



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.**

January 6, 2016
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	absent
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, West Virginia
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services
Anthony Man-Son-Hing, Paul Chaloux, USDA APHIS
Donna Leonard, Amy Hill, Noel Schneeberger, John Kyhl USDA Forest Service

Whereas, the above noted directors constitute a quorum, and there is no objection to this proceeding, the following business was conducted:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Kimberly Thielen Cremers (MN) made a motion, seconded by Carl Harper (KY), to approve the minutes of October 7, 2015 as presented. The motion carried.

STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

2015 APHIS Regulatory Grant

Ed indicated a balance of \$89,856.28 as of January 5, 2016. The second quarter FSR and performance report are due to Ed by January 15. Ed would appreciate timely submission of reports because he cannot submit them to APHIS as he receives them. He will need to put all of the reports together into one report for APHIS. Kimberly reminded everyone that the Notice of Award has January 20th as the deadline for the second quarter report. At this point the states are asked to get their paper work in no later than the 20th, but by the 15th if possible. This grant period ends on May 23, 2016.

➤ **Action:** 2015 Regulatory Grant state reports due:

01/15/2016 –2nd QTR FSR (10/1/15 – 12/31/15) All States

01/15/2016 –2nd QTR Performance Report (10/1/15 – 12/31/15) All States

2015 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Ed indicated the amount of available funds remaining in the grant was \$73,297.30 as of January 5, 2016. A good portion (\$3,404,013.35) of the actual grant balance of \$3,477,310.35 is obligated, but not yet spent. Ed and Donna added the obligated and available funding categories to the spreadsheet to clear up any confusion about what monies remain to be spent.

➤ **Action:** 2015 Trapping and Treatment Grant state reports due:

02/15/2016 – Annual FSR (1/1/15 – 12/31/15) All States

02/15/2016 –Annual Performance Report (1/1/15 – 12/31/15) All States

Annual Internal Audit

Ed will be sending the audit letters out to the states. He will need these to be returned promptly for the audit which begins on January 11. The audit committee will also need to send out their annual request for state audit information.

Update on FY 2016 Allocation for STS form Forest Service

Donna reported a budget reduction to Forest Health Protection of about 5 million dollars for 2016. The entire reduction came out of Coop Lands with no cut to Federal Lands. This is about a 10% cut from Coop Lands. It stands to reason that as STS is a program with a good-sized budget, it would be an easy place to make cuts to fit the down-sized budget. So, in 2016 we can expect about one half million dollars less than the 2015 grant at an estimated \$7,573,000. FY 2015 also had \$150,000 in funds carried over from the previous year which is about twice the funds carried over for 2016 (\$73,297.30). The reduction

in funds could have been worse; we can work with this level of funding. States will need to trim their projects a bit as we are about \$1.5 million over budget.

Changes in grant management is under consideration. Every year the Foundation gets a new grant, and the grants last for 24 months so we have overlapping grants. Rather than continue with this, we could amend to our grant each year and add to it for five years. This would eliminate concerns about which grant should be drawn down in a particular time.

APHIS UPDATES Paul and Anthony provided updates for 2016. A total of \$100,000 for the 2016 STS/APHIS regulatory work was built into the planned budget. The line item used for gypsy moth program funding is shared with emerald ash borer and Asian longhorned beetle. The extent of available funds is not certain at this time. The estimated budget amount may be adjusted up or down.

Revision of the APHIS Gypsy Moth Program Manual is well under way. The survey chapter is almost complete and the outreach chapter should go quickly. The regulatory chapters will be consolidated into one chapter. This may take a bit more time, but Paul hopes to have this all done by spring.

There have been an unusually high number of Asian gypsy moth detections in the Pacific Northwest. Progress has been made on work plans and budgets. Treatments in Oregon and Washington will cost an estimated \$4.62 million. Funding for the gypsy moth line items will be about \$4.4 million, so it is obvious that these treatments will not come out of program funding. Funding will also be needed for Ohio's 102 acres of eradication which will require \$24,000 in APHIS funding.

MISCELLANEOUS

The annual STS Board Meeting will be on February 17, 2016 in Raleigh, NC. Make reservations at Holiday Inn, downtown Raleigh.

STS/APHIS Regulatory Meeting

Anthony will hold a meeting in February to discuss reporting for the STS/APHIS Regulatory Grant.

Future Meetings

The next conference call scheduled for February 3, 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.

2016 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 6	Conference Call	Held
February 3	Conference Call	
February 17	STS Annual MT	
March 2	Conference Call	

April 6	Conference Call
May 4	Conference Call
June 1	Conference Call
July 6	Conference Call
August 3	Conference Call
September 7	Conference Call
October 5	Conference Call
November 2	Conference Call
December 7	Conference Call

The foregoing motions and actions, by unanimous consent are to have full force and effect as of January 6, 2016, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Melody Walker, Secretary