



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.**

**September 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.

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	absent
Carl Harper, Kentucky	present
Lucia Hunt, Minnesota	present
Sherrie Hutchinson, West Virginia	present

**OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING**

Dave Adkins, Ohio  
Butch Sayers, Tim Brown, West Virginia  
Nancy Williams, Scott Schirmer, Illinois  
Jamie Tukiendorf, Wisconsin  
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services  
Donna Leonard, Amy Hill, Noel Schneeberger, John Kyhl, Patrick Tobin, 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**

Phil Marshall (IN) made a motion to accept the July 3, 2013 minutes as presented. Lucia Hunt (MN) seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

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

#### **APHIS Regulatory Grant**

Ed indicated the balance was \$85,918.56 as of September 3, 2013. There are two pending amounts totaling \$4,081.44, which leaves about 95 percent of the funds available to states. The grant period ends on May 23, 2014, so there is time to spend this grant money.

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

Ed indicated the balance was \$173,046.44 as of September 3, 2012. IA currently has a balance of \$25,053.00 that will soon be deobligated. MN has a balance of \$5,346.08. Lucia will check with her grants staff to determine if this amount is going to be deobligated. NC has deobligated \$11,259.52, which will make the final award of \$181,741.00 for NC, and the balance zero.

All final FSR's have been submitted.

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

Ed indicated the balance was \$3,660,269.88 as of September 3, 2013. A total of \$288,191.96 has been disbursed to states, leaving a balance of \$2,228, 595.04 available to states.

#### **FS – Fire Borrowing and the \$250K Grant Revision**

Donna informed everyone that Ed and Phil requested \$250,000 that FS had in available funds. Then the process for Fire Borrowing began and the expectation was that the money would be used for fire. Noel and the Washington Office advocated for the Foundation and on September 3, 2013, the Foundation was notified of the award. An award letter should be coming soon. The \$250,000 will be available until September 30, 2014. Donna and Larry thanked Noel for assistance in capturing the \$250,000.

#### **Forest Service Eradication**

Ed identified a remaining balance of \$12,458.25. This amount will be deobligated to the Forest Service. Ed will check with Zaneta on required actions for deobligation.

### **ISCA Technologies – New Pheromone Supplier**

Donna said she had been talking to ISCA Technologies about making the active ingredient for SPLAT and Disrupt II. ISCA has expressed interest in supplying the pheromone that goes into these mating disruption products. Donna said she would like to have a second supplier, which would encourage competition and add to the available supply. ISCA is quite interested in being a supplier, and they would like us to purchase some of what they have, but they are asking \$600 per kilogram. Donna would like to have ISCA's pheromone tested, and if it is good quality, she would like to purchase some. However, she would like to get the cost closer to about \$410 per kilogram, which is what we have paid the last two years. Whatever we get would go into inventory at OTIS until it would be formulated next spring. Donna will negotiate with the goal of getting ISCA closer to \$450 per kilogram.

### **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 – 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.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Future Meetings**

The next conference call will be on Wednesday, October 2, 2013.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Lucia hunt (MN) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phil Marshall (IN) 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 **1-888-858-2144** and the passcode is **6583639**.

<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>November 6</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	
<b>December 4</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>	

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

Melody Walker, Secretary