



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

Wednesday, May 6, 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
 Andy Stotts, West Virginia
 Nancy Johnson, Illinois
 Megan Abraham, Indiana
 Allison Ballantyne, Joy Goforth North Carolina
 Georgia Brock, GMSTS, Inc.
 Tom Coleman, John Kyhl, Chris Hayes, Derreck Puckett, Dave Mausel USDA Forest Service
 Anthony Man-Son-Hing, Paul Chaloux 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 April 1, 2020 meeting minutes Phil Marshall (IN) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

2019-20 APHIS Regulatory Grant

Total funds in this award was \$110,000. There has been a total of \$57,200.18 in disbursements to five states (IL, MN, VA, WV, WI). There is one pending disbursement of \$15,747.25 for MN, however that has been disbursed as of this morning. Balance is at \$37,052.57

No reports are due.

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

Total funds in the grant is \$5,718,682.00, Two pending subgrant payments, KY \$617.21 and MN \$29,184.92 for a total of \$29,802.13. Balance in subgrants is \$724,795.36. Total spent on the full award is \$4,167,133.94. Balance is \$1,551,548.06

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

2020 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Total funds in the grant is \$5,253,602.00. Foundation expenses were \$19,028.69 for trapping in NC (\$15,125.40), trapping supplies in IL (\$569.96), and Admin Assistance (\$3,333.33) payment. Balance in subgrants is \$3,536,771.00. Total spent on the full award is \$19,028.69. Balance is \$5,234,573.31 The subaward request for VA will be decreased due to adjustments in their aerial Btk & trapping contracts. Reimbursements from USFS to states have occurred on a more expedited timeline (~4 days) than compared to the past months (~4-6 weeks) due to Tom's work and coordination.

Foundation is waiting for signed Notice of Award (NOA) letters back from KY, WV, TN and SUNY.

2020 Program Work/Budget Plans

State Budget changes from past months have occurred in IA, IL, KY, and WI. Most budgets have gone done except for WI due to increase in Btk aerial contract costs. However, overall the budget requests have been decreased by a sum of about \$80,000. These excess funds were moved into contingency funds to increase this to \$201,148. Tom is expecting over \$100K to go into the Foundations racemic purchase later this summer. No other significant changes have occurred.

Treatment Overview

Mating Disruption-

- Mission Aviation Safety plan has been signed and sent out to states and dispatch folks.

- Due to Covid-19, all day and overnight trips for USFS staff are not recommended and if necessary, need to get prior approval from the USFS Regional Office. Two weeks ago, Tom submitted a request to Southern Regional Office to allow for the necessary overnight travel to conduct the mating disruption treatments. Tom expects to have a response and approval late this week/early next week.
- Environmental Assessment (EA) process for IL, WI and MN has been delayed in the St. Paul Field Office, due to Covid 19 and the potential irritation of Btk applications with respiratory. Similar respiratory concerns were raised in 2009 during the H1N1 outbreak, this concern was reevaluated in the Updated 2012 SEIS, Volume II, Chapter 4 (pg. 10-12). The St. Paul Field Office wanted to assure State public scoping efforts had addressed the current situation and potential public concerns related to the Covid-19 pandemic, which states confirmed. The IL EA was approved yesterday, and MN and WI EA expected to be signed soon.
- Dave Mausel was recently hired on as Regional 9 Entomologist; however, John Kyhl has been assigned the STS duties that Noel Schneeberger had conducted for the program.

MISCELLANEOUS

2020 Gypsy Moth Program Managers Meeting/Summer STS Op's Meeting Currently the Gypsy Moth Programs Managers meeting and STS Operations Meeting has been postponed until 2021 for an in-person meeting in Illinois. USFS staff have had initial discussion about hosting a virtual meeting for 2020. More information will be forthcoming. At this time nothing has been solidified.

Federal budget status due to Covid-19-no information currently available on future federal budgets, but many states have received indication to expect budget decreases in their respective state budgets for the next fiscal year.

2020 USDA-APHIS regulatory funding request status-STS Foundation should put a request for both the \$152,000, a \$42,000 increase from 2019, and the \$110,000 to be prepared if the increase in funding does not come to fruition from USDA-APHIS. States to submit work and budget request to Georgia by May 20, 2020. Larry will email Board members the budget break down's per state for the amounts noted above so they may prepare their budget and work plans.

Future Meetings

The next conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 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	Held
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 May 6, 2020 unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Kimberly Thielen Cremers, Secretary