

Missouri State Envirothon Meeting  
Wednesday, December 3, 2008  
Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, MO

Attendance: Judy Stinson, DNR; Tina Hovendick, Central Region; Bev Dometrorch, Howard County/MASWCD; Bill Bohnert, Kansas City Region; Theresa Dunlap, St. Louis Region; Wilma Carlyon, Southeast Region; Rachel Griffin, Southeast Region; Deneen Jenkins, Southwest Region; Travis Dinsdale, MDC/Northwest Region; David Dix, MASWCD; DeDe Vest, NRCS.

Judy called the meeting to order – immediately following the end of the Training Conference.

Minutes from the last meeting of June 5, 2008 were reviewed and presented for approval. Deneen made a motion to accept the minutes and Rachel second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented by Deneen. After some discussion a motion was made by Tina to allow Deneen to secure a non-interest bearing checking account such as a 'business budget checking account.' The current checking account is charging \$16.57 per month in fees but gaining only around a \$1 a month in interest. Bill second the motion. Motion carried. Deneen is also going to look at the yearly rate on CDs. Bill made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Rachel second and motion carried.

Financial Grants (assistance to regions): Deneen reported on the financial assistance grants. The northwest and southeast regions are to get their '09 requests to Deneen by the end of the year (Dec. 31, 2008).

Requests for the '09 grants were due Oct. 1, 2008, with final reports due back to Deneen by June 1, 2009.

Rule Change: Judy read the rule change on clothing. Envirothon team members will not be allowed to change clothes before their oral presentations. This change will be in the rules for the state competition. