



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.**

October 2, 2013

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.

Phil Wilson called the meeting to order and the roll was taken.

BOARD MEMBERS

Larry Nichols, Virginia, President	absent
Phil Wilson, 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	present
Lucia Hunt, Minnesota	present
Sherrie Hutchinson, West Virginia	present

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

Dave Adkins, Ohio
Tim Brown, Eric Ewing, West Virginia
Nancy Williams, Scott Schirmer, Illinois
Jamie Tukiendorf, Wisconsin
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services
Donna Leonard, 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	
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proceeding, the following business was conducted:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Scott Frank (IL) made a motion to accept the September 4, 2013 minutes as presented. Carl Harper (KY) seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

APHIS Regulatory Grant

Ed indicated the balance was \$80,606.56 as of October 1, 2013. A total of \$9,393.44 in pending disbursements (IL-\$2,332.00, VA- \$5,312.00, WV- \$1,749.44) is being processed. All reports are current.

2012 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Ed indicated the balance was zero as of October 1, 2013. Ed said he had everything he needed from the states and he is ready to close this grant. Donna will provide Ed with the 2012 Accomplishment Report and he will submit the final FSR.

2013 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Ed indicated the balance was \$3,925,194.26 as of October 1, 2013. This balance includes an additional \$250,000 awarded to the Foundation by the FS. A total of \$288,191.96 was disbursed to the states, with an additional \$117,244.46 (VA) in the pending disbursement column. This leaves a balance of \$2,111,350.58 available to states. All reports are current.

Forest Service Eradication

Ed is in the process of deobligating \$12,458.25 to the FS. This action will zero out this grant.

Annual Board Meeting - February 2014

The annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, in Raleigh, NC. February 18 will be a travel day. Phil Wilson has generously volunteered to make meeting and hotel arrangements.

MISCELLANEOUS

Update on ISCA Technologies – New Pheromone Supplier

At the September meeting, Donna presented a plan to add a second supplier of the pheromone for mating disruption. Since then, Donna asked Hercon, the manufacturer who uses the active ingredient, about the feasibility of having ISCA as a pheromone supplier. Unfortunately, it is not as simple as making and delivering a product. It may take several months for ISCA to obtain the

required technical grade registration, MSDS and additional documentation for ISCA to be a supplier of pheromone to Hercon.

Trap Spacing and Costs

Donna explained the reason and effects of the drop in trap numbers and the need to increase traps just a bit. In 2012, due to expected funding shortfalls, we changed the base grid spacing from 2km to 3km between traps. We implemented this same plan in 2013. There is group consensus in the operations group that this trap spacing is somewhat less than adequate. In addition, the cost per trap is more because the basic infrastructure remained the same and the number of miles is similar, even though there are fewer traps. Before the trapping reduction, we put out between 80,000 to 90,000 traps per year with the 2km grid spacing. It dropped to about 55,000 traps with the 3km grid spacing in 2012 and we set about 47,000 traps in 2013. We would like to get back to about 55,000 traps or a little more. The budget is uncertain, but we need to put more into survey or we won't have the data to make treatment decisions. Patrick added that a coarser grid means a later detection event. The Technical Group will evaluate the pros and cons and provide a suggested grid spacing and number of traps.

Future Meetings

The next conference call will be on Wednesday, December 4, 2013. The November meeting has been cancelled because it conflicts with the timing of the Annual Gypsy Moth Review.

Meeting Adjourned

Phil Marshall (IN) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lucia hunt (MN) seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

2013 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 2013 is **888-844-9904 with access code 658 3639**.

January 3	Conference Call	Cancelled
February 6	Conference Call	Held
February 20	STS Annual MT	Held
March 6	Conference Call	Cancelled
April 3	Conference Call	Held
May 1	Conference Call	Held
June 5	Conference Call	Cancelled
July 3	Conference Call	Held
August 7	Conference Call	Cancelled

September 4	Conference Call	Held
October 2	Conference Call	Held
November 6	Conference Call	Cancelled
December 4	Conference Call	

The foregoing motions and actions, by unanimous consent are to have full force and effect as of October 2, 2013, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Melody Walker, Secretary