

Missouri Envirothon Meeting
Monday--November 26, 2007
Tan-Tar-A Resort
8:00 a.m.

Attendance: Judy Stinson--DNR, DeDe Vest—NRCS, Wyn Kelly—DNR, Carol Barnes—Pemiscot Co. SWCD(SE Region), Tina Hovendick—Benton Co. SWCD (Central Region), Bill Bohnert Jr.—Jackson Co. SWCD(KC Region), Audrey Rayl—Lewis Co. SWCD (NE Region), Steve Radcliff—Livingston Co. SWCD (MASWCD), Fred Feldmann—(MASWCD)(SW Region), Beverly Dometrorch, Howard Co. SWCD (MASWCD), Travis Dinsdale—MDC (NW Region), Bill White—MDC, Deneen Jenkins—Green Co. SWCD, Peggy Lemons—Cole Co. SWCD.

Peggy called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

Minutes from the last meeting of August 21, 2007 were reviewed and presented for approval. Judy made the motion to approve the minutes and DeDe 2nd the motion. Motion was unanimous.

The **Treasurers Report** was presented by Deneen. Page 1 showed the regular transactions account with an ending balance of \$2184.02. Page 2 showed the Money Market account with an ending balance of \$16,147.71. Page 3 showed the CD account with an ending balance of \$53, 228.71. Judy made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Bill Bohnert Jr. 2nd the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Canon Envirothon Dues: The yearly Canon dues are \$200.00 per year. Carol made the motion to pay the dues. Wyn 2nd the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Reports on Financial Grants: As was decided upon at the August 21st meeting, those regions receiving cash grants, rather than the 2nd resource truck, would need to report back to the committee by May 1st, 2008. This report should be sent to Deneen. Discussion was held on what could be needed in the future for the Regions. Deneen made the motion that interest from the CD's amounting to about \$2500 per year, could be offered to the regions for expenses as they see fit and necessary. Grant applications would be accepted offering each region up to \$500 per year. As with the past grants, reports would be required to state what the funds had been used for. (Example; shirts and/or meals for regional competition, training etc...) These reports would be due to Deneen on June 1st, with grant applications due by March 1st. Bill Bohnert Jr. 2nd the motion. Motion was unanimous.

FFA Wildlife Component Coordination: Johnny Viebrock with FFA will be calling in at 8:30 for further discussion. Committee discussion was held prior to the call. Previous concerns were discussed. The State FFA meeting is held in mid April. FFA would request the State Envirothon to be held at the same time or prior to the State FFA

competition. This would mean changing the state competition from the 1st Thursday in May to the mid of April and all regions, changing their competitions to the end of March or first of April. There would need to be a date set, that regions could not be held later than, as there must be 1 week between the last competition and the State. The FFA members would have to compete as an Envirothon team, not as an FFA team. There were concerns of advancement. Judy made a list of “must haves” at the state level.

Johnny called in and was placed on speaker phone. Peggy introduced everyone and Johnny discussed the FFA needs. The state FFA contest is held the 3rd week in April with the National competition the 3rd Friday in October. He mentioned that the teams members would have to compete as an Envirothon team, and as with our rules would and could only advance to the state if in top 3 and score 55%. The FFA group with the highest ranking wildlife score would be taken to the State FFA. They are hoping for coordination between the Envirothon and FFA for the 2009 competition.

Discussion after the phone call; FFA teams would not be mentioned as special in the wildlife division for FFA advancement. It was decided to set the competition date for the 2nd Thursday in April and send a letter for agreement regarding what we will do and what we will not do. Try this for 2 years and re-evaluate. Judy made this a motion and Fred Feldmann 2nd. 9 in favor and 1 opposed.

Fall 2007 Regional Competitions: Audrey reported on the NE region. It was held October 17th with 13 teams from 6 schools. Travis reported on the NW region. It was held on November 7th with 11 teams from 6 schools. Fred Feldmann reported on the SW region. It was held on November 8th with 16 teams. The spring competition dates were reviewed again.

2008 State Competition: May 1st is the date and Lake of the Ozarks State Park is the location at Camp Clover Point. Directions will be sent out. The revised agenda, Coach and Student Directions were reviewed.

MEEA Conference Workshop: Bill Bohnert Jr. and Theresa Dunlap will attend and present about a 50 minute session. Bill presented their proposed agenda for this conference session. Everyone was pleased with what they are doing.

Adoption of Revised By-Laws: These reflect the changes in Secretary/Treasurer as one position to 2 separate positions and 2 members in addition to the Chair and Vice Chair. DeDe made the motion to adopt the revised By-Laws and Wyn 2nd the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Adoption of Revised State Rules: This states a maximum of 2 teams per school on page 1, item 2-c. Page 2 item 6 regarding use of inappropriate language. Deneen made the motion to adopt the revised State Rules and Judy 2nd. Motion was unanimous.

Letter of Intent for the 2008 Canon Envirothon: The Letter of Intent for Missouri to participate in the 2008 Canon Envirothon in Arizona was presented. This presents the

team registration fee of \$800 as due by May 1st, 2008. Tina made the motion to send the Letter of Intent. Bill Bohnert Jr. 2nd the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Other Business: No other business was presented at this time.

Next Meeting: Discussion of the date for the next meeting was held. March 18th at the Cole Co. Field Office was decided upon at this time. Peggy will check on the availability of the conference room.

Motion to adjourn: Bill Bohnert Jr. made the motion to adjourn and Wyn 2nd the motion. Motion was unanimous.