



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

December 5, 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
Phil Wilson, 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

Butch Sayers, Tim Brown, Celestine Ervin, West Virginia
 Jamie Tukiendorf, Wisconsin
 Nancy Williams, Illinois
 Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services
 Julie Spaulding, Joe Beckwith, Anthony Man-Son-Hing, USDA APHIS PPQ
 Donna Leonard, Amy Hill, Noel Schneeberger, Dennis Haugen, USDA Forest Service

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

Virginia		North Carolina		Wisconsin	
Larry Nichols - President		Phil Wilson – Vice President/Treasurer		Melody Walker - Secretary	
804-786-3515		919-707-3753		608-224-4586	
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217-785-2427	812-358-3621	515-281-4915	859-257-5838	651-201-6329	304-558-2212

proceeding, the following business was conducted:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Scott Frank (IL) made a motion to accept the October 3, 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 has received all of the final FSR's. The pending balance shown for VA has been requested. Ed is working with MN to get their final request for \$12,190.15, which will take this grant down to zero.

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

Ed indicated the balance was \$3,039,320.20 as of December 04, 2012. The current balance available to states is \$1,480,624.86. Reports are due on an annual basis and Ed would like them on time so he can submit his reports soon after January 15.

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

Eradication Projects funded by FS via STS Foundation

Ed has one pending request of \$1,279.06 for NC, which will leave a remaining balance of \$16,598.73. This grant period ends on 12/31/12.

APHIS Update

Julie indicated APHIS does not have a budget at this time. The future budget will most likely not include funds for regulatory activities. Joe has estimated there will be about \$11,000 for the APHIS funded STS Regulatory Grant through March. Joe said we could expect about \$500,000 for eradication and delimits. Joe reduced the overall budget by about 60% to arrive at these estimates.

Anthony Man-Son-Hing will be the new Gypsy Moth Program Manager. He also works on noxious weeds and black stem rust.

FS update - suppression needs vs funds for STS

The Forest Service is also facing financial cuts. A continuing resolution would allow for \$8 million for STS, \$125,000 for technical development, and about \$800,000 for unplanned projects including bark beetles and suppression activities.

Annual Meeting

The annual face-to-face STS Foundation Board meeting will be at the North Carolina Department of Agriculture Building in Raleigh, NC, with rooms reserved for lodging at the Double Tree. NC Dept. of Agriculture will provide transportation from the hotel to the meeting.

The meeting will be on Wednesday, February 20 (8am-3:30pm). We will plan to meet the previous evening to give a proper farewell to Gene. Donna will send out a draft agenda for those who need out-of-state travel approval.

MISCELLANEOUS

Future Meetings

The next conference call will be on Thursday, January 3, 2013. Donna will set up conference schedule for 2013 and send it out.

Meeting Adjourned

Carl Harper (KY) made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which Phil Marshall (IN) 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	Cancelled
December 5	Conference Call	Held

The foregoing motions and actions, by unanimous consent are to have full force and effect as of December 5, 2012, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Melody Walker, Secretary