

Missouri State Envirothon Meeting
March 8, 2017
Cole County USDA office

Attendance: Peggy Lemons, MASWCD; Andrea McKeown, NE Region; Dave Fry, KC Region; Audrey Rayl, Treasurer; Tina Dulaban, Central Region; Jamie Henderson, Central Region; Heather Keith, NW Region; Debbie Henderson, SW Region; Stephanie Auffert, SW Region; Brad McCord, NRCS; Ralph Tucker, NRCS; Theresa Dunlap, St. Louis Region; and Judy Stinson, DNR.

The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m., at the Cole County USDA Service Center.

Minutes: Judy made a motion to accept the Oct. 26th, 2016 meeting minutes. Andrea second and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Audrey gave the Treasurer's Report. Peggy reminded committee members that purchases of any sort on Amazon can be linked through Amazon Smiles to an organization of the purchaser's choice, and one percent of the purchase will be donated to the organization (Mo State Envirothon). Stephanie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Heather second and motion carried.

Fundraising Efforts: Donation request letters were sent to districts. The committee discussed the Missouri State Employee Charitable Campaign. We won't order as many magazines if we participate next year. Donations were accepted in the amount of \$140 during the last campaign. MEEA gave a donation of \$500; a request was made to the Soil and Water Society; and Smithfield Foods gave \$2,000 for t-shirts and other expenses.

Scholarship Information: One scholarship application has been received so far.

New Registration Form: The new national registration form requires the listing of one alternate. Our state forms are current. Committee members are to check registrations for the alternate.

Regional Competitions: Central, St. Louis and KC have April events Registration forms should be sent to Judy asap following competition. Reg fee to Audrey (\$75 per team). Some discussion was held concerning questions about Maryland's learning objectives.

Fourth Magazine needs: Judy, Theresa and Van will again work on the magazine. The trainer spotlight will be Erica Cox. Partner spotlight is DNR. Alumni are Jeffrey Rubel and Alicia McCabe. Committee chairs are to send Regional Highlights to Theresa by July 15, earlier if possible.

2017 Competition: The oral question will be released April 12. Competition is April 26 at Bradford Research Center in Columbia. Peggy will send out hotel options. Event insurance is in progress. Let Judy know if you have a volunteer who wants a specific job. Make sure teams complete parental consent forms, and have read the rules. Teams need to be informed by regionals that a team point reduction will be assessed for teams competing with less than 5

members. Regions need to tell teams they can bring their own clipboards, and that the clipboards will be checked by a committee member at the start of the day. All teams are to stay at orientation until 5-10 minutes before the start of testing.

Who's Bringing What:

- Table and chairs provided by Bradford
- Gator/wagon provided by Bradford
- Walkie talkies (Judy) – Judy and Peggy will test at site
- Station tubs, agendas, banners, calculators, coffee, hot chocolate and cups, doughnuts, fruit, sodas for lunch, easels, evaluation forms, plaques, portfolios, resource award certificates, rotation schedules, walkie talkies and batteries, t-shirts and a water jug – Judy and Peggy.
- Judging sheets, oral questions, score sheets, stars, patches, national packet, and computer – Peggy
- Scoring sheets – Audrey
- Tripods, camcorders and tapes – Tina
- Tests, test keys, extra sets of tests to post, maps to sites, materials for testing sites – Ralph
- Water jugs – need 5—Kevin and Judy
- Registration labels, name tags and sign in sheet – Theresa
- Computers – Peggy and Judy
- Lunch, bottled water and resource awards – Kevin

Advisor Activity – Discussed a speaker who could speak on grazing management.

Set-up: Tuesday, April 25. Sam's Club at 9 am, lunch at 11:30 and set-up at 1 pm.

Event day jobs:

- Judy will do orientation for registration, timekeeper, teacher escorts, runners, oral presentation videographers, monitors and timekeepers
- Judy and Peggy will do orientation for station test proctors and team chaperones.
- Ralph will help test writers get set up at the stations that morning, then will provide additional orientation for station test proctors at the sites.
- Judy and Peggy will do orientation for judges.

NCF-Envirothon: Mount Saint Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland; July 23-29. Andrea and Peggy are planning to attend.

Next Meeting: A date for a meeting following competition will be determined.