



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, August 5, 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	absent
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
Nancy Johnson, Illinois
Allison Ballantyne, North Carolina
Tom Coleman, John Kyhl, Chris Hayes, Derreck Puckett, Dave Mausel 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 May 6, 2020 meeting minutes Phil Marshall (IN) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

2018 FS

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	Iowa Tivon Feeley 515-725-8453	West Virginia Tim Brown 304-558-2212
Indiana Phil Marshall 812-358-3621	Kentucky Carl Harper 859-257-5838	Wisconsin Chris Foelker 608-422-1121

This grant was closed out in June.

2019-20 APHIS Regulatory Grant

Total funds in this award was \$110,000. There has been a total of \$73,645.25 in disbursements to five states (IL, MN, VA, WV, WI). There is one pending disbursement of \$4,401.02 for IL and \$4,597.90 for VA. IL has deobligated \$5,435.49 and due to award deadlines, these funds were unable to be utilized by the other partnering STS states, so this will be deobligated on the STS award to USDA-APHIS. With this deobligation the balance is at \$20,820.34, however MN will be submitting their final request soon in the amount of \$20,820.34 bringing this balance to zero. States are encouraged to communicate any challenges in spending their funds as early as possible to move funds to other states within STS.

Reports are due for Final FSR and Final Accomplishment Report by August 15, 2020.

➤ 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

2020-21 APHIS Regulatory Grant

Total funds in the grant is \$143,000. There has been no activity on this award.

No reports are due.

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FSR	(7/1/20 – 12/31/20)	1/15/2021
Accomplishment Report	(7/1/20 – 12/31/20)	1/15/2021
Final FSR	(7/1/20 – 6/30/21)	8/15/2021
Final Accomplishment Report	(7/1/20 – 6/30/21)	8/15/2021

2019 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Total funds in the grant is \$5,718,682.00. There are two pending subgrant payments, WV \$107,726.01 and University of VA \$9,022.82 for a total of \$116,748.83. There are two deobligation of funds submitted, NC \$11,782.67 and VA \$11,710.31 for a total of \$23,492.98. Balance in subgrants is \$61,276.49. Total spent on the full award is \$5,560,340.35. Balance is \$158,341.65. Waiting for deobligations from KY (\$30.11), WV (\$2,789.97) and SUNY (\$20.68). John Walter, University of VA is asking for an extension to complete their work. States are encouraged to close out their subgrants as soon as possible, particularly due to the delays related to Covid-19.

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. Balance in subgrants is \$2,648,242.81. There are no pending requests from states. Total spent on the full award is \$1,271,076.34. Balance is \$3,982,525.66.

Foundation Expenses related to invoices for trappers are experiencing some slight delays, but overall, these are being paid out rather quickly. Mating disruption contract stayed on budget this year we were within 1% of the actual treatment acres estimated. Historically contingency funds are used for any overages in the mating disruption contract. This year that overage was only \$2,080. Final invoice has been received and processed to AI's Aerial Spraying.

No reports are due

PROGRAM UPDATES

2020 STS Program Work/Budget Plans

The budget summary was updated to add the extra acres for the mating disruption acres to AI's Aerial Spraying of \$2,080 and decrease in some of the expenses for Btk work that did not come to fruition in NC and VA. This allowed for an increase in the budget line item for the 2020 Racemic purchase increasing it to \$917,230. In addition, historically contingency funds are added to this racemic purchase. The current contingency funds are at \$199,202. The budget is in a good place, but Tom Coleman does not feel the Board will need all these funds in this line item, due to racemic storage limitation and historical use of racemic on our annual mating disruption projects.

Coleman feels that \$850,000 would be adequate for the 2020 racemic purchase, which results in about 2,325 kg. This year we utilized just around 2,000 kg. The increased purchase will allow for some racemic carry over and allow a cushion if there is a need to reduce racemic purchase in 2021. Coleman is targeting a 14-drum purchase for fall of 2020. APHIS can store 17 drums, and typically each year the programs utilizes 12 drums, so this will give the program 2 extra drums as compared to 2019 use. The Foundation is in a better position than in the past to be able to fill storage without using it all in the same year. The racemic request is targeted to go out in September.

The Board supported Coleman's budget proposal for the 2020 racemic purchase and contingency fund carry over.

STS Activities from June-July

2020 Treatment Update:

- Completed mating disruption treatments on time despite some delays early in the season.
- No incidents or accidents on the project were reported.
- Two Foundation funded Btk blocks were cut due to delays related to contracting and delays related to Covid-19. One Btk block within the STS action area in VA and one Btk eradication block in NC.
- Covid-19 also caused some delays in moth rearing at OTIS laboratories that are utilized on the STS research project. Despite delays the project was able to move forward.
- Racemic purchase as delayed by two months, arriving in early June, however, did not cause impacts to the 2020 mating disruption season.

MISCELLANEOUS

2020 Gypsy Moth Program Managers Meeting/Summer STS Op's Meeting- Scheduled for next week, August 11 and August 12, 2020. Both meeting will be held virtually.

2020 Annual Meeting Minutes- Kimberly to finalize and distribute

Future Meetings

The next conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 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	Cancelled
July 1	Conference Call	Cancelled
August 5	Conference Call	Held
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 August 5, 2020 unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Kimberly Thielen Cremers, Secretary