



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.**

August 1, 2018
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 Schirmer, Illinois	present
Phil Marshall, Indiana	present
Tivon Feeley, Iowa	present
Carl Harper, Kentucky	present
Kimberly Thielen Cremers, Minnesota	present
Tim Brown, West Virginia	present

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

Dave Adkins, Ohio
Nancy Johnson, Illinois
Megan Abraham, Indiana
Chris Elder, North Carolina
Mannin Dodd, Virginia Tech
Andy Stotts, West Virginia
Heather Slayton, Nathan Hoover, Tennessee
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services
Paul Chaloux, Anthony Man Son Hing, USDA APHIS
Donna Leonard, Laurel Haavik, 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 Schirmer 815-787-5481	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 Tim Brown 304-558-2212

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Carl Harper (KY) moved to approve the minutes of the STS Board of Directors Conference call of May 2, 2018. Kimberly Thielen Cremers (MN) seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

2017 APHIS Regulatory Grant

Ed reported a balance of \$23,425.53 as of August 1, 2018. Illinois and Minnesota have pending disbursements totaling \$18,469.01. Balances remain for Virginia (\$14,921.00) and West Virginia (\$8,504.53), and both states will be checking to see if they expect to have drawdowns.

➤ Action: 2017 APHIS Regulatory Grant Reports		Due:	
Final FSR	(12/16/17 – 6/14/18)	9/14/2018	n
Final Accomplishment Report	(12/16/17 – 6/14/18)	9/14/2018	

2016 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant (Mod 1 grant)

Ed reported a balance of \$21,304.14 as of May 1, 2018. This amount will be used for the purchase of racemic disparlure, and then the grant will be down to a balance of zero dollars.

2017 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant (Mod 3 & 4)

Ed reported a balance of \$142,877.96 as of August 1, 2018. Final reports are overdue for some states and should be submitted as soon as possible. West Virginia plans to deobligate the sum of \$38,347.28.

➤ Action: 2017 FS Trapping and Treatment Grant Reports		Due:	
Final FSR	(1/1/17– 6/1/18)	7/15/2018	
Final Performance Report	(1/1/17– 6/1/18)	7/15/2018	

2018 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant (Mod 5)

The initial award of \$4,836,300 has been received. Revision 1 (mod 6) is shown on the spreadsheet with the anticipated additional \$200,000.

Status of 2018-2019 Regulatory Awards

Anthony provided an update on the Regulatory Awards. Basically, what occurred was that the House passed the necessary provisions allowing for the funds to be available, but the Senate did not concur with the House. The funds were expected to be available as of June 23, but then the OMB rescinded the approval and APHIS was told the funds were not available. The funds were then available as of July 9. Based on this date of fund availability, the grant period for the states will be July 9, 2018 – June 30, 2019. Just so everyone is aware, this will leave a three week gap between ending of the current grant and the beginning of the new grant.

2018 MD Project

Donna provided a summary of the project and requested additional expenditure approvals. The aircraft SPLAT spray equipment was calibrated and the project was completed on July 18 with 347,020 acres treated across seven states. Based on best estimates, the contract expense was over the expected expense by \$60,000. This can be accounted for by treating more acres that were planned for North Carolina and Illinois, and also additional expenses incurred by the fuel adjustment clause, and by the contract clause requiring the Foundation buy unused product from the applicator. The funds can be mod 6 revision to the contract which includes an additional \$200,000 to the budget. This will leave \$140,000 for purchasing racemic disparlure.

The motions was made, seconded and approved to have Al's Aerial Spraying, LLC, submit a request for an additional \$60,000 for the 2018 MD contracted treatment.

Donna highlighted the help for the MD project by Tim Brown who drove the trailer for the project.

Forest Service, STS Program Manager Position Status

Donna informed everyone that the Forest Service will be filling the vacancy that she will leave behind when she retires. She will stay until the new person is in place and she will likely may provide support after the hiring as needed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Operations Summer Meeting

Phil Marshall announced the Summer Operations Meeting will be held in Clifton Park form August 6 – August 8. He will send the details out to the Operations group.

Future Meetings

The next conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5, 2018.

Meeting Adjourned

Carl Harper (KY) moved to adjourn the meeting. Phil Marshall (IN) seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

2018 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 2018 is **888-844-9904 with access code 2586041.**

January 3	Conference Call	Cancelled
February 7	Conference Call	Held

February 22	STS Annual MT	Held
March 7	Conference Call	Cancelled
April 4	Conference Call	Cancelled
May 2	Conference Call	Held
June 6	Conference Call	Cancelled
July 11	Conference Call	Cancelled
August 1	Conference Call	Held
September 5	Conference Call	Pending
October 3	Conference Call	Pending
November 7	Conference Call	Pending
December 5	Conference Call	Pending

The foregoing motions and actions, by unanimous consent are to have full force and effect as of August 1, 2018, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Melody Walker, Secretary