



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.**

March 20, 2014

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	present

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

Robin Pruisner, Iowa
 Dave Adkins, Ohio
 Tim Brown, Butch Sayers, West Virginia
 Jamie Tukiendorf, Wisconsin
 Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services
 Paul Chaloux, USDA APHIS
 Donna Leonard, Amy Hill, Noel Schneeberger, 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

Carl Harper (KY) made a motion to accept the February 19, 2014 meeting minutes with minor edits. Tivon Feeley (IA) seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimous to approve the minutes.

STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

2013 APHIS Regulatory Grant

Ed indicated a remaining balance of \$38,522.81 available to states. Ed noted that the ending date for this grant is May 23, 2014. This grant timeline will be the same for next year (May 24, 2014 – May 23, 2015). States with these grants are encouraged to use all of the funds prior to the end date. Ed reminded states to submit the 424s as soon as possible. States should remember to share their regulatory plans with their respective SPHDS. All reports are current.

- **Action:** 2013 Regulatory Grant state reports due:

07/23/2014 – Final FSR (01/01/14 – 05/23/14) All States

07/23/2014 – Final Performance Report (05/24/13 – 05/23/14) All States

2013 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Ed indicated a balance of \$903,172.27 (as of 3/19/2014) plus the racemic (\$1,494,675), which although in the spent column, delivery and payment will occur in April 2014. Balance available to the states totals \$619,745.79. Reports are current.

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

06/15/2014 – 424 Deobligation All Participating States

07/15/2014 – Final FSR All States

07/15/2014 – Final Performance Report All States

2014 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Ed submitted the grant application to the Forest Service. The grant award totals \$5,570,000 with \$2,693,325 available to the states. Some states may need a pre-award letter. MN and IA, for

example, cannot put their contract out for bids until they receive notice of an award. Ed asked the states to submit the 424s and the narrative work plans as soon as possible. MN OH and WI increased the match on each of their budgets to help cover the match deficit.

The revised 2014 budget ((dated 3/3/2014) sent to STS Foundation Board via email on 3/6/2014) includes the following:

1. \$8,875,000 as our total allocation from FS for 2014
2. \$22,500 in eradication funds for the Indiana project at Purdue University that is being treated under the STS MD contract
3. \$8,897,500 as the subtotal of funds available at FS for 2014
4. \$250,000 of “leftover” funds in our 2013 grant (omitted from handout at Board meeting)
5. The new total of \$9,147,500 for the total available to cover 2014 program expenses

Phil Marshall made a motion to accept the revised budget. Scott Frank provided a second to the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

APHIS Funding

Paul is waiting for a final budget. Once the Foundation submits the 424s, APHIS will be ready to proceed with the grant process pending receipt of Agency funds by the programs. Survey funding will be somewhat similar to last year.

MISCELLANEOUS

APHIS Update on Regulation of Mills

Paul Chaloux provided the background for potential changes to regulations for receiving mills. MN is preparing to put into place the first gypsy moth quarantine in two counties (Lake and Cook). Industry has expressed concerns about the impact of quarantine to operations and profitability. In general, different states apply the regulations in a way that best fits the business processes in each of their states. MN is following the manual quite closely, which has stringent regulations. New national requirements could negatively affect states that apply the regulations in a more individualistic manner.

During the process of considering potential modifications to the current regulations, APHIS looked at trap numbers within 2 km of mills and 18 km from mills, and found depressed trap numbers around most of the mills. This led to the idea of setting a Standard (similar trap catch numbers to the depressed catches relative to surrounding catches from year to year). The regulatory application of the trap catches and whether they include treatment needs further evaluation. Lucy reported the current situation in MN is highly political. Best management practices are in place, but there are no regulatory requirements. Paul is excited about monitoring around the mills and the analysis over several years that will provide information about moving logs to these mills.

Appropriate Language Related to Mating Disruption

Donna clarified for everyone that “flakes” is no longer correct when talking about mating disruption now that there is more than one type of mating disruption product. **States should update their outreach materials to reflect the changes in mating disruption products.**

Approval of Minutes

Melody asked to send out minutes the week following a meeting in order to make sure everyone has the minutes relatively soon after the meeting. Larry approved the following process: email minutes out for edits, Larry calls for approval (with necessary changes) via email.

Future Meetings

Wednesday, May 7, 2014 is the next scheduled STS Foundation Board conference call.

Meeting Adjourned

Carl Harper (KY) moved to adjourn the meeting. Phil Marshall (IN) seconded the motion and the Board vote to adjourn the meeting **at 11:15 ET**.

2014 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 2014 is **888-844-9904 with access code 658 3639**.

January 1	Conference Call	Cancelled
February 5	Conference Call	Held
February 19	STS Annual MT	Held
March 5	Conference Call	Cancelled
March 20	Conference Call	Held
April 2	Conference Call	Cancelled
May 7	Conference Call	
June 4	Conference Call	
July 2	Conference Call	
August 6	Conference Call	
September 3	Conference Call	
October 1	Conference Call	
November 5	Conference Call	
December 3	Conference Call	

The foregoing motions and actions, by unanimous consent are to have full force and effect as of March 20, 2014, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Melody Walker, Secretary

