

Missouri State Envirothon Meeting  
Tuesday, February 5, 2013  
USDA Service Center  
Jefferson City, Mo.

**Attendance:** Heather Keith, NW Region; Dave Fry, KC Region; Andrea McKeown and Lena Sharp, NE Region; Peggy Lemons, MASWCD; Judy Stinson, DNR; Paula Champion, SW Region; DeDe Vest, NRCS; Bruce Longan, Central Region; Theresa Dunlap, St. Louis Region and Kevin Lohraff,

Peggy called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., in the conference room of the USDA Service Center in Jefferson City.

1. **Minutes** from the October 10, 2012, meeting were reviewed and presented for approval. Lena made a motion to approve the minutes. Judy second. Motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – Peggy gave the treasurer's report in Deneen's absence. Paula made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented; Heather second and motion was approved.
3. **Scholarship Fundraiser** – Theresa reported that the gun raffle has brought in over \$750 so far. Drawing will be at the end of March.
4. **Web Page** – Peggy reported there have been a few minor issues setting up the web page. All regions are asked to develop a Regional Envirothon page on their local websites which will be linked to the State website.
5. **Fundraising Efforts** – Judy reported that the fundraising committee completed the brochures and the initial mailings. Donations have come in from SWCDs, ranging from \$50 to \$250. A follow-up letter will be sent in May to remind districts that they can donate any remaining info/ed funds should their board decide they wish to do so. Judy asked that State Committee members provide the names of people, corporations or organizations that they think might want to give. The fundraising committee ordered 2,500 brochures, so there are plenty to send out.
6. **Co-Chair for Test Writing Coordinator** – Committee members are asked to bring to the April meeting the names of people who may want to be the co-chair for the test writing coordinator.
7. **Regional Competitions/Concerns** – Heather reported that Northwest may not have 3 teams to send to state. Southwest held their competition and will be sending 3 teams. Committee discussed the cost of dated plaques and the fact that they cannot be reused in a situation where a region is unable to send three teams.

Discussion held on giving regions money to buy their own plaques. Paula made a motion for the State Committee to reimburse the Regional Committees up to \$60 for the purchase of regional plaques; Judy second; motion carried.

NW Region – Adam and TJ will no longer head the regional committee. Heather will take the lead and will receive input and assistance from Adam and TJ.

NE Region – Audrey has resigned as co-chair but will stay involved. The committee welcomed Lena's new co-chair, Andrea McKeown.

KC Region will no longer have a chair, but will have an active committee with a contact person (Susie or Joyce)

Committee has requested good quality photos from all the regions for use in the Magazine/Newsletter. This publication is to be designed right after State Competition, with a story on each region event. Photos of regional winners are needed.

Kevin Lohraff, MDC, spoke about a directive from administration to coordinate MDC statewide involvement in Envirothon. To improve the ways that MDC assists, Kevin noted that each of the eight MDC regions has an outreach coordinator. New requests to MDC for Envirothon assistance should go through the regional coordinator so that knowledge and resources can be sent where needed. MDC personnel who already have experience with competitions, test writing, etc., will be better accessed through this process

- 8. 2013 State Competition** – Event will be May 2 at Prairie Fork in Williamsburg, Mo. This location remains a “secret”, but regions can let teams know that it will be in the Kingdom City area. Hotel information can be found on the state website. Set-up will be at 1 pm on May 1.  
T-shirts: Ordering for all students, plus some extras for donors. Committee discussed polo shirts for donors, which will be ordered as donations are received so that the proper size is attained.
- 9. North American Envirothon** – Peggy reported on the winter meeting. Canon significantly reduced financial involvement, and the committee was reminded to remove “Canon” from materials, logos, etc. Canon will contribute to cover scholarships, prizes and the host grant. There are no funds for administration, some jobs were eliminated. One person remains as exec. Director. Discussion at the NA Envirothon meeting was about strengthening the program and finding ways to move forward. Fundraising has begun. Peggy asked the committee to consider two requests: First – each state is asked to produce a quilt block with their logo to be sent to the Delaware Committee who are taking the lead on a quilt raffle. Second – States and Provinces who have hosted in the last 10 years are asked to donate back to the national committee \$1,000 of the funds brought in during their hosted events. Paula made a motion to approve the \$1,000 donation back to national, Theresa second and the motion carried.

Georgia will host in 2014, with an agreement with National to share in the fundraising and the costs. Georgia will then split any profit with national.

It was proposed that future hosts consider splitting future profits with national. No decision was made at that time, but national likely will make that request.

Committee discussed hosting in 2015. There was much discussion over location, logistics, fundraising, etc. Committee decided to have Judy check with all the various partners (DNR, MDC, etc) before making a decision.

**10. Next Meeting** – April 3, 10 a.m., at Prairie Forks. Bring a lunch or get a sandwich at Crane's. The fundraising committee will meet after the state committee.