



Slow the Spread
of the Gypsy Moth

Slow the Spread Foundation, Inc.

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

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

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
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

Dave Adkins, Ohio
Michael Falk, Wisconsin
Andy Stotts, West Virginia
Nancy Johnson, Illinois
Nathan Hoover, Tennessee
Allison Ballantyne, North Carolina
JD Laon, Kentucky
Mannin Dodd, Virginia Tech
Georgia Brock, GMSTS, Inc.
Tom Coleman, John Kyhl, Chris Hayes, Derreck Puckett 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

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

Carl Harper (KY) made a motion to approve the December 11, 2019 meeting minutes Phil Marshall (IN) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

2019-20 APHIS Regulatory Grant

No changes have occurred since January 8, 2020 Board Meeting.

No reports are due at this time.

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

2019 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Currently there are federal delays in reimbursements requests to the Foundation. States are encouraged to submit their reimbursement requests as soon as they are able. Total funds in the grant is \$5,718,682.00, Two pending subgrant payments for VA (\$51,784.02) and KY (\$2,936.78). Balance in subgrants is \$1,080,489.64. Total spent on the full award is \$4,115,854.40 Balance is \$1,602,827.60

No reports are due until July 15, 2020.

➤ 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

2020 STS Forest Service & State Funds Budget

This budget is similar to what was presented to the Board during our February Annual Meeting. Some items that have been or may change include: TN is going to decrease their request to STS Foundation by \$50,000 with no match at this time, VA should have some decreases due to decrease in aerial contract and trapping, WI needs to increase their request by approximately \$28,000 due to higher than expected Btk contract bid price, and a new research request of \$10,000 was requested to the Board. Other than those modification, there is no additional changes from the February Board meeting. Still waiting on MN and VA Btk contracts to be secured, so may have some adjustments to their line items requests.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

COVID-19 Status Update:

Prior to Covid-19, many of the awards and contracts were finalized, so there are no expected delays moving forward with the funding for the STS Foundation. Tom reported that the main grant from the USFS to the STS Foundation was awarded in late March, as was the grant to Virginia Tech for the database and research work. The mating disruption aerial aviation contract requisition was secured, Lastly the USDA, APHIS interagency agreement that pays for all our traps were awarded.

Some of the changes and adjustments post-Covid 19 pandemic include: working with states to move the trapper training virtual, the MI calibration field work was significantly reduced with only booms being calibrated on a couple of aircraft. Tom is anticipating a reduced cost and request to the Foundation.

Currently, Tom is gearing up for mating disruption treatments. The final hurdles Tom will be addressing are some travel restrictions for USFS pilot to conduct aircraft carding with AI's Aerial Spraying and Tom's travel during Mating Disruption Treatments due to Covid 19 and federal staff's requirement to telework. Tom has submitted a special request to allow travel and suspects it to be approved due to limited staff at the airport and their ability to maintain social distancing during operations. There is a small delay in AI's Aerial Spraying securing a pesticide applicator license in the state of Tennessee, but nothing that should delay applications overall.

No states are anticipating travel restrictions to participate in mating disruption treatments.

- Action Item: Tom to begin an email chain for state program coordinators to offer local phenology and gypsy moth emergence.

MISCELLANEOUS

2020-21 APHIS Regulatory Grant Status

Paul Chaloux announced that there is potentially another \$90,000 available to the STS Foundation to conduct STS Regulatory work, making the total funds available \$200,000. Currently there are five states receiving STS Regulatory funding (IL, MN, VA, WV, WI). For the 2020-21 grant cycle VA will not be seeking funds. This will make available an additional \$10,000 to any other state that may be interested. There was no interest made by other states.

- Action Item: Board to host STS Regulatory Conference call to discuss STS Regulatory work and funding needs for 2020-21. Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 1PM CDT, 2PM EDT.

STS Gavel-STS gavel has been officially repaired by Paul Chaloux.

Btk Aerial Applications Planning in light of Covid-19- All states are moving forward with Btk aerial applications.

Survey changes in light of Covid-19-Many states are modifying their survey standard operating procedures to maintain social distancing and minimize human contact.

- Action Item: Tom to send out email to schedule a conference call with state program survey coordinators to discuss changes in standard operating procedures in light of Covid-19.

Future Meetings

The next conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

Meeting Adjourned

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

2020 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 2020 is **888-844-9904 with access code 2586041#**.

January 8	Conference Call	Held
February 5	Conference Call	Cancelled
February 19	STS Annual MT	Held
March 4	Conference Call	Cancelled
April 1	Conference Call	Held
May 6	Conference Call	Pending
June 3	Conference Call	Pending
July 1	Conference Call	Pending
August 5	Conference Call	Pending
September 2	Conference Call	Pending
October 7	Conference Call	Pending
November 4	Conference Call	Pending
December 2	Conference Call	Pending

The foregoing motions and actions, by unanimous consent are to have full force and effect as of April 1, 2020 unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Kimberly Thielen Cremers, Secretary