



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 11, 2015
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

Chris Elder, North Carolina
Tim Brown, Butch Sayers, West Virginia
Jamie Tukiendorf, Wisconsin
Nancy Johnson, Illinois
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services
Anthony Man-Son-Hing, Paul Chaloux, USDA APHIS
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	
804-786-3515		919-707-3753		608-224-4586	
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				651-201-6329	

proceeding, the following business was conducted:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes for the February 18th meeting were submitted and will be reviewed and approved via email.

STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

2014 APHIS Regulatory Grant

Ed Holloman reported a balance of \$48,821.59 as of March 10, 2015. This includes disbursements of \$6864.15 (VA) and \$16,879 (WI). In addition, Illinois has submitted a reimbursement of \$24,147 to the Foundation.

2014 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Ed reported the grant balance of \$905,308.14 as of March 10, 2015. Donna Leonard said the Foundation purchased an additional 500 kilograms of racemic that were available due to high yields. She indicated she would reduce the planned purchase for next year by 500 kilograms. She was also waiting for one state to send in a final budget, and then she will send out a revised budget with the updated numbers. All reports are current.

Allocation of Regulatory Funds

Kimberly Thielen Cremers gave a brief overview of the APHIS guidelines for use of regulatory funds. Paul Chaloux said this document is a broad plan that could remain as is with an addendum that contains implementation plans. Board members: Kimberly Thielen Cremers, Eric Ewing and Melody Walker will work with Paul Chaloux and Anthony-Man-Son-Hing on developing regulatory priorities for the STS regulatory program with Kimberly as the team leader. Four states (VA, IL, WV, WI) have submitted budgets and work plans totaling \$76,979 leaving \$23,021 available to other states for the 2015/2016 year. The regulatory group will meet in August and September to develop an implementation/prioritization plan for the Board to consider for the 2016/2017 year.

MISCELLANEOUS

Paul Chaloux said APHIS will be publishing an interim rule in Federal register tomorrow. This captures federal orders and codifies them. The interim rule goes into effect the day it is issued. This is routine process. A much larger rule will come out for emerald ash borer in a few months or so which just codifies what has already happened.

Future Meetings

The next conference call scheduled for April 1, 2015.

Meeting Adjourned

Carl Harper (KY) moved to adjourn the meeting. Eric Ewing (WV) seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

2015 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 2015 is **888-844-9904 with access code 658 3639**.

January 7	Conference Call	Held
February 4	Conference Call	Cancelled
February 18	STS Annual MT	Held
March 11	Conference Call	Held
April 1	Conference Call	
May 6	Conference Call	
June 3	Conference Call	
July 1	Conference Call	
August 5	Conference Call	
September 2	Conference Call	
October 7	Conference Call	
October 29	Conference Call	
November 4	Conference Call	
December 2	Conference Call	

The foregoing motions and actions, by unanimous consent are to have full force and effect as of March 11, 2015, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Melody Walker, Secretary