



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

August 1, 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	present
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	absent
Lucia Hunt, Minnesota	present
Sherrie Hutchinson, West Virginia	absent

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

Dave Adkins, Ohio
Butch Sayers, Tim Brown, West Virginia
Jamie Tukiendorf, Wisconsin
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services
Julie Spaulding, Joe Beckwith, USDA APHIS PPQ
Donna Leonard, Amy Hill, Dennis Haugen, USDA Forest Service
Denise Dodd, Virginia Tech

Virginia Larry Nichols - President 804-786-3515	North Carolina Gene Cross – Vice President/Treasurer 919-733-3933	Wisconsin Melody Walker - Secretary 608-224-4586
Illinois Scott Frank 217-785-2427	Iowa Tivon Feeley 515-281-4915	Minnesota Lucia Hunt 651-201-6329
Indiana Phil Marshall 812-358-3621	Kentucky Carl Harper 859-257-5838	West Virginia Sherrie Hutchinson 304-558-2212

07/15/12 – Final progress report through 6/30

IA, KY, MI, MN, WI

2012 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant Status and Potential Awards to States

Ed indicated the disbursements totaled \$321,090.23. This leaves the total remaining balance available to states at \$2,271,843.77 as of July 31, 2012.

On 06/29/12, Gene Cross sent a memorandum to the Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread Foundation Grantees with the changes in the standard reporting timeframes required by the FS for all interim financial and accomplishment reporting associated with our cooperative agreements. Effective immediately, the due dates for all interim reports follow the calendar year rather than the start date of the project.

Reports will be due as follows:

➤ **Action:**

01/15/13 – FSR (01/01/12- 12/31/12)	All States
01/15/13- Annual Performance Report (01/01/12- 12/31/12)	All States
07/15/13 – FSR (01/01/12 – 06/01/13)	All States
07/15/13 – Final Performance Report (01/01/12 – 06/01/13)	All States

Donna said the amount for the planned purchase of racemic is up by \$220,000. This is enough to buy 75,000 acres of racemic disparlure at the 6-gram/acre dose. Noel worked with the North Eastern Area to pass some carryover funds to the Foundation. Region 8 also contributed some funds. Gene and Ed have submitted the request for this pending revision of \$130,185. This amount added to the amount unspent by the FS paying for the contract overages added about \$180-185,000, which has all been set aside, at least for now, for racemic disparlure. Noel put a lot of effort into making these funds available to the Foundation.

Eradication Projects funded by FS via STS Foundation

Ed indicated the balance was \$91,526.98 as of July 31, 2012. NC, TN and OH are the participating states. NC has received one disbursement of \$2361.02. The FS agreed to fund these eradication projects after APHIS found they would not have money from their traditional sources through their usual processes. Funded activities included pre or post treatment trapping. FS offered to cover the projects through the Foundation funding process. Ed is in contact with TN to help them through the Foundation grant processes as TN not a traditional STS partner.

2013 Regulatory Grant

Larry introduced the topic by saying the funding was up in the air. Julie Spaulding held a regulatory committee call on July 10, in which she asked states to think about what they would need for 2013. She received mixed results for a couple of reasons. Julie would be supplying the funds, but she didn't have a budget, so she couldn't say what funds would be available. She pointed out that state representatives are being paid by the grant, so they don't want to recommend cuts for themselves. However, they did recommend the following priorities: industry compliance activities in states with quarantines, trapping in states that don't have quarantines, general education outreach and blitzes.

Julie emphasized that she won't know if there will be money or how much money there will be for regulatory funding until early 2013, at the earliest.

Gene provided the following summary of a National Plant Board policy statement that will accompany a letter to APHIS. The policy summary states: the National Plant Board supports a sustained gypsy moth program that focuses on Slow the Spread at the leading edge, early detection and rapid response in uninfested areas of the country, and regulatory compliance. Plant Board further supports commitment to formulating short and long-term strategic plans that provide continued staffing and financial resources.

States will have different responses to unknown APHIS funding. IL has a part time employee and some flexibility but unsure of a long-term plan. NC will not need regulatory funds; they have managed a state funded solution. MN used regulatory funding for trapping and partial funding for an FTE. They will support regulatory work with state funds, acknowledging that they do not have substantial regulatory responsibilities at this time. WI will adjust regulatory trapping into existing trapping. Compliance work will be streamlined. VA received approval to use state funds for 3 months last year. They plan to do the same this year and will likely terminate an employee if funds are cut.

➤ **Action:**

Larry and Gene will collaborate on a letter to APHIS on the overall positive STS impact and the importance for the overall support for gypsy moth programs in APHIS.

MISCELLANEOUS

Future Meetings

The next conference call will be on September 5, 2012.

Meeting Adjourned

Phil Marshall, IN, made a motion to adjourn. Gene Cross, NC, 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
February 1

Conference Call
Conference Call

Held
Cancelled

February 16	STS Annual Mtg	Held
March 7	Conference Call	Held
April 4	Conference Call	Held
May 2	Conference Call	Cancelled
June 6	Conference Call	Cancelled
July 4	Conference Call	Cancelled
August 1	Conference Call	Held
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 August 1, 2012, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Melody Walker, Secretary