



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

October 3, 2012
9:00 CT – 11:00 CT
10:00 ET – 12:00 ET

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

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

Dave Adkins, Ohio
Butch Sayers, Tim Brown, Celestine Ervin, West Virginia
Jamie Tukiendorf, Wisconsin
Nancy Williams, Scott Schirmer, Illinois
Phil Wilson, North Carolina
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services
Julie Spaulding, Joe Beckwith, USDA APHIS PPQ
Donna Leonard, Dennis Haugen, USDA Forest Service

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

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) moved to accept the September 5, 2012 minutes as presented. Carl Harper (KY) seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

2012 APHIS Regulatory Grant

Ed would like to get the FSR's in soon after October 15th, therefore he will need to receive the reports from the states as soon as possible. North Carolina is the only state with a zero balance as of October 3rd. The current balance is \$77,686.30.

➤ **Action:** Current 2012 Regulatory Grant state reports are due:

10/15/12 – FSR (04/01/12 – 09/30/12) IL, MN, VA, WV, WI

10/15/12 – Final Report (10/01/11 – 09/30/12) IL, MN, VA, WV, WI

2011 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Ed has received all deobligation paper work. All reports are current. The spreadsheet still shows a balance, but the money has been spent and will show a zero balance very soon.

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

Ed indicated the balance was \$3,479,119.59 as of October 3, 2012. The current balance available to states is \$2,068,619.18. All reports are current with the new reporting schedule.

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 All States
(01/01/12- 12/31/12)

Eradication Projects funded by FS via STS Foundation

Ed indicated TN had applied for all of their available funds leaving a combined balance for OH and NC of \$20,961.79. This grant period ends on 12/31/12.

Changes at North Carolina Department of Agriculture

Executive Committee discussed an increase in Ed's hours and entering into a contract with Gene. Ed didn't feel he needed more hours and Gene is reluctant to receive compensation for assisting the Foundation after his retirement. Larry sent minutes of the Executive Committee out to the Board members.

Executive Committee decided nominating Phil Wilson (NC) would provide continuity of operations and would be a good plan. Melody Walker (WI) made a motion to nominate Phil Wilson (NC) as the next Vice President/Treasurer of the STS Foundation Board of Directors. Scott Frank (IL) seconded the motion. Larry called for other nominations. There were no additional nominations. Phil was elected by a unanimous vote.

Larry thanked Gene again for his service to the Foundation. Gene was a founding member of the Board and has done a tremendous amount of work for the Foundation.

Annual Meeting

Donna suggested Raleigh for the next meeting. We could give Gene a proper farewell if we meet in Raleigh. The February Board meeting will be held in Raleigh, on Wednesday (8am-3:30pm), February 20th. We will plan to have dinner with Gene and his wife on February 19th.

Letter to APHIS

Larry discussed the progress on the letter to APHIS, which will outline what the impact of cutting the APHIS funding will be. It will affect the FS and states as well as APHIS. Larry will have it ready in the next week or two. Julie would like a heads-up just before Larry sends the letter.

MISCELLANEOUS

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes

Phil Marshall made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Gene Cross provided a second to the motion. Minutes were approved.

Letter to APHIS in Support of Regulatory Program

Larry sent the letter out and he has not yet received a response. Julie wanted to add that Joe will be in charge of Gypsy Moth Operations and our contact for the regulatory committee.

Future Meetings

The next conference call will be on November 7, 2012.

Meeting Adjourned

Phil Marshall (IN) made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which Lucia Hunt (MN) seconded. 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	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	Held
October 3	Conference Call	Held
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 October 3, 2012, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Melody Walker, Secretary