

Missouri State Envirothon Meeting  
March 7, 2018  
Alan T. Busby Farm, Cole County

**Attendance:** Peggy Lemons, MASWCD; Tina Dulaban, Central Region; Heather Keith, NW Region; Judy Stinson, DNR; Dave Fry, KC Region; Andrea McKeown, NE Region; Lena Sharp, NE Region; Audrey Rayl, Treasurer; Theresa Strunk, St. Louis Region; Amy Carter, SW Region, Stephanie Auffert, SW Region

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., at the Alan T. Busby Farm near Jefferson City, Mo.

**Minutes:** Committee reviewed the minutes of the October 3, 2017 meeting. Tina made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Judy; motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report and a 2017 year-end report were presented by Audrey, and reviewed by the committee. Audrey reported that 4 regions received the \$250 grant for the 2017/2018 competition year. Three regions, so far, were reimbursed for regional plaques. The committee was reminded that there will be no grants for the 2018/2019 competition year; and that team registration will be \$50.

Stephanie made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Heather second; motion carried.

**Checking Account Debit Card:** The committee discussed the need to provide committee members with a debit card associated with the checking account so that purchases for competition can be made. The committee decided to provide Andrea, Audrey and Judy with debit cards. Theresa made a motion to approve acquiring the 3 debit cards; Heather second; motion carried.

**Final Reports:** Regionals that received a grant need to get their reports in to Audrey as soon as possible.

**NCF Update:** Peggy and Andrea provided an update on activities at the national level. Details of the Idaho competition, transportation, dorm rooms, etc., were discussed. Andrea and possibly Judy will attend. Team registration is \$1,800. (The committee will discuss Missouri team stipend after the state competition.)

Idaho is seeking volunteers. 54-55 teams will compete. Few guests will be able to be housed on campus.

Peggy discussed changes taking place in the foundation and operating committee. Some members want to add more layers to the competition. Others want to make the current competition stronger and have a solid program before expanding.

Debbie Waycott is retiring in December. How her duties will be delegated is unknown at this point.

**Fundraising Efforts:** Andrea presented an idea in which the Missouri Envirothon would form an Associate Committee and ask districts to become members. Associate members would pay an

annual membership fee and would be invited to attend meetings and provide input, but would not have a vote on the state committee. The committee decided to have Andrea work on a letter of membership intent, with 3 levels of membership; and present the letter to the program office to inform them that the Missouri Envirothon has formed an Associate Committee and will be inviting districts to be members.

Andrea made a motion to develop Associate Memberships; Judy second; motion carried.

**Other Fundraising Options:** Judy spoke about contacting Envirothon Alum, or staying in touch with them after graduation; providing donation sheets at Envirothon events; and having informational booths at competitions and events – as a way to reach our own population of competitors, graduates, and their families who may want to support the program. Judy will work on a donation sheet. Peggy will put it on the website. Tina made a motion to develop a donation sheet targeted to Envirothon Alum; Stephanie second; motion carried.

**Scholarship:** Theresa reported that none have been received so far, but usually they arrive just before deadline with is March 31<sup>st</sup> this year. Committee members were reminded to reach out to their senior competitors and team coaches to remind the kids to apply. Peggy said she would send an email out to all districts to get the word out.

**CAFNR Sponsorship:** Tina was contacted by Jenna Fusinato, an academic advisor in the school of Natural Resources at Mizzou. Jenna was looking for outreach and sponsorship opportunities. Tina explained the needs both regionally and at the state level. This year they will provide \$300 in sponsorship of the Central Region event; and will provide (5) \$500 Mizzou CAFNR scholarships to the 5 members of the top central team, and to the top team at state as well.

The committee discussed CAFNR sponsorship. Theresa made a motion to accept the CAFNR scholarships at the state level; to allow CAFNR to have a table of information about their school; and to give a brief presentation. Audrey second; and motion carried.

**Regional Competitions/Concerns/Updates:** Regions are asked to send real-time photos of their competitions to Van for social media posting. A photo of the winning teams is desired.

Registration forms for state should be sent to Judy as soon as possible.

Registration fees should be sent to Audrey.

**Smithfield Volunteers:** Smithfield continues to be supportive of the program and is sending volunteers to some of the regional events. In addition, a regional Smithfield business (Kansas City Sausage Company) has asked to donate \$500 to the Kansas City Regional program; and to send two volunteers.

**Rule Change:** the committee reviewed the wording for the rules concerning students' use of poster boards due to a concern presented by one of the regions. After checking the rules it was discovered that the current rules which were revised in May 2017 do reflect the proper wording and that the information on the web page that was being referenced with the concern was from the posting of the 2017 state oral presentation problem. The 2018 oral presentation information

will be posted on the web page I the next few days except for the actual problem which is posted 2 weeks prior to the competition.

**Next Magazine:** Judy and Theresa reviewed what is needed from regions for the next magazine. The partner spotlight may be the Soil and Water Society (Theresa will make contact).

Regions are to send Theresa or Judy their people for Trainer, Coach, Test Writer and Volunteer spotlights.

Andrea will talk to Kent Shannon about writing the Current Issue feature (Agroecology).

Regions are to send their highlights, stories, photos to Theresa for the region updates pages.

**2018 State Competition:** Thursday April 26 at the Busby Farm.

Teams were reminded to send Judy the completed parental consent and photo release form, or bring to the event.

Regions are to make sure teams have read and signed the rules.

Regions need to let teams know they can bring their own clipboards, and check them in with the team chaperone at the start of the day.

**Who's Bringing What:** Refer to handout. Extra need for large water jugs and coolers this year. Let Judy or Peggy know if you can bring one.

**Set-up Day:** April 25, 1p.m.

**Morning Duties:** Peggy orientation for team chaperons and timekeeper and judges; Heather orientation for oral presentation videographers/monitors and timekeepers. Andrea orientation for station proctors; and assist test writers with checking stations before testing.

**Other:** The committee discussed the cost of setting up the magazine. Van will no longer be able to do it. Theresa could do if she had the InDesign program. Judy and Theresa will look into options/prices for purchasing a computer and the software. Discussion tabled while options are explored.

**Next Meeting:** A date for a meeting in June will be determined and sent through email.

Heather made a motion to adjourn. Dave second. Meeting adjourned.