

Missouri State Envirothon Meeting  
Wednesday March 7 2012  
Bradford Research Center  
Columbia, Mo.

**Attendance:** Theresa Dunlap, St. Louis Region; Kevin Lohraff, MDC; Paula Champion, SW Region; Peggy Lemons, MASWCD; Judy Stinson, DNR; DeDe Vest, NRCS; Bruce Longan, Central Region; Heather Keith, NW Region; Denise Aufdenberg, SE Region and Paula Meier, SE Region.

Peggy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., in a meeting room at the Bradford Research Center near Columbia, Mo.

**1. Minutes** from the October 25, 2011, meeting were reviewed and presented for approval. Judy made a motion to approve the minutes. Paula second. Motion was unanimous.

**2. Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer's Report was presented by Peggy in Deneen's absence. Judy made a motion to approve the report. Paula second and motion was unanimous.

**3. Mary Burt Scholarship** – Theresa reported that she sent out reminders and is now awaiting applications. Deadline is March 31, and the plan is to announce the recipient at the State Envirothon April 18.

**4. Regional Competition Concerns** – The Committee will release the oral presentation question on April 4, the same day the location is released (2 weeks ahead instead of 1 week).

Theresa asked if regions could allow 10 minutes for the oral presentations at the regional level. (She later checked the rules, which state the regional presentation time for orals is 7 minutes)

Registration and Photo Release forms **MUST** be turned in before a team can participate. These can be scanned and emailed. Use The New Forms.

**5. FFA Concerns** –The committee discussed the agreement with FFA. This year it was particularly difficult to set the date for the State Envirothon, considering the constraints put on that selection by cooperating with FFA. Conflict of competition dates, other spring activities in the schools, spring break, and the requirement that the Envirothon be held prior to the FFA Convention...limits available dates for Envirothon.

The committee discussed the benefits and drawbacks of working with FFA. Benefit – 2 or 3 of their Envirothon teams went on to the National FFA; the Central Region has 8 FFA teams. The main drawback has been date restrictions and regions having to move their competition dates earlier in the year.

**The committee decided to:**

- Set next year's date for the State Envirothon NOW, and get it out on appropriate calendars: Wednesday April 10, 2013.
- Set dates for following two years (using first Thursday in May) May 1, 2014 and May 7, 2015.
- Call FFA for a discussion with committee members.
- Consider new idea: Regions could hold their competitions before the FFA Convention, and FFA could use regional wildlife scores as their qualifiers. More teams would be able to qualify – considering that only Regional Envirothon winners who were coming to State Envirothon could qualify before.

#### **6. 2012 State Competition – April 18 at the Bradford Research Center**

- Judy said there was a good response from volunteers
- Station monitors need more orientation (5 min., 3 min, “pencils down”)
- Monitors will need to keep the time so that rotations go smoothly.
- Team chaperones will be asked not to socialize with the monitors.
- Horns can be used to call time for rotation.
- Monitors could have stop watches
  
- DeDe will do orientation for Station Test Proctors
- Deneen will do orientation for Oral Presentation Videographers/Monitors inside and outside doors.
- Peggy and Theresa will do orientation for Team Chaperones.
- Peggy and Judy will do orientation for Judges
- DeDe, Peggy and Judy will orient the Scorers.

#### **7. Materials List**

Station tubs – Judy  
 Agendas – Judy  
 Banners – Judy  
 Calculators – Judy  
 Coffee/Hot Choco/Cups – Judy  
 Computers, Printer, Paper – Paula and Judy  
 Coolers –  
 Doughnuts – Judy and Peggy  
 Easels – Judy  
 Evaluation forms – Judy  
 Judging sheet/Oral question/Score sheet – Judy  
 Lunch/Bottled Water – Kevin (21 teams, 200-250 people)  
 Maps to sites – DeDe  
 Plaques – Judy  
 Chevron stars – Peggy  
 Name tag sleeves – Theresa  
 Name tags – Theresa

National Packet – Peggy  
Pencils – Judy  
Registration labels for teams – Theresa  
Resource Awards – Kevin

**8. Advisor Activity:**

Advisors will be on their own. There is a conference room where they can sit, or they are free to leave.

**9. Activity before presentation of awards** – Chevron stars and scholarship presentation.

**10. Set-up Day** – April 17 at the Bradford Research Center at 1 p.m. (meet for lunch at 11:30 in Columbia, optional)

**11. 2012 Canon Envirothon Winter Meeting Report** – Peggy reported a very negative atmosphere at the meeting. Budget issues causing stress/strain. Canon USA reduced funding to Canon Envirothon (less and less each year) All Canon Envirothon employees took some kind of wage or hour cuts. Mini grants to states have been eliminated. No contract between Canon USA and Canon Envirothon has been signed this year yet. With limited funds, Missouri State Envirothon has decided to use last year's shirts, which cut down on the number that needs to be ordered this year. Some discussion was held on whether or not to use the Canon logo – considering the absence of the mini-grant, but committee agreed to use the existing shirts which have the logo. Paula made a motion to use last year's shirts with the same logo. Theresa second and motion was unanimous.

**12. Financial Award** – The flight to Pennsylvania is \$350 per person (\$2,450 for the team). Theresa made a motion to approve a financial award of \$2,500. Judy second and motion was unanimous.

**13. Next meeting** – Wednesday May 2, 10 a.m., Cole County office.

Denise made a motion to adjourn. Paula second and meeting adjourned