



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

**May 3, 2006  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EDT**

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	present

**OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING**

Ann Selness, Minnesota  
Steve Schmidt, North Carolina  
Linda Ellefson, Wisconsin  
Clark Haynes and Celestine Ervin, West Virginia  
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services  
Donna Leonard and Patrick Tobin, USDA Forest Service  
Leon Bunce, USDA APHIS

**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**

The minutes of the Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread (STS) Foundation Board of Directors' Annual Meeting on February 16, 2006 were approved with corrections and ratified by unanimous vote and shall be filed in the Minute Book.

The minutes of the Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread (STS) Foundation Board of Directors' Conference Call on March 3, 2006 were approved and ratified by unanimous vote and shall be filed in the Minute Book.



## **STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS**

Ed Holloman discussed the current Grant Reporting Schedule and Donna Leonard discussed pending grant awards and expenditures.

### **2006 Forest Service Trapping & Treatment Grant**

The total award for the 2006 Forest Service T & T grant is \$6,884,331 with \$4,605,571 going to the state participants leaving \$2,278,760 for Foundation expenditures.

**NOTE:** Ed noted that the Financial Status Report for the 1<sup>st</sup> six month period must always be submitted even if a state has had no disbursements during the period. In that case the report would show zeros “0” to reflect no activity.

Ed reported that the following paperwork is needed from the following states:

- 10/01/05-03/31/06 Quarterly 2006 Financial Status Reports due from all states except WV & WI.
- 424 application packages for the 2006 T & T Grants are needed from IN & VA.
- 2006 Award Letters have been sent to all states except IN & VA.

### **2005 Forest Service Trapping & Treatment Grant**

Donna reported that there is a current projected balance of -\$50,328 in Foundation funds; however, deobligations should be forthcoming from several states with leftover balances in their 2005 grants by June 15, 2006.

**NOTE FROM ED:** The FS does not require that a new 424 be submitted when de-obligating funds. Therefore, any states that have funds left in their 2005 grant from the Foundation for trapping and treatment can simply submit their final FSR and final report and any unspent funds will automatically be de-obligated and released back to the Foundation.

The following quarterly Financial Status Reports (FSR) and Narrative Summary Reports (NSR) are needed from the following states:

- 10/01/05-03/31/06 Quarterly 2005 FSR are past due from KY, IL, MN, NC, OH, & WV.

### **2006 APHIS Regulatory Grant**

Donna reported a balance of \$186,093 remaining from the total grant amount of \$239,250 but noted that large draw-downs should begin occurring in the near future.

The following quarterly Financial Status Reports (FSR) and Narrative Summary Reports (NSR) are needed from the following states:

- 10/01/05-03/31/06 Quarterly FSR are past due from IL, MN & NC
- 10/01/05-03/31/06 Quarterly NSR are past due from MN, NC & VA

**NOTE:** Ed noted that the auditors have noted improvements in the response time on required reports; however, continued efforts for improvements must be maintained.

**2007 Forest Service Trapping & Treatment Grant**

Geir thanked everyone for all of the efforts made to address the proposed cuts in the 2007 Forest Service budget. Special thanks went to the STS Budget Workgroup that with assistance from Dan Hilburn (OR), Mike Brown (MO) and Ken Rauscher (President of the National Plant Board) prepared the documents that were distributed for use in notifying key legislative contacts. Gene noted that he has developed a good relationship with the office of Representative Charles Taylor, Chairman of the House Sub-committee on the Interior, to address funding issues regarding all forest pest issues. Many STS states indicated that they had used the packet of information to gain support from commodity groups.

It was noted that even if full funding is restored to the Forest Service budget, without a hard gypsy moth earmark there is the possibility that gypsy moth programs will still be hit with significant budget reductions by the Forest Service. This message needs to be emphasized in further budget-related contacts.

**MISELLANEOUS**

**North Carolina 2006 Trapping Update**

Gene reported on the status of the North Carolina trapping bids for 2006. The proposed contracts were circulated by e-mail for the Board's approval on March 16, 2006. Following Board concurrence by e-mail, Gene proceeded with awarding of the trapping contracts.

**Economic Assessment Update**

Patrick sent out RFP for \$50,000 consultant fee (no field work) for Economic Assessment. Deadline ended on May 2<sup>nd</sup> however no responses were received - from anyone! The RFP was sent to all Land Grant Ag/Forest Economists Offices and Research Stations. The Technical Committee will try to identify someone to do the work and contact them directly.

**ACTION:** States should contact their land grant university gypsy moth contact to see if an interested individual can be identified. Notify Patrick of any interest.

**New Contact Information for Ed Holloman**

New mailing address: Southeastern Association Services  
PO Box 58220  
Raleigh, N.C. 27658

New physical address: Southeastern Association Services  
5111 A-15 Falls of the Neuse Rd  
Raleigh, N.C. 27609

New e-mail address: [eholloman@nc.rr.com](mailto:eholloman@nc.rr.com)

## 2006 STS CONFERENCE CALL & MEETING SCHEDULE

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

<b>JAN 4</b>	Conference Call	<i>Cancelled</i>
<b>JAN 23-27</b>	OP/REG Mtg	<i>Held in Savannah, GA</i>
<b>FEB 16</b>	STS Annual Mtg	<i>Held in Indianapolis, IN</i>
<b>MAR 1</b>	Conference Call	<i>Held at 10:00 a.m. EST</i>
<b>APR 5</b>	Conference Call	<i>Cancelled</i>
<b>MAY 3</b>	Conference Call	<i>Held at 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
<b>JUN 7</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b><i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i></b>
<b>JUL 5</b>	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
<b>AUG 2</b>	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
<b>SEP 6</b>	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
<b>OCT 4</b>	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
<b>NOV 1</b>	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EST</i>
<b>DEC 6</b>	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 May 3, 2006, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Frank Fulgham, Secretary  
STS Foundation