



**Minutes of the Board of Directors of
The Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread Foundation, Inc.**

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

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.

Phil Wilson 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
Kimberly Thielen Cremers, Minnesota, Secretary	present
Chris Foelker, Wisconsin	present
Scott Schirmer, Illinois	present
Phil Marshall, Indiana	present
Tivon Feeley, Iowa	present
Carl Harper, Kentucky	present
Tim Brown, West Virginia	present

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

Andy Stotts, West Virginia
Nancy Johnson, Illinois
Allison Ballantyne, North Carolina
Nathan Hoover, Tennessee
Georgia Brock, GMSTS, Inc.
Tom Coleman, USDA Forest Service
Anthony Man-Son-Hing, USDA, APHIS

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

Carl Harper (KY) made a motion to approve the September 4, 2019 meeting minutes Phil Marshall (IN) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Virginia		North Carolina		Minnesota	
Larry Nichols - President		Phil Wilson – Vice President/Treasurer		Kimberly Thielen Cremers - Secretary	
804-786-3515		919-707-3753		651-201-6329	
Illinois	Indiana	Iowa	Kentucky	Wisconsin	West Virginia
Scott Schirmer	Phil Marshall	Tivon Feeley	Carl Harper	Chris Foelker	Tim Brown
815-787-5481	812-358-3621	515-725-8453	859-257-5838	608-422-1121	304-558-2212

STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

2018-19 APHIS Regulatory Grant

This award has been completely closed out.

2019-20 APHIS Regulatory Grant

The following states were awarded funds: IL (\$22,600), MN (\$40,000), VA (\$10,000), WV (\$17,000), and WI (\$20,400), for a total award of \$110,000. No requests for reimbursement have been requested at this time.

➤ Action: 2019-20 APHIS Regulatory Grant Reports		Due:
FSR	(7/1/19 – 12/31/19)	2/1/2020
Accomplishment Report	(7/1/19 – 12/31/19)	2/1/2020
Final FSR	(7/1/19 – 6/30/20)	8/15/2020
Final Accomplishment Report	(7/1/19 – 6/30/20)	8/15/2020

2018 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

No action needed. Total available \$149,660.17

➤ Action: 2018 STS Trapping and Treatment Grant Reports		Due:
Annual FSR	(1/1/18 – 12/31/18)	2/15/2019
Annual Performance Report	(1/1/18 – 12/31/18)	2/15/2019
Final FSR	(1/1/18 – 6/1/19)	7/15/2019
Final Performance Report	(1/1/18 – 6/1/19)	7/15/2019

2019 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Indiana \$11,910.12 and Kentucky \$1,433.77 pending were dispersed today. They'll see money tomorrow. Notes at bottom on expenditure for transparency. This report matches all the USFS withdrawals and quick books. Total funds in the grant is \$5,718,682.00. Total spent is \$2,832,501.70. Balance is \$2,886,180.30

No reports are due.

➤ Action: 2019 STS Trapping and Treatment Grant Reports		Due:
Annual FSR	(1/1/19 – 12/31/19)	2/15/2020
Annual Performance Report	(1/1/19 – 12/31/19)	2/15/2020
Final FSR	(1/1/19 – 6/1/20)	7/15/2020
Final Performance Report	(1/1/19 – 6/1/20)	7/15/2020

2019 STS Forest Service & State Funds Budget

This is USFS yearly planning budget with more itemized details related to state budgets. Does not include the fund drawdowns from the grants. This is used for planning purposes. Tom Coleman reported there were no significant changes to this spreadsheet from the September Board meeting other than clearly itemizing the salary for Georgia which was originally identified in the contingency funding.

Request for bid for racemic disparlure

Coleman sent out request for bid for the racemic delivery for \$800,000. Bids were received from two semi chemical companies: ISCA (current award) and CBC a company under Shin-Etsu (past award). ISCA bid was for 2,161 kg (\$370.20 per kg). ISCA secured bid in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018. CBC bid was for 1,900 kg. Last time the Foundation awarded to CBC was in 2014. Issues in the past were securing the product by the April deadline. Difference between the two bids equates to a difference of approx. 36,300 acres.

