



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

**December 4, 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.

Larry Nichols called the meeting 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
Eric Ewing, West Virginia	absent

**OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING**

Dave Adkins, Ohio  
Tim Brown, Butch Sayers, West Virginia  
Nancy Williams, Scott Schirmer, Illinois  
Jamie Tukiendorf, Wisconsin  
Anthony Man Son Hing, Kevin Connors, USDA APHIS  
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services  
Donna Leonard, John Kyhl, Amy Hill, USDA Forest Service

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**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) made a motion to accept the October 2, 2013 minutes with minor edits. Lucy Hunt (MN) seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

### **STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS**

#### **2012 APHIS Regulatory Grant**

Ed indicated the balance was \$73,752.14 as of December 2, 2013. The government shutdown slowed the processing of pending disbursements (MN-\$1,888.69, WV- \$1,749.44).

- **Action:** Current 2012 Regulatory Grant state reports due:

01/15/2014 - FSR (05/24/13 – 12/31/13) All States

01/15/2014 – Performance Report (05/24/13 – 12/31/13) All States

#### **2013 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant**

Ed indicated the balance was \$1,841,665.24 as of December 2, 2013. Disbursements totaled \$975,274.80 leaving a balance of \$1,541,513.20 available to states. Donna provided an update on racemic disparlure. A purchase order has been issued to CBC for \$1,494,675.00. This money will not be spent until April, but it has been obligated. There will not be a second supplier this year because ISCA did not get a quote in before the deadline.

- **Action:** Current 2013 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant state reports due:

01/15/2014 – Annual FSR All States

01/15/2014 – Annual Performance Report All States

#### **2012 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant**

This grant has been closed.

#### **Forest Service Eradication**

There is a remaining balance in this funding category. This funding was awarded as a modification of the 2012 Forest Service grant. Ed will consult with Noel and then draw the money (\$12,458.25) down as appropriate.

#### **2014 Forest Service STS Grant**

Donna provided details of the plan for 2014. An estimated 60,000 traps will be set. Traps will be set in a 2 kilometer based grid in the action zone proximal to the generally infested area and a 3 kilometer grid in the distal portion. Planned treatments total 465,000 acres (27,000 acres Btk, 7,000 acres Gypchek, 430,000 acres MD) for 2014. Draft budgets are due Friday, December 6. Donna has received budgets from KY, VA, OH and IA. She is expecting budgets from NC, WV, IN, IL, WI and MN.

The 2014 allocation is unknown at present. Last year we received \$7.75 million, with a later addition of \$250,000. Donna said we might expect \$7.5 million for 2014 trapping and treatment activities. The next deadline for a federal budget is January 15. Debt ceiling negotiation will occur again in February, which may be factor in budget deliberations. This is a MD contract year and the Northeast Area Office must have the money (about \$2 million) by early March to award the MD contract. It is also possible we will not have official word of the allocation in time to start the Btk work. OH, WI and MN will need a funding commitment to begin Btk spray projects.

- **Action:** OH, MN and WI should submit funding requests to start Btk work as soon as possible.

### **Regulatory Grant**

Phil Wilson spoke with Anthony in regards to this grant. The current grant was for \$90,000 and runs through May 24, 2014. The states should give an estimate of what they could use for regulatory activities. Phil would like numbers before Christmas. Donna said there is a trade-off. The amount allocated to regulatory comes from the same source as detection trapping. Phil said NC would not take any funding this year, leaving some funds for another state.

- **Action:** Regulatory budget funds request due:

12/20/13 – Email to Phil Wilson

Interested States

### **Other Regulatory Topics**

Kevin Connors presented potential changes in program standards for pulp mills outside of the quarantine, but close to the quarantine line. Regulated logs shall be processed before the high-risk period (egg hatch). Currently, pulp mills need to process logs within a 5-day period during the timing of egg hatch. APHIS is considering offering some latitude in the 5-day processing period. Receiving mills want to be under quarantine and/or want more time to process logs.

Policy changes made 14 years ago were not widely known and were not added to the CFR. This led to states following different rules. In the future revised policy, options will aid state regulatory officials in individual situations. APHIS would like the STS Foundation to weigh in on changes in regulatory policy. STS Board members would need some specifics to consider. An update will be provided at the February STS Board meeting with concrete guidance.

### **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 sent an email on October 16 with information for lodging and meeting room.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Future Meetings**

The next conference call will be on Wednesday, February 5, 2014. We will not meet in January.

#### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**.

<b>January 3</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>February 6</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Held</b>
<b>February 20</b>	<b>STS Annual MT</b>	<b>Held</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>April 3</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Held</b>
<b>May 1</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Held</b>
<b>June 5</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>July 3</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Held</b>
<b>August 7</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>September 4</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Held</b>
<b>October 2</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Held</b>
<b>November 6</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
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### **2014 STS Conference Call and Meeting Schedule**

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The foregoing motions and actions, by unanimous consent are to have full force and effect as of December 4, 2013, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Melody Walker, Secretary