

Missouri State Envirothon Meeting
Tuesday, August 20, 2013
Cole County USDA Service Center
Jefferson City MO

Attendance: Heather Keith, NW Region; Andrea McKeown and Audrey Rayl and Lena Sharp, NE Region; Peggy Lemons, MASWCD; Judy Stinson, DNR; DeDe Vest, NRCS; Theresa Dunlap, St. Louis Region; Paula Champion, SW Region; Bruce Longan, Central Region; Kevin Lohraff, MDC.

The meeting began at 10:20 am in the conference room of the Cole County Service Center.

Minutes - There is one correction to the minutes of June 25, 2013. Lena Sharp was in attendance, and Audrey Rayl was not.

Lena made a motion to approve the minutes with the above stated correction. Bruce second and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – There was no treasurer's report. The committee accepted Audrey Rayl as new treasurer, with Judy Stinson also being a signer on the new account. Audrey will open a new account using the money from the CD.

Plaques – Judy has purchased plaques for the fall competitions. They will arrive by 9/15.

Test-writing co-chair – Need a co-writer by September/October.

Fundraising – Committee discussed the magazine/newsletter. Committee members agreed to also look into layout, design and print costs from other shops. Paula made a motion to approve up to \$700 for the layout and design of the first magazine. Heather second and motion carried.

State event needs

Portfolios – re-use each year. Paula made a motion to purchase portfolios for team posters. Andrea second and motion carried.

Ice-breaker – Discussed stretching the day to provide more time for grading/scoring. Committee agreed to having a longer day, and to telling all regions to inform teams that the day will be longer by about an hour.

Bull horn – with safety siren. Heather made a motion to purchase the bull horn. Theresa second and motion carried.

Rules/Forms – Committee agreed to put all the information in one place at the bottom of the rules page and with links on the state info page.

Survey Monkey – Discussion on how to reach alumni. A link will be made on the website inviting alumni to tell us what they are doing now – either through the survey site or another form. Judy will investigate this more.

Fall Competition dates: Northeast – Oct 10; Southwest – Nov 13; Northwest – Nov 7

Kevin brought in a new MDC contact map with all the state's outreach/education personnel that may be available to assist in regions. He suggested regional coordinators contact the person listed first in their respective areas.

NA Envirothon Update – a merger of North American Envirothon and the NACD National Conservation Foundation was approved at the North American Envirothon Committee meeting August 6 in Montana. The Foundation will manage the finances and the North American Envirothon Operating Committee will be responsible for running the summer event. Envirothons across the nation will now operate under the framework of the Foundation. The Operating Committee will be formed with reps from 5 regions and 3 at large. Merger should be completed in October.

Committee discussed two issues with the national competition. First is the oral presentation judging. It was done differently this year, and the change has not been well received. Committee must decide to return to the old way or discuss other options before holding the national event in Missouri. Second – a discussion was held on whether or not teams should participate at the national level more than once, whether or not they place or win at the event. Much discussion. Committee decided to send a proposal to national that at the least – the top place winning team would not be allowed to compete at national a second time.

2015 Missouri event – Looked at Springfield dates. July 26-Aug 3 is top choice. Topic is to be Urban Forestry-The Social and Economic Benefits of Trees. Committee members are not to release the topic at this time.

There was no other business.

Next meeting will be Oct. 15, 2013 at the Cole County USDA Service Center at 10 am

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