

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.

January 4, 2012

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.

The meeting was called to order and the roll was taken.

BOARD MEMBERS

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

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

Dave Adkins, Ohio
Lucy Hunt, Minnesota
Butch Sayers, Celestine Ervin, Eric Ewing, West Virginia
Jamie Tukiendorf, Wisconsin
Julie Spaulding, USDA APHIS Eastern Region
Donna Leonard, Amy Hill, Patrick Tobin, USDA Forest Service

Whereas, the above noted directors constitute a quorum, and there is no objection to this proceeding, the following business was conducted:

Minnesota		North Carolina		Wisconsin	
Geir Friisoe – President 651-297-7174		Gene Cross – Vice President/Treasurer 919-733-6930		Melody Walker – Secretary 608-224-4586	
West Virginia	Illinois	Indiana	Iowa	Virginia	Kentucky
Sherrie Hutchinson 304-558-2212	Scott Frank 217-785-2427	Phil Marshall 812-358-3621	Tivon Feeley 515-242-5966	Larry Nichols 804-786-3515	Carl Harper 859-257-5838

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

No minutes were submitted for approval.

STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

2011 APHIS Regulatory Grant

This grant has a zero balance and has been closed. All of the funds (\$281,429.00) were disbursed to states. All reports are current.

2011 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Disbursals totaled \$2,031,221.80 as of January 3, 2012, leaving a balance of \$1,507,850.73 available to states. On line 36, there is a contingency of \$610,892.47, which is available to offset costs for this coming year. The other sizeable balance is for racemic disparlure (line 24). This bill will come due this spring. All reports are current for this grant.

2012 APHIS Regulatory Grant Update

The Foundation has received an award of \$45,000 from APHIS. An additional \$45,000 is available from APHIS, if needed. None of the states has applied for the money, so far. States should apply for the money if they have incurred personnel expenses that need to be covered. Julie Spaulding said \$90,000 is the current working total and there will likely be more for the full grant period. We should know the level of available funds by early to mid-February. There will be a transition from Joe Beckwith to Julie as the chair of the regulatory committee because the agreement is now at the national level.

FS Budget and Potential Allocation for STS

At this time, \$8 million is the optimistic estimate for the 2012 STS program. This is due to the reduced allocation of \$112 million for the Forest Service, 18 percent less than the 2011 allocation of \$137 million. Donna will work with operations to pare down the current draft budget of approximately \$11 million.

Changes in the trapping structure could help to reduce the budget. Ohio saved 20 to 30 percent by changing the APHIS trapping grid from 2km to 3km. An increase in grid spacing from a 2km grid to a 3km grid would cut the number of traps by about one-half. The Decision Algorithm would continue to function normally. Changing the grid would need to be done across the entire project for uniformity. Patrick Tobin and Andy Roberts compared different trapping configurations and determined estimated costs for these grids: 2 km grid with delimits (\$2.8 million), 3 km with delimits (\$1.5 million), 2km without delimits (\$2.4 million), 3km without delimits (less than \$1 million). Given that we are \$3 million over budget, we should seriously consider changing our trapping grids to reduce the overall budget.

Future Meetings

The next conference call will be on February 1, 2012.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned.

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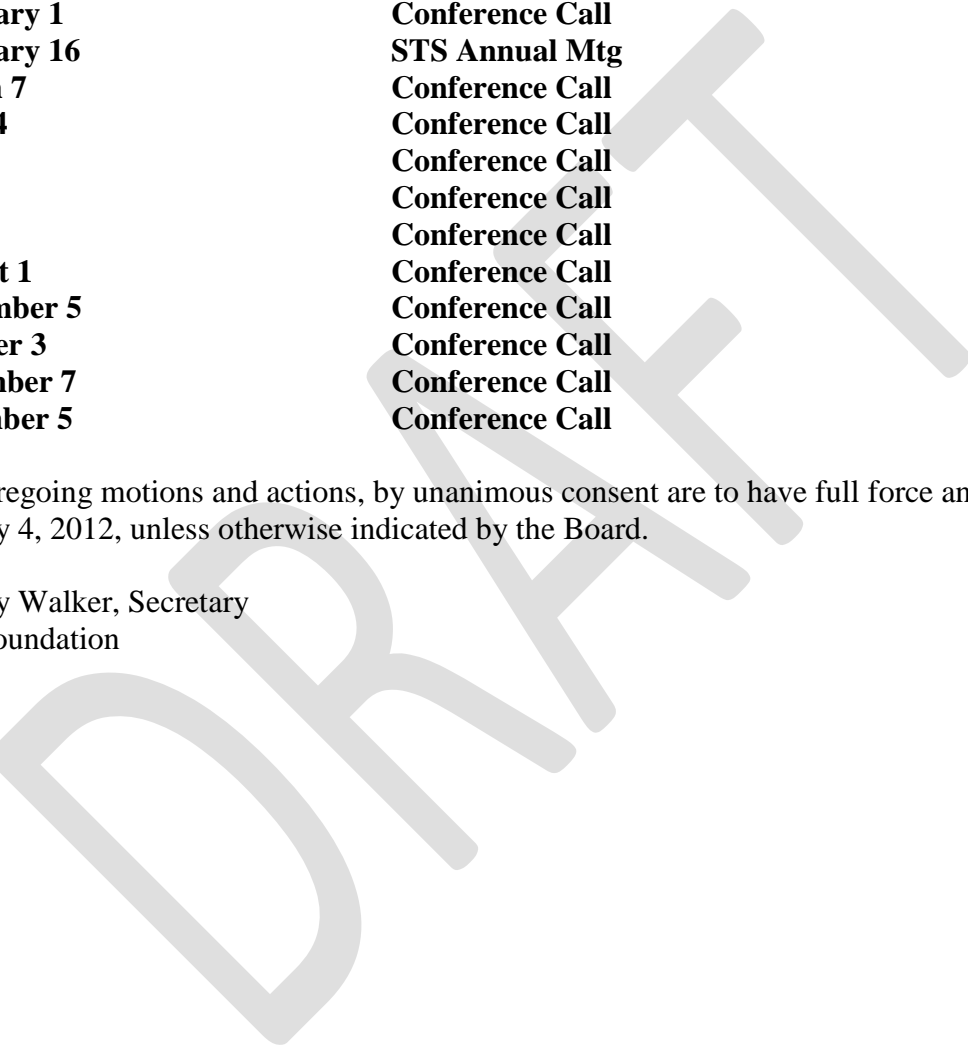
2012 STS Conference Call and Meeting Schedule

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 2012 is **404-347-7966**.

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

The foregoing motions and actions, by unanimous consent are to have full force and effect as of January 4, 2012, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Melody Walker, Secretary
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