



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

**October 07, 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.

President Geir Friisoe (MN) called the meeting to order and Secretary Frank Fulgham (VA) 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
Tivon Feeley, Iowa	absent
Carl Harper, Kentucky	present
Gary Gibson, West Virginia	absent
Melody Walker, Wisconsin	absent

**OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING**

Lucy Hunt and Lu Schmidtke, Minnesota  
David Adkins, Ohio  
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services  
Stephanie Dinh, USDA APHIS  
John Kyle, Donna Leonard, Noel Schneeberger and Patrick Tobin, USDA Forest Service  
Larry Nichols, Virginia  
Clark Haynes, West Virginia

**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 Scott Frank (IL) and seconded by Carl Harper (KY) to approve minutes of the Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread (STS) Foundation Board of Directors' Conference Call on September 02, 2009. The motion passed and the minutes, ratified by unanimous vote, 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.



**2009 Aphis Regulatory Grant**

Ed indicated as of 10/05/09 there is a balance of \$99,395.02 in grant funds available out of the total grant award of \$262,287.00 for funding to states with \$3,733.23 pending distribution to NC. States with remaining balances in this grant should submit requests for disbursement of their remaining amounts to zero out all unspent balances as soon as possible since this grant ended on 09/30/09. No state has reported their intent to deobligate any portion of their unspent balance.

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:

11/15/09	FSR Report (4/01/09 thru 9/30/09)	All States
11/15/09	Summary Report (4/01/09 thru 9/30/09)	All States
11/15/09	Final Report (10/01/08 thru 9/30/09)	All States

**2010 Aphis Regulatory Grant**

Ed indicated that as of 10/05/09 APHIS has approved 25% of the total award (\$278,625.00) which equals \$69,656.00 for the period 10/01/09 thru 12/31/09. Ed requested states to submit a 424 for the 25% amount as soon as possible. Award Letters will then be sent for signatures. Scott Frank (IL) questioned the need to submit a 424 at this time. The ensuing discussion brought agreement that if the state's 424s were not required at this time, states would prefer waiting until after since the paperwork can become excessive. Ed agreed to check and notify states if the 424 is necessary at this time.

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

➤ **ACTION:** Current 2010 Regulatory Grant state reports that **will be due** are as follows:

10/13/09	424 A&B for Partial Award – 25%	All States
10/31/09	Signed Award Letter Returned	All States

**2008 Forest Service Trapping & Treatment Grant**

Ed indicated as of 10/05/09 there is a total of \$12,380.36 showing in grant funds to be deobligated by MN out of the total grant award of \$3,543,354.00 for funding to all states. It was noted that Ed transferred any unused amount 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 the final deobligation from MN will be needed 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	MN
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### **2009 Forest Service Trapping & Treatment Grant**

Ed indicated as of 10/05/09 there is a balance of \$2,450,674.33 in grant funds available out of the total grant award of \$3,212,840.82 for funding to all states with no pending disbursements to states. The overall Foundation budget shows a balance of \$4,185,065.36 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. In addition, \$22,501.43 was reimbursed to this grant as payment for Disrupt and active ingredient acquired by the Foundation for AI's Aerial Spraying.

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

Ed indicated that this year's audit will not take place until the week of December 14-18, 2009.

### **BUDGET OUTLOOK FOR 2010 – Donna Leonard & Patrick Tobin (USDA-FS)**

Donna discussed the document "*Funding Needed to Insure Continued Success in the Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread (STS) Program*" (September 2009) prepared by Donna, Patrick, and the STS Technical Committee at the request of Robb Mangold of the USDA – Forest Service.

The document concluded that to achieve the goal of 60% reduction in the rate of spread, or a target rate of about 8 km spread per year, the active management area should be approximately 95 km wide. The Forest Service portion of the cost to implement STS in a 95 km wide band would be \$10.7 million annually. Under this scenario, each year 90,000 traps would be deployed, 500,000 to 550,000 acres would be treated and spread would be maintained at or near the target rate of 8 km per year.

Donna noted that it is her understanding that the Forest Service is in support of providing the \$10.7 million needed in funding if adequate funds are available in the final appropriated budget.

### **POPULATION TRENDS & PRELIMINARY PLANNING FOR 2010 – Donna Leonard**

Donna reported that approximately 80% of the traps are in with relatively good data indicating that moth catches are down this year. Since the 2010 budget is still uncertain, the Operations and Technical Committees decided to plan for the entire 100 km zone. If funding is not adequate, planned trapping will be maintained and planned treatments at the back of the zone will be eliminated to meet actual funding. Donna noted that in 2009 the decision algorithm recommended treatment of 850,000 acres. This year's current recommendation is only around 350,000 acres.

### **FOLLOW-UP ON THE STS ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT – Geir Friisoe (MN)**

Geir asked if the new STS Economic Assessment Report was ever formally distributed to appropriate websites.

**ACTION:** Geir Friisoe will check to see if the report can be placed on the National Plant Board and NASDA websites and check with Gene Cross to see if the report was distributed to State Foresters.

**ACTION:** Donna will try to get the report posted in a more visible location on the STS website.

## **MICELLANEOUS**

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

**Donna Leonard** (USDA-FS) reminded everyone that following this conference call today at 1:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time U.S. EPA will offer a webcast to describe their efforts to develop a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for discharges from the application of pesticides in the areas nationwide where EPA is the NPDES permitting authority. EPA expects the 45 states that are authorized as the NPDES permitting authorities to use EPA's general permit to guide them in developing and issuing their own permits.

It was noted that there is much uncertainty over how and when states will begin being impacted by this new permit requirement.

### **Annual Review of Contract with Southeastern Association Services**

Note: Ed Holloman (SAS) was asked to leave the call at this point.

Geir Friisoe noted that it was time for the Board's annual review of Ed Holloman's contract with the STS Foundation. All Board member comments regarding Ed's performance were positive.

Frank Fulgham made some administrative recommendations to the contract to streamline future annual reviews relating to multi-year contract renewal and compensation review. The Board was supportive of the concepts and asked that Geir Friisoe (MN), Gene Cross (NC), and Frank Fulgham (VA) prepare some draft language for Board consideration.

### **USDA-APHIS Regulatory Representative**

On September 4, 2009, Lloyd Garcia informed the Regulatory Committee that he was leaving the Domestic Program Manager position for the USDA APHIS Regulatory Program to pursue a position in Bogota, Columbia. Donna Leonard welcomed Stephanie Dinh as the temporary USDA APHIS representative providing oversight to the Regulatory Program; however, Stephanie indicated that her tenure would only be for 45 days.

## **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>Held at 10:00 a.m. EDT</b>
<b>NOV 4</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>DEC 2</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 October 07, 2009, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Frank Fulgham, Secretary  
STS Foundation