



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 2, 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	absent
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
Kimberly Thielen Cremers, Minnesota	present
Eric Ewing, West Virginia	present

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

Dave Adkins, Ohio
Chris Elder, North Carolina
Tim Brown, Butch Sayers, West Virginia
Nancy Johnson, Illinois
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services
Anthony Man-Son-Hing, Paul Chaloux, USDA APHIS
Donna Leonard, Amy Hill, Noel Schneeberger, USDA Forest Service

Whereas, the above noted directors constitute a quorum, and there is no objection to this

Virginia Larry Nichols - President 804-786-3515	North Carolina Phil Wilson – Vice President/Treasurer 919-707-3753	Wisconsin Melody Walker - Secretary 608-224-4586
Illinois Scott Frank 217-785-2427	Indiana Phil Marshall 812-358-3621	Iowa Tivon Feeley 515-725-8453
Kentucky Carl Harper 859-257-5838	Minnesota Kimberly Thielen Cremers 651-201-6329	West Virginia Eric Ewing 304-558-2212

proceeding, the following business was conducted:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Tivon Feely (IA) made a motion, which was seconded by Carl Harper (KY), to approve the minutes of April 1, 2015 as presented and the minutes of June 3, 2015 with edits. The motion carried.

STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

2014 APHIS Regulatory Grant

Ed Holloman reported a balance of \$5,135.74 belonging to MN as September 1, 2015. Minnesota may have spent this or may deobligate this amount. Both Ed and Donna emphasized the need to put the correct headings on the reports. When states use all of the money early and close out their accounts, they need to have the interim report for the time period and then there also needs to be a report with the title of "Final Report". They might be the same report but the proper headings are essential. Ed has all of the reports except for WI.

2015 APHIS Regulatory Grant

Ed indicated the grant award is \$110,726.00, and this is also the balance as of September 1, 2015. Quarterly reports are required for this grant.

2014 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Donna reminded everyone that all of the paperwork for this grant is due as of September 30, 2015. De-obligation paperwork is due from IN and WV. There was also a discussion about when reports are due to the Foundation versus due to the Forest Service. Ed will change the reporting timeline so that he can receive the reports with a cushion of time before the reports are due to the Forest Service.

2015 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Ed indicated the balance was \$3,930,290.64 as of September 1, 2015. Interim reports are listed as due on February 15, 2016 on the spreadsheet. Ed will change these dates to allow time to get the grants to the Forest Service.

Donna talked with the Albuquerque Service Center in reference to the audit report. She was assured that the report will be coming when the staffing levels have been restored at the Center.

2016 Forest Service Funding Outlook

Donna reported that funding for Forest Health Protection has dropped nationally from a high of \$138 million to \$104 million. The president's budget takes the budget down another five percent. Funding could remain stable with a continuing resolution, or we could lose another 5 million. Specifically for STS, we will be lucky if we get \$8 million for the next grant cycle.

MISCELLANEOUS

Paul Chaloux said the budget is unknown and there are many variables. A continuing resolution could be

good, but even that is uncertain. Paul expects that the budget could be flat, but the potential outlays may be significant with Asian Gypsy Moth (AGM) survey and eradication activities. There may be some additional sources of funding to assist with response to AGM. Paul anticipates there will likely be stable funding for the STS regulatory program.

Future Meetings

The next conference call scheduled for October 7, 2015.

Meeting Adjourned

Carl Harper (KY) moved to adjourn the meeting. Phil Marshall (IN) 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	Held
May 6	Conference Call	Cancelled
June 3	Conference Call	Held
July 1	Conference Call	Cancelled
August 5	Conference Call	Cancelled
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 September 1, 2015, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Melody Walker, Secretary