

# Gypsy Moth Slow The Spread Foundation, Inc.

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

**August 3, 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	absent
Gene Cross, North Carolina, Vice-President/Treasurer	present
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
Sherrie Hutchinson, West Virginia	present

### OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

Dave Adkins, Ohio  
Lucy Hunt, Minnesota  
Jamie Tukiendorf, Wisconsin  
Butch Sayers, Celestine Ervin, West Virginia  
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services  
Joe Beckwith, Paul Chaloux, USDA APHIS Eastern Region  
Donna Leonard, Noel Schneeberger, Amy Hill, Dennis Haugen, USDA Forest Service

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**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**

Scott Frank, IL, made a motion to approve the draft minutes of April 21, 2011 and May 4, 2011. Phil Marshall seconded the motion and the board members voted unanimously to approve the two sets of minutes.

### **STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS**

#### **2011 APHIS Regulatory Grant**

Ed indicated the balance as of August 3, was \$132,828.75. The September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline is coming soon and Ed needs to know which states plan to de-obligate funds and how much they plan to return. The states that plan to spend all the available funds include VA, IL, NC, MN, WV and WI.

All reports are current.

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

Ed indicated the remaining balance is \$375,098.63. The ending date on these grants was June 1, 2011. Ohio plans to draw down all \$129,543.05. Indiana has de-obligated \$8403.41. Kentucky will de-obligate \$81.73. He still needs to hear from IA and MN on their plans to spend or de-obligate.

Gene asked that all states round to the nearest whole dollar amount when submitting paperwork.

Ed needs a final FSR from IA, IL, MN and OH. The following states still need to submit narrative reports: IA, KY, MI and MN.

#### **2011 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant**

Ed indicated the remaining balance is \$5,744,187.71. The dates on the reporting schedule are incorrect. Ed will send a correct reporting schedule out to everyone.

Ed needs FSR's from IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, VA, and WI through March 31, 2011. These reports are required even if there is no activity. The next FSR will be due in 6 months. Ed expects the award letter from MI soon.

#### **Mating Disruption Treatments**

Donna thanked the board for the approval to spend an additional \$50,000 for about 10,000 acres. Treatment estimates were far from the actual acreage treated for several states. Ed will issue the purchase order to Al's Aerial Spraying for about \$47,000 or \$48,000. A total of an estimated 480,000 acres were treated. Al's treated most of the acreage. Pontiac Flying Service treated about 120,000 acres. Both contractors used air tractors and both contractors were well staffed and well prepared.

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Temperatures were highly variable, with heat in Danville, VA, cool in Ohio and IN, and hot in northern WI and northern MN. Moth flight varied from normal due to the cool spring. However, in most cases we were within the 10-day window.

Ground treatments included mating disruption with SPLAT in MN and part of an eradication treatment with SPLAT in NC. Caulk tubes were used with # dollops/acre. NC had problems. MN had a good experience with a smooth process. Treatment occurred on a sand bar 7 miles long and 200 feet wide. The ground treatment was considered a better choice for public perception.

## **2012 APHIS Regulatory Grant**

Joe Beckwith said agreement starts October 1. He would like to have application by mid-August. APHIS expects a 40% reduction in the gypsy moth budget. Treatment needs are separate. They came from the Farm Bill this year. We will most likely be under a CR.

- **ACTION:** Send preliminary APHIS regulatory budget sheet to Ed by Friday, August 12. Gene will provide to Joe by August 15.

In related news, Julie Spaulding, APHIS National Gypsy Moth Program Coordinator will be working again part-time on August 15.

## **Miscellaneous**

### **FS Budget 2012**

The House subcommittee has Forest Health Protection down to 126 million, which is down by 10 million from the 2011 budget. The STS budget for 2012 will probably be less than \$10 million, and we can expect to begin the year with a CR. We have a contingency of about \$500,000, so we are in better position for next year than we had this year.

### **APHIS Audit**

An internal reconciliation review was conducted by APHIS on the Foundation going back into 2010. Gene received the report earlier this year. There were two major areas. In the first area, APHIS would like individual reimbursement requests by each state, rather than a report combining all states. The Foundation made that change last October. In the second area, the report said that there was a discrepancy of \$5580 in the 2005 agreement and a difference of \$87,000 in the 2006 agreement suggesting that we did not meet our cost share obligation. We

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not only met our cost share obligation, we exceeded it. The auditors had made a mistake. The report implied we had stolen money. Joe said he was sorry about the mistakes. He said that the case was considered closed at the regional office. However, he did not know when they would hear from headquarters on the topic. Gene said this is a scandalous report and he wants an official response from APHIS that all is well, and that APHIS made a mistake. Ed said this transpired over two years with very little communication from APHIS. He said that we were very cooperative, but the auditor did not come back with any questions, just a final report. Gene said we provided duplicate documents two years in a row. Donna said she appreciated the work that Ed and Gene went through to find the mistakes.

### **Foundation Logo**

Melody will send logo information to Ed for payment to Krista Hamilton, the logo contest winner. Donna said she would talk to Amos about updating the logo on the website.

### **Future Meetings**

The next conference call will be on September 7.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Carl Harper (KY) made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which Phil Marshall (IN) seconded. 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>Held</b>
<b>March 2</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Held March 16</b>
<b>April 6</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Held</b>
<b>April 21</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Held</b>
<b>May 4</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Held</b>
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>July 6</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>August 3</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Held</b>
<b>September 7</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Held</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 August 3, 2011, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Melody Walker, Secretary  
STS Foundation