



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

**January 5, 2011  
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 the roll was called.

**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	present
Carl Harper, Kentucky	present
Larry Nichols, Virginia	present
Gary Gibson, West Virginia	present

**OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING**

Dave Adkins, Ohio  
Lucy Hunt, Minnesota  
Jamie Tukiendorf, Chris Lettau, Wisconsin  
Butch Sayers WV, Sherry Hutchinson, Adam Champ, Tim Brown, Jody Wilson, West Virginia  
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services  
Joe Beckwith, Julie Spaulding, USDA APHIS Eastern Region  
Donna Leonard, Amy Hill, Noel Schneeberger, John Kyhl, USDA Forest Service

**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 by Phil Marshall (IN) to approve the August 4, 2010 minutes with one change of “Manwell” to “Mangold” on page two. Carl Harper (KY) seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved. A motion was made by Phil Marshall (IN) and seconded by Carl Harper (KY) to approve the September 1, 2010 minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.



## **STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS**

### **2010 APHIS Regulatory Grant**

Ed indicated there is a disbursement pending of \$60,623.97. All funds have been requested. Line 31 that reads progress report/final report 10/01/10 thru 9/30/10 should read 10/01/09 thru 9/30/10. Ed expects to receive MN's final report soon.

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

Ed has two de-obligations in process, one for IN and one for KY. This grant now has a zero balance remaining and it is officially closed out.

### **2010 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant**

Ed indicated there was one pending disbursement to be processed. All reports are current for this grant. A new computer has been purchased and the expense will be added to the next revised spreadsheet.

### **2011 APHIS Regulatory Grant**

Ed indicated the total amount of funds for this grant will be \$281,429.00 for 2011. States should request the total amount that they are allowed.

➤ *ACTION: Submit 424's now for 2011 funds.*

### **FS 2011 Budget and Outlook for STS Allocation**

Donna said the continuing resolution will take us through March 3, 2011. At this time the amount of FS funding we can expect is uncertain. Donna said that it would be possible to get \$9 - \$10 million, but we should plan for \$8 – 8.5 million. The smaller funding level will allow for 425,000 to 450,000 acres of treatment.

The Forest Service has a new policy that impacts state agriculture departments by requiring state foresters to approve FS funding for projects in their states. This will affect MN and WI on their 2011 eradication projects. The states were advised by the FS that they would have to submit an application through their state forester to compete for funding for their eradication projects. Geir said this inserted a degree of uncertainty as to whether we would get the funding. If the funding was not approved it would be too late to seek alternate sources of funding.

This process seems to be counter to the APHIS-FS MOU and to discussions that Plant Board representatives had with Jim Hubbard, Deputy Chief of FS State and Private Forestry.

Donna said this issue is only in the NE region. Noel said he would check on FS funding to fund the eradication blocks as a stop gap measure for this year. Julie Spaulding said she followed up with environmental services and she was working with Noel to get prepared from a NEPA perspective. There was general agreement that it would be appropriate for the STS Board and the Plant Board to revisit previous discussions and agreements with the FS and FS State and Private Forestry and the impacts of the new policy to state departments of agriculture.

### **2011 Work Plan**

Donna reported we started the planning process with a continuing resolution in place which would provide for \$10.5 million at 2010 funding levels. In addition, we made the decision to plan with the 100 km action zone. If we have to make cuts, we will cut back on treatments rather than trapping because it is too disruptive to make cuts in trapping when states already have put out contracts. We plan to set 90 to 100,000 traps and have an estimated 740,000 acres to treat. About 80% of the planned treatments are in the Upper Midwest (WI - 375,000 acres, MN - 140,000 acres and IA – 73,000 acres). We reduced planned treatments to 630,000 acres before Christmas. We hope to cut another 100,000 acres before the Operations' meeting and make further cuts at the meeting. WI, IA and MN will need to cut the most.

This is an awkward year not knowing what our target is. Donna will present a range of alternatives at the February 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting based on different budget numbers. We won't know what our budget will be until sometime after this meeting. An additional wrinkle for this year is that we are awarding a new mating disruption contract. It will require special effort to get the needed money released to award the contracts.

### **Miscellaneous Items**

#### **SPLAT**

Last year we had one contractor who could apply SPLAT. This year we will have two contractors who are so equipped.

#### **Indirect Policy**

The policy capping the indirect rate at 15 % is now on the website.

#### **NPDES**

All states should be able to get a General Permit within their states and states need to prepare to apply for a permit. The new Congress may try to "fix" this before this spring, but we don't know if that will occur. States will get the permits needed for all treatments, state and federal. This does not apply to permits for tribal lands. EPA handles those permits. EPA still has not sent out their guidelines.

#### **Retirements and Replacements**

Gary Gibson will retire May 1, 2011.  
Clark Haynes retired end of Oct 2010.

Butch Sayers is the Assistant Division Director and will Cover Clark Haynes duties.

**2011 Schedule**

Donna put conference call and meeting schedule together.

**Future Meetings**

The next conference call is scheduled for February 2, 2011 at 9:00 AM CDT/10:00 AM EDT.

**Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Carl Harper (KY) to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Phil Marshall (IN). The motion received unanimous approval and the meeting was adjourned.

**2011 STS Conference Call and Meeting Schedule**

Conference calls are scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2011 is **404-347-7966**.

<b>January 5</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Held</b>
<b>February 2</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>February 16</b>	<b>STS Annual Mtg</b>	
<b>March 2</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	
<b>April 6</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	
<b>May 4</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	
<b>July 6</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	
<b>August 3</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	
<b>September 7</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	
<b>October 5</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	
<b>November 2</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	
<b>December 7</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	

The foregoing motions and actions, by unanimous consent are to have full force and effect as of January 5, 2011, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Melody Walker, Secretary  
STS Foundation