



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

**February 6, 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	present

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

Lucy Hunt and Lu Schmidtke, Minnesota
Clark Haynes, Celestine Irvin and Susan Kuhn, West Virginia
Mike Philip, Michigan
David Adkins, Ohio
Carl Harper, Kentucky
Donna Leonard and Noel Schneeberger, 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 January 9, 2008 were not completed and will be considered for approval at the Board's Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, IN on February 21, 2008.

STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

Ed Holloman discussed the current Grant Reporting Schedule and pending grant award balances and expenditures.



2008 APHIS Regulatory Grant

Ed indicated that all 424's are in for the second round of APHIS grant funds and award letters would go out late tomorrow and should be returned with signatures by February 29th.

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

- **ACTION:** Current 2008 Regulatory Grant state reports that **will be due** are as follows:

04/15/08	FSR Report (10/01/07 thru 03/31/08)	All States
04/15/08	Summary Report (10/01/07 thru 03/31/08)	All States

Scott Frank informed the Board that Illinois has now hired their Regulatory person and they now have \$9,500 to deobligate for use by another state. Other states that have a need for additional regulatory funds should send in a request for additional funds. Gary Gibson indicated that West Virginia may need some additional funds to cover a 3% salary increase. The remaining funds will go to Minnesota to restore funding that was previously given up by their program.

2007 Forest Service Trapping & Treatment Grant

Ed indicated as of 02/06/08 there is a balance of \$748,508.30 in grant funds available to the states out of the total grant award of \$3,596,450.61 for funding to the states. The overall Foundation budget shows a balance of \$1,827,974.62 out of the original grant award of \$6,104,202.00. Ed requested that States with high balances be sure to get in their requests for drawdowns in a timely manner.

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:

04/15/08	FSR Report (10/01/07 thru 03/31/08)	All States
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An intense audit has been conducted on the Foundation's books and Ed indicated that the auditors have been great to work with. Ed noted that the Audit Letters were returned from all States by February 1st as requested. Ed also remarked that the new bookkeeping procedures are working very well.

STATUS OF 2008 PLANNING BUDGET

Donna discussed the fluctuations of this year's STS allocation and indicated that it finally has settled out at \$8.508 million from a high of \$9.113 million and a low of \$6.0 million. This reduction was due to monies being transferred to Gypsy Moth Suppression to meet the current treatment needs caused by unusually high population levels of gypsy moths.

The Operations Meeting cut the original proposed \$10.5 million down to \$8.5 million by switching doses from 15g to 6 g for matting disruption treatments, cutting spring larvicide treatments, and reducing the number of GPS units purchased.

Things have improved with the State match amounts. Since there are 100,000 acres of treatment on Federal lands, States only need to come up with \$2.33 million in match funding to access the \$7 million in Federal funds. This means that we are overmatched by \$100,000 so States have a little cushion if they need it.

However, STS normally shows a 25% match to the Forest Service grant. The Foundation is \$10,000 short in the 25% match to the Forest Service when you take out the work done by the Universities which does not actually go through the Foundation. Therefore, any States that can come up with additional match amounts should submit a revised 424 by February 15th.

DEVELOP AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The following agenda items were proposed by the Board:

- Accomplishment Report for 2007 – Donna Leonard
- Plan of Work for 2008 – Donna Leonard
- Finalize 2008 Budget – Donna Leonard
- Economic Assessment Report – Patrick Tobin & Erin Sills via video conference
- Detection Trapping on Federal Lands – Mike Connor/Bill Dickerson
- Technical Committee Update – Patrick Tobin to prepare bullet points for Donna Leonard
- Expectations of Regulatory Committee – Geir Friisoe to request JoAnn Cruse
- Send letter of appreciation for JoAnn's work on the APHIS Regulatory Program
- Audit Report – Gene Cross
- Joint Funding Strategies for STS Board and National Gypsy Moth Management Board – Phil Marshall
- President's Budget for 2009 (Forest Service and APHIS) – Donna Leonard

The STS Meeting will be called to order at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 21, 2008, and will adjourn by 3:30 P.M.

MISCELLANEOUS

None

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	Held at 10:00 a.m. EST
FEB 6	Conference Call	Held at 10:00 a.m. EST
FEB 21	STS Annual Mtg	Scheduled for Indianapolis, IN
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 February 6, 2008, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

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

Frank Fulgham, Secretary
STS Foundation