



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

**January 9, 2008
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	absent
Frank Fulgham, Virginia, Secretary	present
Scott Frank, Illinois	present
Phil Marshall, Indiana	present
Vacant, Iowa	-
Gary Gibson, West Virginia	present
Melody Walker, Wisconsin	absent

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

Lucy Hunt, Minnesota
David Adkins and Brian Burke, Ohio
Celestine Irvin and Clark Haynes, West Virginia
Robin Pruisner, Iowa
John Kyhl, 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 October 3, 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.

2008 APHIS Regulatory Grant

Donna and Ed indicated that we are currently working under a partial year grant award. The Omnibus budget has been approved by Congress so the remainder of the grant can then be



awarded. States are encouraged to go ahead and put together the 424 package for the remainder of their grant award. Ed indicated that Award Letters for the first part of the grant are going out by January 10th or 11th.

Scott Frank indicated that Illinois is continuing to have problems in hiring their contract regulatory person. It appears that it may be the end of January at the earliest before someone will be hired. That will result in Illinois having approximately \$10,000 - \$11,000 of their regulatory funds that they will not be able to use. Donna noted that this unused funding will be available for another state program. It was noted that Minnesota had given up 95% of their regulatory budget and could use any additional available funding. Donna noted that hopefully we will be able to finalize this issue by the February meeting.

Ed indicated that no reporting requirements are due at this time.

2007 Forest Service Trapping & Treatment Grant

Donna indicated as of 1/09/08 there is a balance of \$73,634.95 in grant funds available to the Foundation assuming that all states draw down their balances to zero.

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

- **ACTION:** 2007 T&T Grant state reports that **will be due** are as follows:
04/15/08 FSR Report (10/01/07 thru 03/31/08) All States

Donna noted that the new spreadsheet format is clear and appears to be working well.

Ed reported that he will be sending out an Audit Letter to Board members to confirm amounts requested and received during the period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. This includes amounts for the 2006 and 2007 Trapping and Treatment grants and the Regulatory grants for those states that participated.

- **ACTION:** States are to return the signed letter directly to the auditors by February 1, 2008 so that the audit can be finalized as soon as possible.

2008 FOREST SERVICE TRAPPING & TREATMENT GRANT

Donna reported good news – and bad news. The 2008 STS allocation from the Forest Service is \$9.113 million due to the language in the Omnibus bill that indicated that gypsy moth funding would be funded at historic levels (average of 2006 & 2007 funding levels). Suppression was allocated \$3.9 million and Eradication \$500,000. Unfortunately, this fight over gypsy moth funding will continue on in the future with the Administration's desire to deemphasize gypsy moth funding.

More Bad News: The required State match to access the entire \$9.113 million will be \$2.7 million. Current projected State match funds total only \$2.1 million – a \$600,000 shortfall. Everyone needs to look at their in-kind resources to maximize their State cost share amounts. Donna will be taking this up with the operations group.

CURRENT 2008 PLANS

The Forest Service encouraged STS to plan for a \$6 million budget for 2008. The Operations Group decided to go ahead and plan for an 80 km Action Zone knowing that this would far exceed the \$6 million budget. Current first draft budgets from the States show requests for \$10.5 million in federal dollars and a match of \$2.1 million which totals \$12.6 million for 77,000 traps and 431,000 acres of proposed treatments. At the Operations Meeting the budget will have to be cut back to the \$9.1 million level.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dimilin Update

Donna discussed the new worker protection label developed from the re-registration of Dimilin which could cause notification problems for some states. This could be a public relations problem in justifying the worker protection standard versus the public exposure standard.

Economic Assessment Update

Patrick Tobin updated the Board on the efforts of Dr. Erin Sills, Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources, NC State University, in development of the *Assessment of the Economic Feasibility of the Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread Project*. Patrick noted that additional data is being compiled by APHIS on various state administrative costs and industry costs. The benefit to cost ratio is still in our favor. The APHIS quarantine data will only serve to enhance the benefits of the program. Erin will be available on February 21st after lunch to talk with the Board via audio conference. Patrick likely will not be present in Indianapolis and will also participate on the conference call. Patrick will get Erin to prepare an executive summary for the Board prior to our annual meeting. Phil Marshall will check on the feasibility of a video conference set-up for the meeting.

Iowa Status

For 2008, Iowa will continue to operate as in 2007 with DNR putting out traps without an active Board member. At the end of this year Robin Pruisner and Paul Tauke will decide how the Iowa gypsy moth program will be handled in the future.

STS Annual Meeting Date

Dates for the 2008 STS Annual Board Meeting are set for February 20-21, 2008, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The meeting will take place on the 21st beginning at 8:00A.M. and will end by 3:30 P.M. The cut-off date for hotel room reservations is January 22nd. Donna will send out hotel information again to everyone.

Donna indicated that the 2008 Trapping and Treatment Narrative and 424 will not be due until after the final budget is approved at the Indianapolis meeting. A due date will probably be in March or April.

2008 STS CONFERENCE CALL & MEETING SCHEDULE

Conference Calls scheduled for 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

Call-in number for all 2008 Conference Calls: 404-347-7962

JAN 9	Conference Call	<i>Held at 10:00 a.m. EST</i>
FEB 6	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EST</i>
FEB 21	STS Annual Mtg	<i>Scheduled for Indianapolis, IN</i>
MAR 5	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
APR 2	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
MAY 7	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
JUN 4	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
JUL 9	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
AUG 6	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
SEP 3	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
OCT 8	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
NOV 5	Conference Call	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EST</i>
DEC 3	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 January 9, 2008, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Frank Fulgham, Secretary
STS Foundation