

Missouri State Envirothon Meeting
Wednesday May 2, 2012
Cole County USDA Service Center
Jefferson City, Mo.

Attendance: Theresa Dunlap, St. Louis Region; Paula Champion, SW Region; Peggy Lemons, MASWCD; Judy Stinson, DNR; DeDe Vest, NRCS; Bruce Longan, Central Region; Deneen Jenkins, SW Region; Denise Aufdenberg, SE Region and Paula Meier, SE Region.

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

1. Minutes from the March 7, 2012, meeting were reviewed and presented for approval. Judy made a motion to approve the minutes. Denise second. Motion was unanimous.

2. Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was presented by Deneen. Paula C. made a motion to approve as presented. Judy second. Motion was unanimous.

3. Mary Burt Scholarship – The recipient of the 2012 Mary S. Burt Envirothon Scholarship is Kirsten Steiner of Blue Star High School. Judy mentioned that the committee might consider getting a rain barrel donated to use as a raffle-type fundraiser for the scholarship fund. Theresa said she would check with MSD.

4. Surveys – Peggy reminded regions that they need to fill out the survey and return it to Peggy so that we can accurately track involvement across the state and report to the Canon Committee.

5. FFA Involvement – Regions reported on the number of FFA teams at their competitions: Central had 8 FFA teams. The following regions reported 0 FFA teams: St. Louis, Kansas City, Southeast and Southwest. No report from Northwest or Northeast.

Peggy reported speaking with Steven Rogers of the FFA, who said the date selection/changes was an issue for their organization as well. Since the number of FFA teams going through the Envirothon is relatively low, it was mutually decided that the organizations will no longer try to coordinate competition dates to accommodate FFA teams desiring a wildlife qualifier. Peggy passed on the suggestion that the FFA teams can use regional wildlife scores for their qualifier if they so desire.

State Envirothon can now go back to a May date. Committee chose May 2, 2013 as the date for the next State Envirothon. Judy made a motion to approve this date, Paula second, and motion was unanimous.

6. 2012 State Competition – Committee looked at teacher/student evaluations. Judy thanked everyone for their help and stated that this was one of the best competitions with

few problems. Location, volunteers, set-up workers, and logistics of the day --- all were super.

Some rules will be tweaked.

More clipboards are desired at stations.

Need more team chaperones next year.

There was one appeal based on an identifier on a jacket. The offending team had a small point reduction. Identifiers will be addressed in the rule changes.

7. Grants to Regions – Two regions have turned in their grant reports (SW & SE). The others need to turn in by June 1. Requests for regional grants for the next competition period are due July 1, 2012.

Committee discussed continuing the grants as long as financially possible. Paula made a motion to continue the grants for next year, Judy second, and motion was unanimous.

8. Fundraising:

The fundraising committee will hold a meeting May 22. There are now representatives from all regions.

9. Rule Changes –

4E: Each team must have a total of five members at each eco-station to avoid a 25 point reduction, excluding illness, emergency or injury. Paula made a motion to accept this rule, Deneen second, and motion was unanimous.

16C: Regions may have a 7 or 10 minute oral presentation time at their discretion. Paula made a motion to accept, Theresa second, and motion was unanimous.

16J: This rule is to be moved to “General Dress Code”, and will include: “one warning will be given and if the participant does not comply, points will be deducted.” (Judy will work on the wording, and a vote will be done via email)

16E: The oral problem will be released two weeks prior to competition, rather than one week. Paula made a motion to accept this rule change. Bruce second. Motion was unanimous.

14E: Station warnings will be given at five minutes and one minute. Deneen made a motion to accept this rule, Judy second, and motion was unanimous.

10. Canon Envirothon – Team registration is \$900. Team polo shirts may need to be purchased. Peggy and Judy will need a rented car. Theresa made a motion to cover these expenses as needed. Denise second. Motion was unanimous.

11. Trade items for Mo team – Judy asked that items donated for team trading be sent to her or the team by July 1.

12. Next meeting – Wednesday October 10, 10 a.m., Cole County USDA office.

Deneen made a motion to adjourn. Theresa second and meeting adjourned