gain some political attention.

 - 1. No comment noted at the meeting – we are all booked up with other projects. Anyone else want to participate in this?
 - iii. Newsletter:

Now the MSC is encouraging us to take on the newsletter, and accept content submissions from the rest of MSC (yahoo!). Who wants to be involved? Let's get this moving so we have an issue or two out before the action in December... We should keep the design somewhat simple, so it isn't too difficult to print. (or make a text-only supplement?)

 - 1. Christel was looking after our newsletter but she may be busy this term Adrienne said that she could help with this (since she is already doing a news letter for another group).
 - 2. Will it be moved from our web page to the MSC web page? If so we need a contact for the webmaster of those pages so we can pass the draft to them. Either Cristel or Adrienne can be our contact.
 - 3. Which format to issue it in? PDF, MSWord, Publisher, or Frame?
 - iv. Meetings:

I'll propose we select a firm weekly meeting time for January. Also, i'm planning on scheduling a few casual coffee meetings on some afternoons, somewhere on campus. Let's break things up a little bit, and just get together and chat...

 - 1. No comment noted at the meeting
 - v. Club Days 2004:

A bit early to mention it, but let's prepare to kick-butt next semester... By the time January rolls around, we'll have a big roster of upcoming events, so we should be an easy sell...

 - 1. Phil to start pamphlets

- vi. Radio Free Mars:
Rocky Persaud (MSC president?)-- right now is running Radio Free Mars (<http://www.radio-free-mars.org>) by himself... volunteers are needed, with a little bit of technical knowledge (a little, not a lot!) Anyone interested contact Phil and he will pass the full e-mail to you?

- Amber
 - i. Jan/Feb Mars event
 - 1. Cory and I are busy trying to get this organized for UVic.
 - ii. Newsletter
The Canadian Mars Society loved our idea about having a national newsletter and they have asked that we actually do it. Apparently there used to be a newsletter, which I'm having a few examples sent to me so we can take a look. I've also asked that we start getting input from all the different chapters about content. Again as I hear more I'll let you know, but it's definitely something to start thinking about (maybe everyone should start coming up with ideas for the newsletter).
 - 1. – see Cory iii – Adrienne can help do this.
 - iii. Membership
With the very cheap price for student members right now we should really be trying to recruit people. I suggest we pick a time that is accessible to most students and staff (late afternoon on a weekday for example) and really advertise it (send announcements to classes that might be interested, spend a bit of our budget on posters at ZAP) and then have a really well laid out and organized meeting so we can keep people coming out to meetings. What does everyone think?
 - 1. No comment noted at the meeting

5) Review Actions

- Phil
 - i. Issue minutes
 - ii. Starting work on new pamphlet for club days 2004 (none from last club days)
 - iii. Arrange Movie Night (any one have a movie suggestion?)
- Cory
 - i. Check about event bookings and available lecturers (at a reasonable price)
 - ii. Work on Jan/Feb MARS event.
- Amber
 - i. Bring in copy of newsletter
 - ii. Bring in a copy of the National chapter pamphlets
 - iii. Work on Jan/Feb MARS event.

- Christel
 - i. Plan next MSC newsletter?
- Adrienne
 - i. Continue with kids Mars book/comic
 - ii. Start thinking about MSC newsletter.

6) Schedule next meeting

- Nov 10 – Monday 7 pm Clearihue near room D128
- Nov 24 – Monday for Movie night?