



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

**March 16, 2007
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.

Vice-President Gene Cross called the meeting to order and Secretary Frank Fulgham called the roll.

BOARD MEMBERS

Geir Friisoe, Minnesota, President	absent
Gene Cross, North Carolina, Vice-President/Treasurer	present
Frank Fulgham, Virginia, Secretary	present
Scott Frank, Illinois	absent
Phil Marshall, Indiana	present
John Walkowiak, Iowa	present
Gary Gibson, West Virginia	present
Melody Walker, Wisconsin	present

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

Clark Haynes, West Virginia
Carl Harper, Kentucky
Chris Letto, Wisconsin
Anne Selness and Lucy Hunt, Minnesota
David Adkins, Ohio
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services
JoAnn Cruise, USDA APHIS
Donna Leonard and Noel Schneeberger 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' Annual Meeting held in Indianapolis, Indiana on February 21, 2007 were not completed and approval will be postponed until the next conference call.



FEDERAL FUNDING STATUS REPORT

Gene indicated that USDA no longer does Letters of Cost Incurrence. Noel Schneeberger indicated that USDA-FS still does not have their spending authority. Office of Management and Budget has finalized their apportionment to agencies; however, the Forest Service will not know how it is dividing its allocation among programs until next week. They will then be able to move forward to approve the STS grant award.

Noel indicated that unless the Board does not receive their funding within the next few weeks, it is not necessary to submit a proposal for a partial grant amount at this time.

NC trapping contracts can not be finalized until the final budget is made available. Gene will be sending the NC bids for trapping contracts to the Board by e-mail for Board concurrence.

STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

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

2005 Forest Service Trapping & Treatment Grant

All funding for this grant has been drawn down to \$0.00 and all deobligations have been accomplished; therefore, this grant is ready to be closed out.

- **ACTION:** Current 2005 T&T Grant state reports that are **past due** are as follows:
07/15/06 Final Narrative Reports (10/01/05 thru 06/01/06) IN

2006 Forest Service Trapping & Treatment Grant

The total award for the 2006 Forest Service T & T grant is \$6,914,331 with \$4,605,084 going to the state participants leaving \$2,312,978 for Foundation expenditures. With projected obligations taken into account, the Foundation balance is at approximately \$30,000. Ed indicated that he has received the \$50,000 deobligation of state funds from NC.

- **ACTION:** Current 2006 T&T Grant state reports that will be due are as follows:
04/15/07 FSR Reports (10/01/06 thru 03/01/07) All States

2007 APHIS Regulatory Grant

Gene reported that we were not able to get the 5% reduction in last year's award reinstated for 2007. Ed indicated that all 424's for the revision of the initial partial grant for the period 02/17/07 – 9/30/07 have been sent in to him (Virginia's is in the mail). Gene will proceed to submit the grant package to APHIS.

Gene indicated that he and JoAnn Cruise have been working on an Annual Report for the Regulatory Program similar to the Trapping & Treatment Program.

JoAnn indicated that Ohio has not submitted their data for their regulatory activities. JoAnn asked that IN and OH let her know if they would be interested in running their money through the Foundation like the other states. If they do not do so there needs to be a better coordination between these states activities and APHIS.

Gene reported that APHIS is still considering the Foundation's request for a permanent designation of an APHIS representative to work with the Foundation on gypsy moth regulatory issues. JoAnn's designation is only temporary.

JoAnn indicated that some grants are now being finalized with APHIS.

STS 2007 BUDGET

Donna indicated that a verbal award for the flake contract has been made and it came in \$75,000 less than originally budgeted. This will free up some funding to cover higher than expected treatment bids received by Virginia and potentially some other states. Formal written awards can not be made until the STS budget is finalized and the funding freed up.

Donna placed an order for 11,832 kilograms of Disrupt II at \$55.95/kilogram. This is an increase of about \$5/kilogram over past years. A discussion also ensued on the increased cost of Btk this year on new contracts.

MISCELLANEOUS

STS Business Model

John Walkowiak reported on his efforts to bring the Foundation's effort to develop a business model that could deal with other pest issues to the attention of the National Association of State Foresters' Northeast Regional group. Still much discussion is needed to develop increased coordination and recognition with the State Foresters and the Plant Boards. There is a real opportunity for the Forest Service and APHIS to utilize this concept in dealing with other pests, such as emerald ash borer.

A discussion also involved increased cooperation and participation of various Plant Boards, Forestry Departments and Departments of Agriculture organizations at national and regional meetings.

- **ACTION:** John will draft a letter to go to Rob Mangold (FS) and Dave Kaplin (APHIS) to encourage the use of our STS Business Model in addressing other pest issues.
- **ACTION:** Board members should review the draft document and send comments to Donna by Friday, March 23rd.

2007 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 3	Conference Call	<i>Cancelled</i>
JAN 23-25	OP/REG Mtg	<i>Held in Memphis, TN</i>
FEB 7	Conference Call	<i>Cancelled</i>
FEB 21	STS Annual Mtg	<i>Held in Indianapolis, IN</i>
MAR 16	Conference Call	<i>Held at 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
APR 4	Conference Call	<i>Cancelled</i>
MAY 2	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
JUN 6	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
JUL 11	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
AUG 1	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
SEP 5	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
OCT 3	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
NOV 7	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EST</i>
DEC 5	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 16, 2007, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Frank Fulgham, Secretary
STS Foundation