



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.**

**April 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	present
Melody Walker, Wisconsin, Secretary	absent
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	absent

**OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING**

Dave Adkins, Ohio  
Tim Brown, Butch Sayers, West Virginia  
Scott Schirmer, Illinois  
Brian Kuhn, Shahla Werner, Linda Kastorff, Wisconsin  
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services  
Donna Leonard, 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:

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Minutes from the preceding meeting were not available for review or approval at the time of the call. They will be circulated via email for approval.

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	Iowa Tivon Feeley 515-725-8453	Minnesota Kimberly Thielen Cremers 651-201-6329
Indiana Phil Marshall 812-358-3621	Kentucky Carl Harper 859-257-5838	West Virginia Eric Ewing 304-558-2212

## **PROGRAM BUDGET – UPDATES SINCE BOARD MEETING**

Donna Leonard reported a few changes that have occurred since the Board meeting. North Carolina's request decreased by about \$20,000 because awarded prices for application and trapping contracts were less than estimated. Al's Aerial will be due about \$8,000 to cover the extra cost of the Bioflakes to be used in Iowa and the contingency line has increased to \$25,816.

Donna also presented a request for funding from Ann Hajek at Cornell University. Ann has requested about \$17,000 in Foundation funds to supplement the \$20,000 she is receiving from FS – FHTET for an ongoing project to develop a molecular method for measuring airborne conidia of *E. maimaiga* that emanate from outbreak populations. Ann has completed the development phase and this year hopes to measure the densities of airborne conidia across large areas in Pennsylvania using 100 or more stations that have been built. The \$17,000 in funds that Ann has requested from the Foundation would be used to fund an additional 3 months of salary+ fringes for Ann's post doc. After some discussion Tivon Feeley (IA) made a motion, which was seconded by Phil Marshall (IN), to approve the \$17,000 in funding for Cornell University with the stipulations that indirect not exceed 15% and match of at least 25% be provided. The motion carried.

## **STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS**

### **2015 APHIS Regulatory Grant**

Ed Holloman reported a balance of \$37,773.62 in this grant that closes on May 23, 2016 and requested that states submit disbursement requests to draw their funds down to zero. All reports are current. Larry Nichols reported that due to an employee's health problems, Virginia would not be able to draw down the rest of their funds without a revision. Larry has been working with Anthony Man-Son-Hing to get direction from APHIS on this issue.

### **2016 APHIS Regulatory Grant**

The Foundation was informed by APHIS that funding of \$110,000.00 was available for the 2016 regulatory grant. States participating in this work should get their 424 packages to Ed as soon as possible so that Ed can submit the Foundation's request for funding to APHIS. The \$110,000 will be provided to the participating states as follows: Illinois \$20,000, Minnesota \$32,600, Virginia \$20,000, West Virginia \$17,000 and Wisconsin \$20,400. This grant is expected to come with semi-annual reporting rather than the quarterly reporting required in recent years.

### **2015 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant**

Ed indicated a balance of \$1,917,961 as of April 4, 2016 and obligations for an additional \$1,900,506, leaving a balance of \$17,455.52 available to spend. Note that \$50,000 of the obligated funds are bookmarked to pay part of the 2016 racemic disparlure deliveries due in by May 6. Several states are overdue in submitting their annual performance reports.

- **Action:** Submit Overdue 2015 Trapping and Treatment Grant annual performance reports

Annual reports needed from Iowa, Kentucky, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio, Virginia, Michigan and the Univ. of Washington

Note: Iowa, Ohio and Minnesota submitted their reports during the call

### **2016 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant**

The Forest Service awarded the Foundation 2016 funds in the amount of \$4,822,600 on March 24, 2016. All states except Illinois, West Virginia and Virginia have submitted their 424 packages to Ed and award letters have been issued to the states whose packages were complete. A complete 424 package must include the 424 forms, a narrative, a detailed budget and a copy of the state's Negotiated Indirect Cost Agreement (NICRA).

➤ **Action:** 2016 State Trapping and Treatment Grant 424 packages

Illinois, Virginia and West Virginia

Submit 424 packages

Minnesota, Indiana and Kentucky

Submit narrative & detail budget

(Note: narratives & detailed budgets were submitted by Minnesota & Kentucky during the call)

### **APHIS - NEED FOR LURES & FUNDING SHORTFALL**

Although APHIS was unable to participate in the call Anthony Man-Son-Hing (APHIS) requested that Donna Leonard report to the group on 2 issues from the APHIS side.

Due to a "mishap" associated with the APHIS contract for gypsy moth trapping supplies, APHIS finds they are about 30,000 short of string lures for use in the states of Oregon and Washington. He is looking for any extra lures that states may have in inventory that could be "loaned" to Oregon and Washington. Donna reported about 10,000 string lures that could be available. Minnesota, Ohio and West Virginia thought they would be able to provide some and agreed to check their inventories and report back to Donna. Anthony will be responsible for coordinating how many lures need to be sent to whom as well as making sure these lures are replaced once the new shipment of lures arrives at APHIS.

Apparently there is a fairly serious shortfall in funds available for the state/APHIS detection programs. While APHIS is trying to find a solution for this, most states have not yet received confirmation of funding available for the work. Anthony is working with leadership on this and hopes to have a solution soon.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

States reported that spring larvicide treatments are expected to start a bit early (4-7 days) in North Carolina and Ohio but projects in Wisconsin and Minnesota are expected to start right on time or maybe a few days late.

#### **Communication between the STS states**

This has been a somewhat contentious year as far as public reaction to some of the proposed treatments. Some of the people that have concerns have been successful in reaching out to local elected officials and in one case have retained legal counsel. Additionally some concerned individuals have been reaching out side of their states to STS program managers in other states for information regarding the proposed treatments. After some discussion of details, the consensus of the Board was that communications

between the states is very important when situations like these arise so that all STS states are aware of issues, including issues outside of their own state.

### **Future Meetings**

The next conference call is scheduled for May 4, 2016.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Phil Marshall (IN) moved to adjourn the meeting. Kimberly Thielen Cremers (MN) seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

### **2016 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 2016 is **888-844-9904 with access code 658 3639**.

January 6	Conference Call	Held
February 3	Conference Call	Cancelled
February 17	STS Annual MT	Held
March 2	Conference Call	Cancelled
April 6	Conference Call	Held
May 4	Conference Call	Pending
June 8	Conference Call	Pending
July 6	Conference Call	Pending
August 10	Conference Call	Pending
September 7	Conference Call	Pending
October 5	Conference Call	Pending
November 2	Conference Call	Pending
December 7	Conference Call	Pending

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

Donna Leonard for Melody Walker, Secretary