



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

**August 2, 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	absent
Melody Walker, Wisconsin	present

**OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING**

Phil Marshal, Indiana  
Ann Selness, Minnesota  
David Adkins, Ohio  
Linda Ellefson, Wisconsin  
Ken Rauscher, National Plant Board  
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services  
Donna Leonard, Noel Schneeberger, 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**

The minutes of the Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread (STS) Foundation Board of Directors' Conference Call on May 3, 2006 were approved 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 June 7, 2006 were approved and ratified by unanimous vote and shall be filed in the Minute Book.



## **UPDATE OF 2006 SPRAY PROGRAM**

Donna Leonard reported that mating disruption treatments of approximately 425,000 acres were completed on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Everything went very well even though there were two new contractors and only one experienced contractor. Delivery of flakes went very smoothly with Hercon. There was good coordination with states. Treatments in Wisconsin were moved up by one week because of extremely hot weather. The only incident was a chase aircraft that made a belly landing in Illinois since its landing gear was not down due to pilot error. Aviation safety personnel visited and reviewed the incident. The project in Minnesota was conducted in conjunction with a large fire operation. Both projects shared the same airport space with no problems. Geir Friisoe also reported that there were no complaints in Minnesota regarding protected aquatic species.

Also, approximately 100,000 acres were treated earlier with Bt under state contracts with no incidents reported.

## **STATUS UPDATE OF 2007 FOREST SERVICE FUNDING**

Noel Schneeberger discussed recent conversations with Rob Mangold regarding the status of Forest Service funding. The House bill is very tentative at this time but does restore some funding for Gypsy Moth STS, suppression, and eradication. The Senate has not yet passed a budget bill. There is some talk of an Omnibus spending bill being passed until a new Congress is seated. This continuing budget would be based upon the lower of the two budgets under consideration. Currently that would be the Senate version that closely follows the President's proposed budget. The House budget did include language for STS, but not for gypsy moth suppression or eradication. This needs to be clarified in the final budget bill.

- **ACTION:** A final round of "letters of support" from National Plant Board members is needed to be sent to the congressional delegations in each state. Directive language from Congress for gypsy moth is necessary regardless of final funding levels. Ken Rauscher and Geir Friisoe will put together Congressional contact information for NPB members.

Noel Schneeberger noted that the Senate will go into recess on Monday for the month of August and not return until after Labor Day. They are currently taking up the Department of Defense appropriation bill so that gives us time to make the necessary congressional contacts.

## **STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS**

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

### **2005 and 2006 Forest Service Trapping & Treatment Grants**

Ed noted that all paperwork and reports for these grants are up-to-date for all states.

In the 2005 T & T grant, Illinois has deobligated \$30,640 and Wisconsin will be submitting their final budget draw down which will zero out all state balances.

In the 2006 T & T grant, Donna noted that an additional \$30,000 added to the Foundation funding had not been added to the total grant amount. Ed concurred and will correct the total grant amount from Forest Service to read \$6,914,331.

### **2005 and 2006 APHIS Regulatory Grant**

Ed noted that all paperwork and reports for these grants are up-to-date for all states.

In the 2006 REG grant, Illinois has deobligated \$6,000 which was transferred to Minnesota for their use.

### **STATUS OF 2007 REGULATORY GRANT APPLICATION**

Gene Cross reported that the Foundation is prepared to move forward and submit the regulatory grant application package to USDA-APHIS for \$239,250. If APHIS does not have a budget forthcoming, a Letter of Cost Concurrence will be sent out just prior to October 1.

Virginia asked for an increase of \$500 to cover increases in Indirect Costs. It was agreed that Illinois would reduce their grant amount by \$500 to cover the Virginia increase.

Historically, there has been an additional \$40,000 that is kept by APHIS and utilized in Ohio and Indiana through their State Plant Health Directors.

- ***ACTION:*** Gene Cross will contact Leon Bunce to verify the 2007 amounts requested by Ohio and Indiana, and also to request that APHIS coordinate these accomplishment reports with the Foundation.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Audit Update**

Gene Cross reported that the Foundation's audit has been completed with no significant findings. A copy of the audit report prepared by Cherry, Bekaert & Holland will be sent to all Foundation member states. Any other states may request a copy from Ed Holloman.

#### **Economic Assessment Update**

Patrick Tobin reported that the Economic Assessment is currently in a holding pattern. The official deadline for submission of coop grants expired around June 15<sup>th</sup> and the interested contact in Maryland opted out just prior to the deadline. The money is currently still in the Northeast Region's budget. Noel Schneeberger indicated that the deadline actually is more of a guideline and he encouraged Patrick to move forward with the coop grant request.

- ***ACTION:*** Patrick will make contact with additional interested parties to find an agreeable candidate and move forward with the coop grant request.

**Question RE: Ohio Invoice**

Donna Leonard questioned if Ohio had been invoiced for flake treatment in one block. The Foundation was to bill Ohio \$3,700 for this treatment.

- **ACTION:** Ed Holloman and Gene Cross will prepare and submit an invoice for that expense.

**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>	Conference Call	<i>Held at 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
<b>JUL 5</b>	Conference Call	<i>Cancelled</i>
<b>AUG 2</b>	Conference Call	<i>Held at 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
<b>SEP 6</b>	Conference Call	<i>Cancelled</i>
<b>OCT 4</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b><i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i></b>
<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 August 2, 2006, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Frank Fulgham, Secretary  
STS Foundation