

Missouri State Envirothon Meeting
Wednesday, October 10, 2012
USDA Service Center
Jefferson City, Mo.

Attendance: Theresa Dunlap, St. Louis Region; Paula Champion, SW Region; Peggy Lemons, MASWCD; Judy Stinson, DNR; Dave Fry, KC Region; Bruce Longan, Central Region; Heather Keith, NW Region; Denise Aufdenberg and Paula Meier, SE Region

Peggy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., in the conference room of the USDA Service Center in Jefferson City.

1. **Minutes** from the May 2, 2011, meeting were reviewed and presented for approval. Judy made a motion to approve the minutes. Paula second. Motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – No report
3. **Scholarship** – Theresa reminded members that scholarship applications are due by March 30. All the information is on the website. Theresa will look into buying a shotgun to use as a fundraising item. Judy said that we would try to get Mary's sister, Becky, to attend the State Envirothon and award the scholarship....especially if the winner will be present
4. **Regional Concerns** – Heather announced that she has contacted new schools. None of the regions reported any problems at this time. Peggy announced that the State Envirothon will now have its own website, separate from MASWCD. All regions are encouraged to use their county SWCD websites to post info on Regional competitions and then link back to the State Envirothon website. Regions can post that info on the "Local Projects" pages. Peggy will maintain the state website. Regions need to decide who will maintain in their offices.
5. **Bylaw Change** – Discussion was held on the wording of the bylaw change establishing Associate Membership. All donors can be non-voting associate members. Wording will be "Any interested individual, business or organization who has paid the annual fee set by the State Envirothon Committee shall be eligible to be an Associate Member. Associate Members shall be non-voting members." Denise voted to approve this bylaw change, Paula second and motion carried.
6. **2012 Canon Envirothon Report** – Missouri won!!! The oral presentation is on the North American Envirothon website. There is also a news segment on the KC newscast website. Two municipalities in Penn. have decided to incorporate the team's plans into their future development. The KC coach, Sue Ann, has been

selected as the Educator of the Year, and will receive her award at the conference at TanTarA at the end of November.

The national competition level will no longer be called Canon Envirothon. All literature, signs, etc., need to be changed to the North American Envirothon. Canon will stay involved, but starting next year they will fund only the scholarships and prizes. The N.A. Envirothon committee is holding fundraising meetings to see if they can continue the program without Canon's support. The 2013 (Montana) and 2014 (Georgia) competitions will be funded, but it is uncertain about 2015. No state has put a bid on 2015. Committee discussed the possibilities of Missouri hosting a 2015 competition. Judy made a motion to investigate the possibilities of hosting, Paula M. second and the motion carried. Judy will check on campus availability and partner interest.

- 7. Co-Chair for Test Writing Coordinator** – Peggy announced that DeDe would like to have a co-chair for test writing. If anyone had any suggestions, they are to bring them to the next meeting.
- 8. Test Writing Workshop** – Two regions attended the workshop: SW and St. Louis. Both regions reported that their writers found the workshop worthwhile, and felt that DeDe did a great job presenting methods for writing...as well as explaining the process at national and state levels.
- 9. Fundraising** – The Fundraising Committee requested the State committee's approval to purchase supplies for mailing. Denise made a motion to approve up to \$1,500 for fundraising materials. Dave second and motion carried.
- 10. 2013 State Competition** – May 2 at Prairie Fork CA in Williamsburg, Mo. Regions can tell teams that it will be *May 2 in the Columbia Area*. Lunch at the competition will be paid for by MDC. Regions who have teams with special diet needs should let the state committee know as soon as they complete their regional competitions.
Teacher Activity – A mandatory trip to Herman for a town tour. Tour of German Museum and lunch at Worsthaus, or a place nearby. Bus will depart competition site at 9 am and return to Prairie Fork by 2 pm
Committee approved paying the dues to the North American Envirothon in the amount of \$300. Paula M. made the motion, Paula C. second and motion carried.
Judy reminded regions to make sure they have photo and consent forms for every student. This will be checked at registration.
- 11. Next Meeting** – undecided.

Dave made a motion to adjourn, Paula M second and meeting adjourned