Foundation is under no obligations to purchase from both companies. However, concerns were raised to assure we are keeping competition in the market to keep our costs down. Limiting factor on the amount of racemic purchased is USDA, APHIS PPQ storage cooler compacity. Current capacity is approx. 12 drums.

Tim Brown (WV) made a motion to purchase the entire \$800,000 bid from ISCA for a total of 2,161 kg. Scott Schirmer (IL) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Planning “Road Shows”

Board members are welcome to attend their respective states “road show” meetings. Each individual state meeting has been scheduled, beginning in October and concluding in early December.

Action Item: State program managers are to send Coleman an email once 2020 project proposals are completed and ready for review by the STS Program Manager.

MISCELLANEOUS

USFS Personal Changes

St. Paul Field Office-Laura Haavik has secured another position within Forest Health Protection, so her current position is vacant. USFS will be posting the position soon with the hope to backfill the position as soon as possible. The goal is for this position to have an active role in the STS Program.

Ashville Field Office- Derrick Long, USFS employee has taken on additional duties. Long will be taking on more STS activities.

SPLAT tests

SPLAT droplet and swath tests are planned for early March at Al’s Aerial Spraying in Ovid, MI due to concerns about the product not lasting the 8-10 week efficacy requirements. These tests were originally planned for this fall of 2019 but due to lack of product availability from chemical company these need to be postponed until the spring. Concerns were raised about cool temperatures and the viscosity of the SPLAT product in early March for SPLAT testing. SPLAT’s label requires 50 degree Celsius for application but Coleman will be targeting a warmer day.

USFS new fiscal year

Currently acting under a continuing resolution. At this time, Coleman is optimistic on the USFS budget for FY20 and is currently planning for a flat budget as compared to the FY19 budget. Currently USFS has a new Director, Susan Ellsworth.

AGMR Annual Review/STS Winter Operations Meeting

Annual Gypsy Moth Review is in Seattle, WA November 5-7, 2019

STS Winter Operation Meeting is scheduled for January 28-29, 2020, in Nashville, TN

PPQ Update

Anthony Man-Song-Hing, PPQ reported lots of lessons learned with the administration of USDA EzFed Grants module during the first year of implementation. Man-Song-Hing, noted that when EzFed Grants required reports are due it is critical to get them submitted, or EzFed will hold up financial reimbursements until reports are submitted. The USDA conducted an Audit of the STS Board 2017 grant and since the Board has not met to review the USDA APHIS audit findings, this was not discussed during this meeting.

Funding- September 27, 2019 a federal continuing resolution was signed which goes through November 21, 2019. PPQ leadership is anticipating similar or flat budgets moving forward.

Moving conveyance update- Egg masses continue to be found on moving conveyances, aka PODS. Frequency has decreased but improvement is still needed. When egg masses are found the POD is returned to the quarantine area.

As of Oct 1, 2019, there were 1737 gypsy moth specimens submitted to the OTIS lab for DNA analysis. Of those submitted 1,163 were of European decent. One positive for Asian Gypsy moth, *Lymantria ambrosia* in Washington. This was the first detection of this species in the U.S. This year there has been significant pressure across the nation for AGM introductions at ports. Man-Song-Hing is working with PPQ leadership on AGM port interception information availability to states to prepare for future survey's related to port interception information.

Future Meetings

The next conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2019.

Meeting Adjourned

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

2019 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 for 2019 is **888-844-9904 with access code 2586041#**.

January 9	Conference Call	Held
February 6	Conference Call	
February 20	STS Annual MT	Held
March 6	Conference Call	Cancelled
April 3-postponed to April 9	Conference Call	Held
May 1	Conference Call	Held-No Quorum
June 5	Conference Call	Cancelled
July 3	Conference Call	Cancelled
August 7	Conference Call	Cancelled

September 4	Conference Call	Held
October 2	Conference Call	Held
November 6	Conference Call	Cancelled
December 4- postponed to Dec. 11	Conference Call	

The foregoing motions and actions, by unanimous consent are to have full force and effect as of October 2, 2019 unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Kimberly Thielen Cremers, Secretary