



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

**October 3, 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	present
Phil Marshall, Indiana	present
Vacant, Iowa	absent
Gary Gibson, West Virginia	absent
Melody Walker, Wisconsin	present

**OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING**

Denise Olson, Iowa  
Lucy Hunt, Lu Schmidtke, Anne Selness and Kimberly Thielen-Cremers, Minnesota  
David Adkins, Ohio  
Celestine Irvin, West Virginia  
Chris Lettau, Wisconsin  
Erin Sills, NC State University  
JoAnn Cruse, USDA APHIS  
Mike Connor, John Kyle, Donna Leonard and Patrick Tobin, USDA Forest Service  
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services

**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 September 5, 2007 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 pending grant award balances and expenditures.



### **2007 APHIS Regulatory Grant**

Ed indicated as of 10/02/07 there is a balance of \$40,394.35 in undisbursed Foundation funds. North Carolina has a pending disbursement. It is anticipated that all state funding will be drawn down to zero before the final closeout of the grant which ended on 09/30/07. No states anticipate any deobligations at this time.

Ed indicated that all states are up-to-date on all reporting requirements at this time.

➤ **ACTION:** Current 2007 Regulatory Grant state reports that **will be due** are as follows:

11/01/07	FSR Report (04/01/07 thru 09/30/07)	All States
11/01/07	Summary Report (04/01/07 thru 09/30/07)	All States
11/01/07	Final Grant Narrative Report (10/01/06 thru 09/30/07)	All States

Gene Cross noted that it is important that States spend down all funds by the end of the grant period so that the Foundation does not have to return unspent funding to APHIS in light of our request for future additional APHIS funding.

Gene also indicated that the 2008 grant package was submitted to APHIS and Letters of Award would be issued as soon as the Foundation receives their final approval.

Scott Frank questioned the final grant report due dates of 11/01/07. Ed Holloman noted that some flexibility exists with this date since the final submission date by the Foundation to APHIS is 12/31/07; however, it is appreciated if the states can submit final reports as soon as possible if not by 11/01/07 to allow ample time to finalize the Foundation's final reports to APHIS.

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

Ed indicated that all finds have been encumbered and the grant has been closed out with a zero balance. Ed indicated that all states are up-to-date on all reporting requirements. The 2006 Trapping and Treatment Grant will be deleted from future grant spreadsheets.

### **2007 Forest Service Trapping & Treatment Grant**

Ed indicated as of 10/02/07 there is a balance of \$1,806,284.95 in grant funds available to the states out of the total grant award of \$3,596,451.00 for funding to the states. The overall Foundation budget shows a balance of \$2,902,873.94 out of the original grant award of \$6,104,202.00. Donna requested that States look at their past and projected expenditures to see if they will have any projected deobligations.

Ed indicated that all states are up-to-date on all reporting requirements at this time.

➤ **ACTION:** Current 2007 T&T Grant state reports that **will be due** are as follows:

10/15/07	FSR Report (04/01/07 thru 09/30/07)	All States
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Gene requested comments from the States on the new spreadsheet format and still received only positive feedback.

## **ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

Dr. Erin Sills, Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources, NC State University, gave a status overview of her work on the *Assessment of the Economic Feasibility of the Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread Project*. An outline was distributed reporting the projects objectives, personnel, timeline, tacks, and products (See attached outline). The bottom line: Are Benefits greater than the Costs? Depends upon what assumptions are made regarding high/medium/low activity and benefit estimates. JoAnn Cruse, USDA-APHIS, indicated that additional data is being compiled by APHIS on various state administrative costs and industry costs.

Dr. Sills will present a preliminary analysis at the Annual GM Review in October 2007 and an updated analysis at the GM Research Forum in January 2008.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **STS Annual Meeting Date**

Tentative dates for the 2008 STS Annual Board Meeting were set for February 12-13 or February 20-21, 2008, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

### **Renewal of SEAS Contract**

Gene Cross updated the Board on a draft Personal Services Contract to renew the services of Ed Holloman as the Administrative Officer for the STS Foundation on an annual basis at a rate of \$1,690 per month.

**MOTION:** Melody Walker made a motion with a second by Scott Frank to approve the proposed Personal Services Contract and have Gene move forward to obtain signatures. The motion passed unanimously.

### **State/Private Forestry Redesign**

Gene Cross updated the Board on his attendance at a meeting of the National Association of State Foresters for the National Plant Board. There was much discussion on the State/Private Forestry Redesign. Not all State Foresters support this initiative at the 15% level this year and feel it to ambitious. Several representatives of the National Plant Board, including Gene Cross, will meet with USDA Forest Service personnel to discuss this issue further. It was noted that USDA-Forest Service needs to be reminded that State Department of Agriculture regulatory agencies are an integral partner with the State Foresters in addressing forest pest issues.

### **STS Regulatory Program**

JoAnn Cruse gave an update on the STS Regulatory Program. There is an STS Regulatory Meeting scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> following the National Gypsy Moth Review. Board President Geir Friisoe plans to address the group on the goals and objectives of the Regulatory Committee. Issues to be discussed include: annual work plan review, differing state program

activities, and various state administrative/field obligations. What are the opportunities for annual flexibility in individual state funding for GM regulatory activities?

**Letter of Thanks for Service to STS**

Frank Fulgham noted that a Letter of Appreciation was warranted to John Walkowiak, Iowa, for his service to the Board. John resigned from the STS Board and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources on September 28, 2007, to accept a position with the Washington Department of Revenue in Olympia running their Forest Tax Program. The Board concurred that John should be acknowledged for his service to STS.

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

**The foregoing motions and actions, by unanimous consent, are to have full force and effect as of October 3, 2007, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Frank Fulgham, Secretary  
STS Foundation