

Missouri State Envirothon Meeting  
May 30, 2018  
Cole County USDA Service Center

**Attendance:** Peggy Lemons, MASWCD; Tina Dulaban, Central Region; Judy Stinson, DNR; Sue Ann Wright, KC Region; Andrea McKeown, State Chair; Audrey Rayl, Treasurer; Brad McCord, NRCS; Jackie Martin, NE Region; Ashley Pitts, SW Region, and Theresa Strunk, STL Region

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., at the Cole County USDA Service Center in Jefferson City, Mo.

**Minutes:** Committee reviewed the minutes of the March 7, 2018 meeting. Judy made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Audrey second; motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Audrey presented the Treasurer's Report. Theresa made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; Jackie second; motion carried.

**Missouri Envirothon Membership Drive:** DNR has approved the districts' ability to purchase a membership with Missouri Envirothon. This allows districts to continue to give to the program, and allows the state committee to continue to be supportive of the regional contests around the state. Tina made a motion that for the 2019 competition season, regions will pay no registration fees, and will receive no grants; and plaque reimbursement is to continue as requested. Theresa second. Motion carried.

**Smithfield Foods Volunteers:** Around 18 Smithfield employees volunteered at either a regional or state contest this year, and more want to be involved in 2019. In addition, Smithfield's local companies donated time and money in two regions, and at the state event. The committee discussed appreciation for Smithfield at all levels of Envirothon.

**NCF Update:** Peggy and Andrea will be going to Idaho for the NCF Envirothon competition; and Judy is awaiting approval to attend as well. Peggy will serve as an NCF (foundation) committee member during the event because Debbie Waycott needs experienced assistance in light of the foundation being short staffed. NACD and NCF are working on staffing ideas. Andrea will be serving on the NCF Operating Committee representing Missouri beginning in the 2019 Envirothon season.

**Scholarship:** Theresa shared a thank you card from Allee Koestner; and reported that she is our 8<sup>th</sup> scholarship recipient. Charlie Perkins' wife, Jo Leah, has completed another baby blanket for the scholarship raffle. Brad said that he would donate his champion bacon as a scholarship fundraising item, and Judy said she will again bring something for the cause. Paula Champion's husband took part in awarding the scholarship at the state event, and Theresa read a tribute honoring both Mary and Paula.

**2018 Location:** Theresa reported that Dr. Adrian Andrei, who spoke at the event, was very happy with our group and asked that we include the Alan T Busby Farm in the state rotations in the future.

**Final Reports:** If you haven't sent Audrey your final report, please do so now.

**State Test Writer Coordinator** – Judy and Andrea served as test writing coordinators for the 2018 competition; however the committee agreed that a designated coordinator is needed, with that being their main job. The committee decided to speak with Stephanie to see if she was interested or had any ideas.

**Concerns/Thoughts from State/Regional Events:**

- A. Judy reported that after speaking with Stephanie at the state event we are reassured that MDC wants to be involved at all levels of competition. Regions are to work with their local ECs to identify those who are able to help.
- B. Committee discussed alternates at regional and state events, using current registration forms, and rules. Committee revised the alternate rule to read as follows:

Alternates:

- At the State Envirothon, only team members are allowed to compete. Do not bring more than 5 students.
- Your registration form must list an alternate for each team, who is not listed as a team member on any other team. (*example, if your school has more than one team, you may not use members from your B team as an alternate for your A team*) The alternate must be listed as an alternate on the form.
- Alternates needed to complete a team competing at the State Envirothon, cannot have competed at the regional level during the current Envirothon year. If your region hosts an “alternate” team at their competition, the alternate participated in the regional but didn't compete, and they are eligible to be an alternate if needed at the state competition.
- If two or more alternates are needed, the alternates must be approved by the state Envirothon committee prior to the day of the event and comply with the above rules.

Audrey made a motion to accept the rule as read, and Sue Ann second, motion carried.

- C. Regions need to remember to tell their teams that they can bring their own clipboards to the state competition.
- D. Remind teachers that they can get the agenda from the website.
- E. The committee discussed getting a SE Region committee started. St. Louis and Southwest Region both offered to host any teams that are identified in the SE Region.

- Committee discussed contacting district employees in the region to see if there is any interest. The St. Louis Region mails competition info to some SE schools.
- F. Posters with flaps are fine. All teams, coaches, committee members and workers should read the rules before competition.

**State Event Recap:**

- A. Of the top 10 teams: 2 from KC, 3 from STL, 2 from SW and 3 from Central.
- B. Monitors can contact the test writer if there is uncertainty about a prop or test question at the testing site.
- C. Discussion on making sure we supply enough bathrooms
- D. The advisors loved the activity this year, which included a drone demonstration
- E. Lunch went fine, but more cheese pizza was requested; and we need to make sure we have at least 2 committee members in the room during lunch
- F. Briefly discussed “down time” and what to do about it
- G. Lincoln University and Missouri University would both like to have booths at next year’s event

**NCF Envirothon – Pocatello, Idaho, July 22-28, 2018:** Discussed housing situation at Idaho, travel plans for team and representatives, registration, stipend, etc... Theresa made a motion that the Missouri Envirothon pay car rental and gas in the amount of \$750, for Peggy, Andrea and Judy to make the trip; Jackie second and motion carried.

Seven polo shirts will be purchased for the team, and team registration is \$1,800. A travel stipend in the amount of \$3,500 was discussed. Tina made a motion to approve the purchase of 7 polo shirts, to pay the \$1,800 registration fee; and to provide \$3,500 as a travel stipend for the team; Theresa second, and motion carried.

Anyone who still has trade items for the team should send them to Judy by July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Date for 2019 MO Envirothon:** May 2nd

**Next Magazine:** Theresa asked that regional stories be submitted to her by August 15. Theresa will do email interviews with volunteers, coaches, students, etc.. Send her contact info. Judy will ask Van to give an estimate on his time, and committee will discuss paying him to complete layout of the magazine.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday October 24, 10 am, Cole County USDA

Tina made a motion to adjourn. Ashley second. Meeting adjourned.