



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

**September 02, 2009  
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.

Vice-President Gene Cross (NC) called the meeting to order and Secretary Frank Fulgham (VA) called the roll.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Geir Friisoe, Minnesota, President	absent
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
Carl Harper, Kentucky	present
Gary Gibson, West Virginia	absent
Melody Walker, Wisconsin	present

**OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING**

Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services  
Lloyd Garcia, USDA APHIS  
Patrick Tobin, USDA Forest Service  
Larry Nichols, Virginia  
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**

A motion was proposed by Phil Marshall (IN) and seconded by Carl Harper (KY) to approve minutes of the Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread (STS) Foundation Board of Directors' Conference Call on August 05, 2009, with amendments by Scott Frank (IL). The motion was passed and the minutes ratified by unanimous vote and shall be filed in the Minute Book.

**STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS**

Ed Holloman (SAS) discussed the current Grant Reporting Schedule and grant award balances and expenditures.



### **2008 Forest Service Trapping & Treatment Grant**

Ed indicated as of 09/02/09 there is a total of \$42,470.66 showing in grant funds available to KY, IN & MN out of the total grant award of \$3,543,354.00 for funding to all states. It was noted that Ed will transfer any unused amount in these three states for use in the Foundation's purchase of pheromone flakes to zero out the budget. In light of this action, the overall Foundation budget shows a balance of \$0.00 out of the original grant award of \$6,219,756.00. Ed noted that final deobligations are needed from these states to close out the budget to the satisfaction of the auditors and USDA-Forest Service.

- **ACTION:** Current 2008 T&T Grant state reports that are **past due** are as follows:

07/01/09	424 Deobligations	KY, IN & MN
07/15/09	Final Report	KY, IN, MI, MN, NC & VA

Ed is awaiting the above reports so that he can submit the Foundation's Final Report and close out this grant.

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

Ed indicated as of 09/02/09 there is a balance of \$2,521,602.45 in grant funds available out of the total grant award of \$3,214,073.20 for funding to all states with no pending disbursements to states. The overall Foundation budget shows a balance of \$4,287,713.62 available out of the revised grant award of \$5,839,401.00. An additional \$620,000 was awarded to the original grant total of \$5,219,401.00.

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

- **ACTION:** Current 2009 T&T Grant state reports that **will be due** are as follows:

10/15/09	FSR Report (4/01/09 thru 9/30/09)	All States
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### **2009 Aphis Regulatory Grant**

Ed indicated as of 09/02/09 there is a balance of \$111,261.25 in grant funds available out of the total grant award of \$262,287.00 for funding to states with \$4,191.84 pending distribution to NC. States with remaining balances in this grant should submit requests for disbursement of their remaining amounts or submit deobligations to zero out any unspent balances right away since this grant ends on 09/30/09.

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

- **ACTION:** Current 2009 Regulatory Grant state reports that **will be due** are as follows:

10/01/09	424 Deobligation	Any States with unobligated balances
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### **2010 APHIS REGULATORY PROGRAM FUNDING – Lloyd Garcia**

Lloyd Garcia (USDA-APHIS) reported that available funding for the 2010 STS Regulatory Grant will be \$227,387.00. Last year's amount of \$262,287.00 will be reduced by \$35,000 that

will go directly to West Virginia since that state will assume previous APHIS trapping duties. Unfortunately, this leaves a shortfall of approximately \$16,300.00 needed to fully fund 2010 state projected budgets.

Scott Frank (IL) asked for an update on the federal budget situation. Lloyd indicated that Congress is way ahead of past year's efforts; however, it remains to be seen if a budget will be in place by October 1, 2009.

Gene Cross (NC) asked if APHIS would be able to increase the total grant amount by approximately \$16,300.00. Lloyd indicated that there was a good chance that APHIS could meet the 2010 state regulatory needs and provide the requested increase in grant funding.

- **ACTION:** Gene will formally request an increase in APHIS 2010 regulatory funding and Lloyd will report back to the Board.
- **UPDATE:** Lloyd reported back to the Board that APHIS will be able to increase the 2010 regulatory grant award by \$16,338.

## MICELLANEOUS

### State Reports on Preliminary Trapping Data

**North Carolina** - Gene Cross reported that NC has significant concerns regarding treatment of infested areas that also have endangered species.

Gene also raised the question of any requirements necessary for utilizing *entomophaga maimaiga* in gypsy moth treatments. It was noted that individual state laws may apply. For interstate movement of the organism, an approved USDA Form 526 is required. North Carolina is considering treatments with *entomophaga maimaiga* in some environmentally sensitive gypsy moth infested areas.

**Indiana** – Phil Marshall indicated trapping data indicates that they will need to conduct eradication treatments in southern Indiana in the Dean Wilderness.

**Virginia** – Larry Nichols reported that to date nothing significant has surfaced in the trapping data.

**Kentucky** - Carl Harper reported that the trapping catch numbers are down substantially in the northern part of Kentucky.

**Illinois:** Scott Frank had nothing of significance to report for Illinois' trapping data.

**Wisconsin:** Melody Walker reported that the trap catch numbers in Wisconsin are also down.

**National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)**

Phil Marshall (IN) reported that new permit requirements could begin impacting gypsy moth treatments as early as the 2010 spray season. The requirements are now in effect, however, each state will need to set up its own permitting program which could take up to two years. Phil indicated that the implementation of this program could be fractured and confusing depending upon each state’s progress in putting together a program. It was noted that this issue is on the program for discussion at the 2009 Annual Gypsy Moth Review in MN.

**2009 National Plant Board Policies & Resolutions**

Gene Cross (NC) updated the group on efforts by the National Plant Board and STS to prepare a draft letter of support for additional gypsy moth funding to the USDA-Forest Service. Gene noted that a letter may not be necessary since Gene indicated that Rob Mangold is aware of the negative impact of reduced funding over the past several years on the efficacy of the STS program. It was noted that if USDA remains under a continuing resolution, funding will remain the same as last year.

Gene will circulate a copy of draft letter to Board members so they will have a chance to suggest revisions in case it is decided there is a need to send the letter after all.

**2009 Annual GM Review**

Carl Harper (KY) reminded everyone of the upcoming Annual GM Review on October 27-29, 2009 in Minneapolis, MN and indicated that the draft agenda is now on the website. Carl indicated that the countdown has begun: 53 days, 21 hours, 18 minutes, 36 seconds!

**Funding Levels vs. Spread Rates**

Patrick Tobin (USDA-FS) noted that he and Donna Leonard are working on a document at the request of Rob Mangold that will relate funding levels to spread rates. Gene noted that although Rob Mangold is very supportive of increased funding for STS, the fact that there is still no federal budget may be problematic.

**2009 STS CONFERENCE CALL & MEETING SCHEDULE**

Conference Calls are scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise scheduled by the Board President.

**Call-in number for all 2009 Conference Calls: 404-347-7962**

<b>JAN 14</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Held at 10:00 a.m. EST</b>
<b>FEB 4</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>FEB 18</b>	<b>STS Annual Mtg</b>	<b>Held in Indianapolis, IN</b>
<b>MAR 4</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>

<b>APR 1</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>MAY 6</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Held at 10:00 a.m. EDT</b>
<b>JUN 3</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>JUL 1</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>AUG 5</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Held at 10:00 a.m. EDT</b>
<b>SEP 2</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Held at 10:00 a.m. EDT</b>
<b>OCT 7</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b><i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT</i></b>
<b>NOV 4</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<i>Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EST</i>
<b>DEC 2</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 02, 2009, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Frank Fulgham, Secretary  
 STS Foundation