



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

**April 7, 2010
9:00 CDT – 11:00 CDT
10:00 EDT – 12:00 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 Melody Walker called the roll.

BOARD MEMBERS

Geir Friisoe, Minnesota, President	present
Gene Cross, North Carolina, Vice-President/Treasurer	absent
Melody Walker, Wisconsin, Secretary	present
Scott Frank, Illinois	present
Phil Marshall, Indiana	present
Tivon Feeley, Iowa	absent
Carl Harper, Kentucky	present
Larry Nichols, Virginia	present
Gary Gibson, West Virginia	present

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

Lucy Hunt and Lu Schmidtke, Minnesota
Kimberly Kreitlow, North Carolina
David Adkins, Ohio
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services
Joe Beckwith, USDA APHIS Eastern Region
Amy Onken, Donna Leonard, Patrick Tobin, and John Kyhl, 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

A motion was made to accept the minutes of February 17, 2010 with a few noted corrections. The motion passed and the minutes, ratified by unanimous vote, shall be filed in the Minute Book.



STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

2010 APHIS Regulatory Grant

Ed Holloman discussed the current Grant Reporting Schedule and pending grant award balances. Ed indicated as of 04/06/10 \$ 21,680.45 has been disbursed with an additional \$3,491.40 pending distribution. This leaves a balance of \$253, 453.15 in grant funds available out of the total grant award of \$278,625.00 for funding to states.

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

04/15/10 FSR Report (10/01/09 thru 03/31/10)	All States
04/15/10 Summary Report (10/01/09 thru 03/31/08)	All States

Previously, we used form # 269 for the FSR, but beginning 10/01/09 we should use form # 425 for the FSR.

2009 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Ed indicated that as of 04/06/10 \$2,533,719.60 has been disbursed with an additional \$20,736.21 pending distribution. This leaves a balance of \$658,385.04 in grant funds available to the states out of the original grant award of \$3,212,840.85.

Donna explained the Contingency (AI's Btk 2010) of \$515,694.94 under Foundation Expenditures will pay for the Btk for WI.

- **ACTION:** Current 2010 T&T Grant state reports that **will be due** are as follows:

04/15/10 FSR Report (10/01/09 thru 03/31/10)	All States
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Ed reminded everyone that 424's for the Trapping and Treatment Grant are now due. Ed asked the states to process the 424's ASAP. To date, he has received 424's from WI, OH, IL and NC. He said the FHP grant number 10-664 has been changed to 10-680. This number is put on the 424 and links to the FHP.

Donna said that an unused \$4,000 was found in the audit. She explained that Noel had received \$20,000 from Suppression to pay for calibration. The STS Foundation had also given Noel the money for calibration. So, we have that money to cover expenses.

Minnesota's gypsy moth budget is still in the adjustment process, leaving some uncertainty about funding levels. Donna said that there is a contingency fund of \$193,029.12 under the 2010 Foundation expenditures that could be used in part to support Minnesota's program, if needed.

FY 2011 Funding

Donna polled the states on financial wellness in regards to state funding for the STS program. WI, IN, WV, KY, and VA reported feeling stable, OH is on the year to year plan, and MN and IL feel tough to very tough.

Donna asked if the states would be communicating with congressional representatives and senators regarding the STS program. Donna and Patrick will work on a brief to have prepared for May for states to use to demonstrate the value of the program to state and federal officials as needed.

Indirect Costs

Background - USDA APHIS grants for the CAPS program limit indirect costs with universities to 10% per HR 3161 (see attached file). Carl has asked if the Foundation would be willing to impose a similar limit for grants with universities. Carl Harper emailed the Board members an informational summary about his experience with increasing indirect rates and the limitations that some foundations set on indirect rates for grant recipients.

There was a great deal of discussion ending with plans to seriously consider adopting or partially adopting FS or other federal policy.

Patrick Tobin said he would send FS policy language out to everyone. Joe Beckwith recommended OMB Circulars A21 and A110.

Donna said she would draft language that Geir could put into a motion for a vote.

PO's for Mating Disruption Applications

Under the FS contract there is a limit of 406,000 acres of MD. There will be an extra 55,000 acres using two Purchase Orders totaling \$280,000 from the Foundation. The price is the same as the FS contract. Ed will issue the PO's in the next few weeks.

Miscellaneous and Adjourn

Gene will get a clock by June that will have an inscription from the STS Board to Frank. This should be ready for Frank's retirement on July 1, 2010.

NPDES Update

Donna said the draft of the permit has gone to federal agencies. Donna believes the timeline will be reasonable for obtaining a permit, and the process will be straightforward.

Future Meetings

The next conference call is scheduled for May 5, 2010 at 9:00 AM CDT/10:00 AM EDT.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made by Carl Harper and seconded by Larry Nichols.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 AM CDT/11:19 AM EDT.

2010 STS Conference Call and Meeting Schedule

Conference calls are scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of each month at 9:00 CT/10:00 ET unless otherwise scheduled by the Board President. The call in number for the STS monthly conference calls in 2010 has changed to **404-347-7966**.

January 6	Conference Call	Cancelled
February 3	Conference Call	Cancelled
February 17	STS Annual Mtg	Held in Indianapolis, IN
March 3	Conference Call	Cancelled
April 7	Conference Call	Held
May 5	Conference Call	
June 2	Conference Call	
July 7	Conference Call	
August 4	Conference Call	
September 1	Conference Call	
October 6	Conference Call	
November 3	Conference Call	
December 1	Conference Call	

The foregoing motions and actions, by unanimous consent are to have full force and effect as of April 7, 2010, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Melody Walker, Secretary
STS Foundation