

Missouri Envirothon Regional/State Conference Call
March 3, 2004

Present (At Soil and Water Conference room) Judy Stinson, DNR Soil and Water Conservation Program; Peggy Lemons, Cole County SWCD and MASWCD Executive Director; Jessica Hackman, Osage County SWCD and Central Regional Co-Chair. (On phone) Bill Bohnert, Jackson County SWCD and Kansas City Regional Chair; Tina Hovendick, Benton County SWCD and Central Regional Co-Chair; Carol Barnes, Pemiscot County SWCD and SE Regional Chair; Mary Burt, St. Charles SWCD and state committee member, Carol Hubbard, Shelby County SWCD and state committee member; Jennifer Lewis, St. Charles County and state committee member; Nina Myers, Shelby County SWCD and NE committee member.

The meeting was called to order by Peggy Lemons at 10:06. Regions not represented on the conference call were Southwest, Northwest and Northeast. Carol Hubbard reported that Lena Sharp from NE may not be on the phone call due to the death of her uncle.

Peggy discussed the first item of business, which was the list of names that she and Judy Stinson had received from teachers at the Interface Conference they attended at Tan-Tar-A on Feb. 22 and 23. All regions indicated they had received the list of potential teams from Peggy. Peggy asked all regions to let her know if teams developed from the contacts. We're trying to track the results to see if it was beneficial to attend the conference.

Wildlife Training was discussed next. All indicated they had received the information except Central. Peggy will send it to Tina and Jessica. Peggy explained that it will be used at the state competition this year and all team advisors need to be aware of what it is and how it is used. Carol will check with Lena to see if she received it and let Peggy know.

Peggy also suggested that all regions and state tests contain 30% of the questions to be that of hands-on type. This is Canon's suggestion as well. She clarified that you should not be able to do your test inside without having to make changes to the test. This only helps prepare the students to do better at the next level of testing.

Peggy then talked about the fact that several advisors had requested the complete score sheets be returned to the students once the event is over. Many of them expressed their opinions that it only allows the students to better prepare for the next time and lets them see how they ranked compared to the overall score. Also allows teams/advisors to see areas of weakness and strength. Of those regions on the conference call, everyone was returning the score sheets already. A motion was made by Tina Hovendick, seconded by Carol Barnes to have all regions return the completed score sheet showing all scores for all teams to all the teams that compete. Since SW and NE have already had their fall competitions for this year, those now need to be returned to the teams to help better prepare for this year's state and next year's regional events.

Bill Bohnert asked who from the state committee would be attending the different regionals and the list is:

KC Regional--Judy Stinson and Peggy Lemons
Central Regional--Judy Stinson, Peggy Lemons and Carol Hubbard
NW Regional- No one at this time
St. Louis--Mary Burt
SE Regional--Rose Marie Hopkins

A count of the teams the regions are expecting at this competition were taken.

KC Regional--8 teams
Central Regional--15 teams
St. Louis Regional--7 teams
SE Regional--4, possibly 6 teams
NW--??? (Bill White was not on the conference call)

Tina Hovendick indicated that with Central having 15 teams this year that they would have 2 teams at each station this year. This is different than they had in the past. They are anxious to see how it works out. It will be more like the state competition.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35

Judy Stinson
Missouri Envirothon Co-Chair