



**Minutes of the Conference Call
Of the Board of Directors
Of
The Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread Foundation, Inc.**

**March 1, 2006
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EST**

Proper notice having been duly given to each Board member, a conference call of the Board of Directors was held on the above date.

President Geir Friisoe called the meeting to order and Secretary Frank Fulgham called the roll.

BOARD MEMBERS

Geir Friisoe, Minnesota, President	present
Gene Cross, North Carolina, Vice-President/Treasurer	present
Frank Fulgham, Virginia, Secretary	present
Scott Frank, Illinois	present
Bob Waltz, Indiana	present
Mike Philip, Michigan	present
Gary Gibson, West Virginia	present
Melody Walker, Wisconsin	absent

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

Phil Marshal, Indiana
Aron Flickinger, Iowa
Carl Harper, Kentucky
Clark Haynes, West Virginia
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services
Donna Leonard and Patrick Tobin, USDA Forest Service

Whereas, the above noted directors constitute a quorum, and there is no objection to this proceeding, the following business was conducted:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread (STS) Foundation Board of Directors' Annual Meeting on February 16, 2006 were postponed until the next scheduled Conference Call.

DISCUSSION OF THE 2007 STS BRIEF

A discussion ensued on the proposed document prepared for use in attempting to regain full funding for the STS Program.

ACTION: Donna and Patrick will revise the informational document based upon the group comments and distribute the final brief to the Board.

ACTION: The STS Budget Sub-Group will develop a second document to discuss the budget problem.



UPDATE ON PLANS FOR 2007 BUDGET

Geir discussed the STS Budget Sub-Group and plans for a conference call scheduled for Friday, March 3rd. Additional members from stakeholder industries and agencies will be asked to join the STS Budget Sub-Group. An effort will be made to contact key House Appropriations Committee representatives prior to a March 9th hearing date.

A discussion ensued on developing an updated Economic Assessment of the cost of reducing the spread of gypsy moth to assist in convincing Congress of the implications of funding STS at an appropriate level. Patrick noted that he is near completing an implementation analysis of STS programs at various levels of funding. The Board agreed that the appropriate level of funding for STS should be \$10 million per year unless the updated Economic Assessment indicates otherwise.

It was noted that the Economic Assessment should be conducted this year rather than waiting until 2007. Approximately \$50,000 of the Foundation funds will be held in reserve for the Economic Assessment. Patrick can issue the Request For Proposals (RFP) to conduct the study. A diverse committee should be formed to evaluate the RFPs and serve in the selection process.

APOSTLE ISLANDS TRAPPING IN 2006

Donna discussed that the National Parks Service (NPS) are having problems conducting trapping on the Apostle Islands in Lake Superior off the coast of Wisconsin. Logistically it would be beneficial for the Foundation to directly fund a grant to the NPS for this trapping. It would basically be a wash since the grant funds would be transferred from the Wisconsin grant to a grant with the NPS. The Board agreed that this would be an appropriate activity for the Foundation.

MISCELLANEOUS

Gene indicated that the bid opening for the North Carolina trapping contracts will occur on March 15th. The proposed contracts will be circulated by e-mail for the Board's approval.

2006 STS CONFERENCE CALL & MEETING SCHEDULE

Conference Calls scheduled for 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.
Call-in number for all Conference Calls: 404-347-7966

JAN 4	Conference Call	<i>Cancelled</i>
JAN 23-27	OP/REG Mtg	<i>Held in Savannah, GA</i>
FEB 16	STS Annual Mtg	<i>Held in Indianapolis, IN</i>
MAR 1	Conference Call	<i>Held at 10:00 a.m. EST</i>
APR 5	Conference Call	<i>Cancelled</i>
MAY 3	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
JUN 7	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
JUL 5	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
AUG 2	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
SEP 6	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
OCT 4	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
NOV 1	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EST</i>
DEC 6	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EST</i>

The foregoing motions and actions, by unanimous consent, are to have full force and effect as of March 1, 2006, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Frank Fulgham, Secretary
STS Foundation