



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.**

July 2, 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	absent
Carl Harper, Kentucky	present
Kimberly Thielen Cremers, Minnesota	present
Eric Ewing, West Virginia	present

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

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, John Kyhl, 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

The Board approved the minutes from the last conference call held March 20, 2014 through email.

STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

2013 APHIS Regulatory Grant

The balance was \$33,614.02 as of July 1, 2014. Ed asked that states submit final request for funds. He also requested the final Financial Status Report (FSR) and the final Performance Report through May 23, 2014.

- **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

2014 APHIS Regulatory Grant

Ed indicated that the 2014 funds are available upon receipt of the signed Award letters. The total amount awarded to states is \$97,965.00.

- **Action:** 2014 Regulatory Grant state reports due:

01/15/2015 – FSR (05/24/14 – 12/31/14) All States

01/15/2015 –Performance Report (05/24/14 – 12/31/14) All States

2013 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Ed indicated an award balance of \$497,148.68 as of July 1, 2014. States are encouraged to draw down or deobligate funds soon. Virginia has submitted a request to deobligate \$50,000. Several states have balances to use or return.

- **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 indicated the total grant amount at \$5,570,000 with \$2,644,934 in grants available to the states. There has been one disbursement of \$8,200 to MI for the calibration fly-in. The spreadsheet shows a revision with an additional \$230,000. The amount of \$200,000 was previously set aside for the Forest Service mating disruption project, but transferred to the Foundation. The additional \$30,000 was Area funds that became available to the Foundation.

Audit Committee

Lucia Hunt (MN) accepted another job at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, and Kimberly Thielen Cremer has taken her seat on the Board. Lucia's departure also left a vacancy on the Audit Committee. Larry asked for nominations to fill the vacant position on the Audit Committee. Eric Ewing was nominated.

- **Board Action:** The Board voted on a motion made by Phil Marshall (IN) and seconded by Phil Wilson (NC) to appoint Eric Ewing (WV) to the Audit Committee. The motion carried.

Patrick Tobin's Departure Update

Patrick Tobin accepted a position at the University of Washington. He will not move until September, so he will be able to attend the Technical Committee Meeting, which will occur along with the operations meeting in August. Patrick will continue as the Technical Committee Chair for at least a year until we know if the Northern Research Station is able to refill his position. The Foundation pays about \$45,000 to the Northern Research Station every year to support Patrick's work.

- **Board Action:** Carl Harper (KY) made a motion to approve a grant for Patrick Tobin's continued services not to exceed \$45,000 a year. Phil Wilson (NC) seconded the motion and the motion carried.

APHIS Gypsy Moth Regulatory Workgroup Update

Larry Nichols (VA) and Paul Chaloux (USDA APHIS) provided an update on the Gypsy Moth Regulatory Workgroup and its progress. APHIS is looking at new ways to standardize the regulations for logs moved from a regulated area to an unregulated area. The proposed standards will involve trapping results at receiving mills and the surrounding area. Treatment will be required if trap catches near the mills are elevated as compared to trap catches in the surrounding area. This will allow states on the receiving end to determine processing requirements for receiving mills. Pre-movement inspections and accurate statements to accompany the logs will still be required. Details of how this will work and who will pay for it are under development. Paul Chaloux leads the group comprised of representatives from STS states (Larry Nichols (VA), Eric Ewing (WV), Phil Marshall (IN), Joe Collins (KY), Christopher Deegan (WI) and Geir Friisoe (MN)), scientists, State Plant Health Directors, a geospatial analyst, and others. Paul Chaloux (USDA APHIS) said the goal is to create a federal framework, which can allow for and justify the existing state-to-state variability on requirements for log processing. The group meets about every two weeks and plans to develop a written document to share with states. The outcome may be in the form of rule changes or changes to the gypsy moth manual. Paul encouraged work group

members to reach out to neighboring states to encourage inclusiveness. Paul said he is available for one-on-one conversations as needed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Future Meetings

Wednesday, August 6, 2014 is the next scheduled STS Foundation Board conference call.

Meeting Adjourned

Phil Marshall (IN) moved to adjourn the meeting. Carl Harper (KY) seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 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	Cancelled
June 4	Conference Call	Cancelled
July 2	Conference Call	Held
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 July 2, 2014, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Melody Walker, Secretary