



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.**

June 1, 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	present
Scott Frank, Illinois	absent
Phil Marshall, Indiana	present
Tivon Feeley, Iowa	present
Carl Harper, Kentucky	present
Kimberly Thielen Cremers, Minnesota	absent
Eric Ewing, West Virginia	present

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

Dave Adkins, Ohio
Chris Elder, North Carolina
Tim Brown, West Virginia
Scott Schirmer, Illinois
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

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

Carl Harper (KY) made a motion to approve the annual meeting minutes of February 17, 2016. The motion was seconded by Phil Marshall (IN) and unanimously approved. The conference call minutes of April 6, 2016 were similarly reviewed and approved.

STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

2015 APHIS Regulatory Grant

The grant balance was \$18,386.27 as of May 31, 2016. All requests for funds should be sent to Ed as soon as possible. The Final Performance Report and the Financial Status Report should be submitted no later than July 15th. This grant ended on May 23rd.

2016 APHIS Regulatory Grant

Ed reported that the Foundation was in the in the process of getting the final award for the APHIS Regulatory Grant. Ed was also preparing pre-award letters. The grant amount is expected to be \$110,000 and the grant time period will be for one year (May 24, 2016 - May 23, 2017).

2015 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

The Final FSR and the 424 with final expenses or deobligated funds are due to Ed by July 15. At present, the states planning to de-obligate funds include Indiana, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. Each of these states will have amounts ranging from \$20,000 to \$25,000 to de-obligate.

➤ **Action:** 2015 State Trapping and Treatment Grant Reports Due on 7/15/16

Final FSR (1/1/15 – 6/1/16)	All States
424 Deobligation with Final FSR	Participating States
Final Performance Report (1/1/15 – 6/1/16)	All States

2016 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

This grant has a total of \$51, 797.00 that has not been obligated as of May 31, 2016. All reports are current.

2016 New Process with FS – Continuation vs New Grant Each Year

The Foundation is going to start a new grant process. Currently the practice is to have a new grant each year which lasts for two years, which gives us overlapping grants each year. The problem with this system is that it is difficult to utilize de-obligations that occur late or near the closing of a given grant.

Ed has submitted a revision to extend the grant normally ending in September 2016 to September 2017. Under this system, different years are in different sub accounts. When the initial grant is 4 years old, we will need to start a new grant to have some overlap. If we wait for the five years before starting a new grant, we will have a gap in funding. We will still draw the prior year funding down to zero. With the new system, we can still run the state sub-grants from January 1 to the following June if that is important to the states.

2016 Mating Disruption Application Contract

The MD application contract will begin next Tuesday (June 7, 2016) in Danville, VA with treatment starting on Wednesday. Exclusions are planned for organic farms and chemically sensitive people in OH. The Project should finish in northern WI in the third week of July. Donna will send the MD calendar out to the Board members.

Donna may need to request a small amount of money from the Foundation to correct a slight overage due to the cost of the Bioflakes. There was some confusion on cost as Bioflakes cost the same as pheromone flakes per kilogram, but they cost more per acre. This will be a charge to the 2015 grant.

MISCELLANEOUS

There was some discussion on the shortage of lures and traps for APHIS trapping. Arrangements were made for sharing lures and traps.

Paul Chaloux volunteered at the February meeting in Raleigh to prepare a summary report on how APHIS monitors the quality of the traps, the lure and the disparlure that is loaded into the lure. Donna will let Paul know that we are looking forward to this report

Future Meetings

The next conference call is scheduled for July 6, 2016.

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 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	Cancelled
June 1	Conference Call	Held
July 6	Conference Call	Pending
August 3	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 June 1, 2016, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Melody Walker, Secretary