



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

**September 3, 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
Tivon Feeley, Iowa	absent
Gary Gibson, West Virginia	present
Melody Walker, Wisconsin	present

**OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING**

Carl Harper, Kentucky  
Lucy Hunt and Lu Schmidtke, Minnesota  
David Adkins, Ohio  
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services  
Larry Nichols, Virginia  
Clark Haynes and Celestine Irvin, West Virginia  
Frances Jowyk, USDA APHIS  
John Kyhl, Donna Leonard, Noel Schneeberger and Patrick Tobin, USDA Forest Service

**APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Geir Friisoe informed the Board that official letters of appointment to the Gypsy Moth STS Board of Directors have been received from the following:

- Effective August 19, 2008, Robin Pruisner (SPRO), State Entomologist and Entomology and Plant Science Bureau Chief, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, appointed Tivon Feeley as Iowa's representative to the Board.

**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 August 6, 2008 were approved and ratified with corrections 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 grant award balances and expenditures.

### 2008 APHIS Regulatory Grant

Ed indicated that there is still a balance of \$106,171.11. Two requests for disbursement of funds are pending from Illinois and West Virginia totaling \$19,771.78. Participating states are encouraged to draw down their remaining amounts as soon as possible following the grant ending date of September 30, 2008.

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:

11/01/08	FSR Report (04/01/08 thru 09/30/08)	All States
11/01/08	Summary Report (04/01/08 thru 09/30/08)	All States
11/01/08	Final Report (10/01/07 thru 09/30/08)	All States

### 2007 Forest Service Trapping & Treatment Grant

Ed indicated as of 09/03/08 there is a balance of \$0.00 in grant funds available out of the total grant award of \$3,596,450.61 for funding to all states. Ohio deobligated their final balance of \$138,630.90 in remaining funds which will be utilized on the purchase of racemic. The overall Foundation budget shows a balance of \$244,999.24 out of the original grant award of \$6,104,202.00.

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

07/15/08	Final Report (10/01/07 thru 03/31/08)	KY, IN & MI,
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### 2008 Forest Service Trapping & Treatment Grant

Ed indicated as of 09/03/08 there is a balance of \$2,734,989.45 in grant funds available out of the total grant award of \$3,555,294.00 for funding to all states. The overall Foundation budget shows a balance of \$3,728,113.07 out of the original grant award of \$6,219,756.00.

Scott Frank (IL) indicated that Illinois is in the process of deobligating \$75,000.00 of their total state trapping funds since the trapping program is being implemented using contract trappers paid directly by the Foundation. Once trapping costs have been finalized, the remaining unused amount of Illinois' funding will also be deobligated.

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

- **ACTION:** Current 2008 T&T Grant state reports that **will be due** are as follows:  
10/15/08 FSR Report (04/01/08 thru 09/30/08) All States

## **PLANNING FOR 2009 STS GRANT ACTIVITIES**

### **2009 Aphis Regulatory Grant**

Gene Cross indicated that he submitted the 2009 preliminary Regulatory Work Plan and Budget to Frances Jowyk, USDA APHIS, for review on September 2, 2008. Frances informed him that the 2009 APHIS funding level will be the same as in 2008 (\$227,287.00). The total program needs submitted by the states exceeded that amount available from APHIS by approximately \$15,000-\$20,000. Frances indicated that there may be adequate funding available to fully fund the total STS Regulatory request. She will check with Billy Newton and let Gene know what the final allocation will be for the STS regulatory program.

Frances and Gene will also be evaluating several templates for revised reporting guidelines. Everyone agrees that STS needs to develop a better method to capture the program accomplishments and provide justification for increased funding levels.

### **Ohio Status Report**

Dave Adkins indicated that he is aware of the positive impact on Ohio officials generated by the letters of support for the continuation of Ohio's gypsy moth program. Dave cautioned that although things are looking a little more positive, the gypsy moth program is still in a very tenuous position.

Donna noted that if Ohio does drop out of gypsy moth activities it will significantly impact the STS program and states. Participating STS states will need to make up the \$300,000 - \$425,000 in cost-share funding annually provided by Ohio to allow STS to receive the full \$8.5 million projected from the Forest Service in 2009.

### **2009 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant**

Donna noted that the Forest Service will likely operate under a Continuing Resolution for the rest of this year. This would mean that gypsy moth programs would receive \$8.5 million, the same as last year. However, there is also the possibility that the Forest Service could reallocate funding between gypsy moth suppression, eradication, and STS programs. Noel Schneeberger indicated that it is his understanding that the Forest Service will fund gypsy moth suppression, eradication, and STS programs at the same level as 2008.

Donna also reported that the cost for racemic disparlure for 2009 will be up significantly. The cost has been stable for several years at \$308/kg. The cost quote for 2009 is up to \$350/kg. There is also some concern over the ability of the supplier to furnish the product by the necessary date to be ready for the 2009 program.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Personal Service Contract with Southeastern Association Services

Gene indicated the need for the STS Chairman to appoint a committee to review the personal services contract for Ed Holloman since the existing contract will be expiring on September 30, 2008.

Melody Walker (WI) and Phil Marshall (IN) volunteered to serve on the committee to review the current personal services contract and make a recommendation to the Board.

### Economic Assessment Update

Patrick Tobin indicated that an 80 page final report was turned in by Erin. It will be distributed to the Board and placed on the website under reports. Erin is working on downsizing the report into a scientific publication. Geir requested a short 1 to 2 page report with bullets be developed for use as a talking paper in dealing with legislators. Erin will work to complete the short report by September 29, 2008, for consideration on the Board's October 1<sup>st</sup> conference call.

## 2008 STS CONFERENCE CALL & MEETING SCHEDULE

Conference Calls are 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>	<i>Held at 10:00 a.m. EST</i>
<b>FEB 6</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<i>Held at 10:00 a.m. EST</i>
<b>FEB 21</b>	<b>STS Annual Mtg</b>	<i>Held in Indianapolis, IN</i>
<b>MAR 5</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<i>Cancelled</i>
<b>APR 2</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<i>Held at 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
<b>MAY 7</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<i>Held at 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
<b>JUN 4</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<i>Cancelled</i>
<b>JUL 9</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<i>Cancelled</i>
<b>AUG 6</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<i>Held at 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
<b>SEP 3</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<i>Held at 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
<b>OCT 1</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i>
<b>NOV 5</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EST</i>
<b>DEC 10</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<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 September 3, 2008, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.**

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

Frank Fulgham, Secretary  
STS Foundation