



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

**May 7, 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	absent
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

Clark Haynes, West Virginia
Mike Philip, Michigan
David Adkins, Ohio
Carl Harper, Kentucky
Jamie Tukiendorf, Wisconsin
Wayman Fussell and Billy Newton, USDA APHIS
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' Annual Meeting on April 2, 2008 and the 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 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

Ed indicated that Minnesota needs to submit their revised 424 to increase the amount by \$9,496. These are the funds that were deobligated by Illinois.

2007 Forest Service Trapping & Treatment Grant

Ed indicated as of 05/07/08 there is a balance of \$300,178.94 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 \$363,310.41 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 or identify any funds for deobligation.

✍ **ACTION:** Current 2007 T&T Grant state reports that **are past due** are as follows:

- 04/15/08 FSR Report (10/01/07 thru 03/31/08) KY, IL, MN, OH, WV, Apostle Island

Carl Harper indicated that Kentucky’s FSR Report had been issued and he will check on it.

2008 Forest Service Trapping & Treatment Grant

Ed and Gene reported that they submitted the Foundation’s grant request in mid-March to USDA-Forest Service; however, the paperwork was apparently lost. They re-submitted the grant request on May 5th and expect the award letter very soon. States that have submitted their 424’s to the Foundation will receive their award letter within a day or two.

It was noted that USDA-FS no longer issues letters of cost incurrence prior to the issuance of the actual grant award.

✍ **ACTION:** Current 2007 T&T Grant state reports that **are past due** are as follows:

- 04/01/08 424 A&B Signed IA, IN, MI, MN & NC

AWARD RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Donna S. Leonard, Entomologist with USDA-Forest Service Region 8, for receiving the David F. Thomas Award for Excellence in Customer Service from the Forest Service. Named in memory of David F. Thomas, a career employee of the Forest Service with an outstanding service record of achievement in the field of customer service, this award is given to a member of the Forest Health Protection staff who has demonstrated significant contributions in (1) furthering the Forest Health Protection mission; (2) sustaining internal and external customer service; and (3) helping build a team environment for their unit. Donna received this award for her outstanding contributions to the Gypsy Moth Slow-the-Spread Program.

OHIO CHALLENGE

Dave Adkins indicated that letters of support were received from the STS Foundation and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Indiana and Kentucky are urged to show their support for restoring the gypsy moth program in Ohio since both states will be severely impacted by the loss of Ohio in STS. Several states indicated that their Commissioner's were uncomfortable in questioning the actions of another state's fiscal and operational decisions. Donna indicated that perhaps letters could be sent if worded appropriately. A copy of the NC letter will be distributed to illustrate potentially acceptable language.

2009 NATIONAL BUDGET UPDATE

The President's budget proposes 80% cuts in all Coop Forest Programs funding in Forest Health Protection. A potential \$4.5 million STS budget is much worse than the previous \$6 million worse-case scenario. Donna indicated that she will put together a chart to show historic levels of gypsy moth funding for use by states in contacting their congressional delegations. Geir also requested that states contact relevant industry representatives for support.

MISCELLANEOUS

MOU with Forest Service and APHIS

Wayman Fussell is working on an updated Memorandum of Understanding between USDA-Forest Service and USDA-APHIS. The main purpose of the updated document is to address areas that need clarification.

APHIS Regulatory Program

Billy Newton announced that JoAnn Cruse is passing the coordination of the gypsy moth Regulatory Program back to the Regional Office due to her duties with EAB. Billy indicated that he hopes to fill the vacant coordinator position within a couple of months.

"Splat" Update

Donna reported that the efficacy data on the mating disruptant "Splat" looks good. 21,500 acres will be applied in Virginia and Minnesota plus additional study plots in Virginia and Wisconsin.

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	Held in Indianapolis, IN

MAR 5	Conference Call	Cancelled
APR 2	Conference Call	Held at 10:00 a.m. EDT
MAY 7	Conference Call	Held at 10:00 a.m. EDT
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 May 7, 2008, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Frank Fulgham, Secretary
 STS Foundation