



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

**April 2, 2008  
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
Phil Marshall, Indiana	present
Vacant, Iowa	-
Gary Gibson, West Virginia	absent
Melody Walker, Wisconsin	present

**OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING**

Carl Harper, Kentucky  
Mike Philip, Michigan  
Lucy Hunt and Lu Schmidtke, Minnesota  
David Adkins, Ohio  
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services  
JoAnn Cruse, USDA APHIS  
Donna Leonard, Noel Schneeberger, and Patrick Tobin, USDA Forest Service  
Clark Haynes, West Virginia  
Jamie Tukiendorf, Wisconsin

**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 on February 21, 2008 were not completed and will be considered for approval at the Board's next scheduled conference call.

**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 as of 04/02/08 \$34,964.70 has been disbursed with an additional \$12,997.10 pending disbursement. Illinois has deobligated \$9,496.00 leaving a balance of \$169,829.20. Geir Friisoe indicated that Minnesota plans to apply for the deobligated funds.

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

Gene Cross informed the Board that APHIS is conducting a Financial Reconciliation of grant reports, such as, project narratives and financial reports to ensure compliance with required paperwork submission for 2005 and 2006. To accommodate this request from APHIS, the Foundation is requesting submission of budget detail from states with future reimbursement requests.

✍ **ACTION:** States should begin submitting budget detail to the Foundation with future reimbursement requests.

**2007 Forest Service Trapping & Treatment Grant**

Ed indicated as of 04/06/08 there is a balance of \$740,570.06 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 \$1,798,943.58 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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Ed reminded everyone that 424's for the 2008 Trapping and Treatment grant are now due. To date, he has only received the 424's from Illinois and West Virginia.

**OHIO CHALLENGE**

Dave Adkins discussed the situation in Ohio where they plan to end the GM Program on July 1, 2008, due to a \$2 million cut in Ohio's agriculture budget. Dave restructured the budget and will need \$39,000 from STS to finish out the year and enable trapping data and treatments to be

completed for this year. Ohio waived their indirect charges this year to allow STS to provide additional needed funding for four personnel.

Phil Marshall indicated that Indiana could follow Ohio's action and also consider pulling out of the STS program. This could start a domino effect of other states leaving STS. Ohio and STS need support from states to write to the Ohio Governor to show support for reinstatement of Ohio's GM funding.

Geir will prepare a letter on behalf of the STS Board to Ohio for reconsideration and restoration of Ohio's gypsy moth program stressing the benefits that will be lost by all member STS states – most significantly the benefit loss to Ohio. The National Plant Board and individual State Commissioners of Agriculture are also encouraged to write letters of support to maintain a strong gypsy moth STS program in Ohio. This is a short-term solution for a long-term problem.

The letters should be addressed to:

Robert Boggs, Director  
8995 E. Main Street  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068  
Phone: 614-466-2732  
cc: David Schleich  
David Adkins

✍ **ACTION:** Geir will prepare and send a letter for the STS Foundation.

A potential long-term solution may require the STS Foundation to step in and conduct program activities in a state that no longer supports gypsy moth activities. Does the STS Foundation have the authority to take this action on its own utilizing no state personnel? Also, what would the role of APHIS be in a state that withdraws from STS and/or all gypsy moth programs? Could this trapping be done under the CAPS program? Who would supervise wage/contract trappers within the state? Would the Foundation support a state that no longer supported the program with cost-share efforts?

If Ohio pulls out of gypsy moth programs, the floodgate will be open to allow the unchecked spread of gypsy moth into Kentucky. Kentucky will be forced to gear-up for a major gypsy moth program with little time to prepare. They would also have difficulty building up their share of in-kind service to the STS Program.

Donna noted that the problem in Ohio is greater than just the STS program. It also includes the gypsy moth suppression efforts. Geir stated that he believes the letter from the states should address all of the negative impacts on gypsy moth control.

Any states that do move forward with letters to Ohio should keep the STS Foundation informed of their efforts.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Audit** – Gene Cross indicated that the audit has been completed and is in the final stages of being written up and approved. A final version will be supplied to member states upon its completion.

**2009 Federal Budget** – Donna indicated that since the 2009 President’s Budget calls for up to 80% cuts in ALL cooperative programs; therefore, a unified voice should be raised by the STS Foundation, NASF, and the NPB.

✍ **ACTION:** Gene and Noel will contact NASF to learn who to contact and where they stand on this issue.

**NC Contract Trappers** - On March 24<sup>th</sup>, Board Chairman Geir Friisoe received by e-mail six yes votes from the states of: IL, IN, MN, NC, WV, & VA and zero nay votes for North Carolina to proceed with the issuance of contracts to the apparent low bidders in 24 bid units totaling \$148,975.24 for gypsy moth trapping.

## 2008 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 2008 Conference Calls: 404-347-7962**

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

**The foregoing motions and actions, by unanimous consent, are to have full force and effect as of April 2, 2008, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Frank Fulgham, Secretary  
STS Foundation