

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.

March 7, 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

Larry Nichols, Virginia, 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	present
Carl Harper, Kentucky	present
Lucia Hunt, Minnesota	present
Sherrie Hutchinson, West Virginia	present

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

Dave Adkins, Ohio
Butch Sayers, Celestine Ervin, Eric Ewing, Tim Brown, West Virginia
Nancy Williams, Scott Schirmer, Mark Cinnamon, Illinois
Jamie Tukiendorf, Wisconsin
Julie Spaulding, Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services
Joe Beckwith, USDA APHIS PPQ
Donna Leonard, Amy Hill, Patrick Tobin, USDA Forest Service

Whereas, the above noted directors constitute a quorum, and there is no objection to this

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proceeding, the following business was conducted:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Carl Harper (KY) made a motion to accept the February 16, 2012 minutes with edits. Sherrie Hutchinson (WV) seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

2011 APHIS Regulatory Grant

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

2012 APHIS Regulatory Grant

Ed indicated several states (IL, MN, VA and WI) need to submit 424's.

Julie Spaulding presented information about a hold on the regulatory funds. Traditionally, funds for eradication costs and egg mass surveys have been outside the line item. Last year the farm bill funded those activities, but that may not occur this year. Osama would like to have a conference call to discuss if we will get \$171,000 or less in this grant. The call will be 10am ET, on Monday.

2011 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Ed indicated the remaining balance is \$3,840,846.62. He has one pending request of \$7,393 for IL and one de-obligation of \$27,000 for OH.

Under the planned expenses category, the racemic disparture has increased from about \$1.7 million to a little over \$2.2 million. Originally, Donna ordered 4,000 kg, with a possibility of accepting 4500kg. However, there were actually 5400 kg available, and the Foundation bought all of it. As a result, the contingency line went up to account for the extra expense. This purchase will increase supplies to the point where we won't need to purchase nearly as much racemic disparture with the 2012 budget.

Ed indicated that he is waiting for annual summary reports from the states of IA, KY, IL, MN, OH and VA. We will rename this report "Progress Report" to prevent confusion. Submit reports by March 15, 2012.

2012 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Gene and Ed are preparing to apply for \$4,584,150. We are now \$3,000 short of cost share, but this is a temporary glitch with MN. States should submit 424 packages.

Networking with NASF

It's important to network with NASF, particularly states who benefit from STS, such as Missouri, Tennessee, and Pennsylvania to encourage a positive, supportive relationship. Particularly, when funds are shrinking and competition for grant dollars is fierce. Some state

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foresters think other pests should receive more funding and the gypsy moth STS program should get less. Gene has attended the NASF meetings the last three years and has presented the gypsy moth STS project as a joint project. When Noel returns we will ask him for guidance on how to encourage continued support from NASF.

Miscellaneous and adjourn

Indirect rates

Audit findings have determined that indirect rates charged were different from the negotiated rates. This has triggered a new process. It will be necessary to attach the agreement that shows what the indirect rate is to the 424 package.

Future Meetings

The next conference call will be on April 4, 2012.

Meeting Adjourned

Scott Frank, IL made a motion to adjourn. Lucia Hunt, MN, seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

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**.

January 4	Conference Call	Held
February 1	Conference Call	Cancelled
February 16	STS Annual Mtg	Held
March 7	Conference Call	Held
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	

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The foregoing motions and actions, by unanimous consent are to have full force and effect as of March 7, 2012, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Melody Walker, Secretary
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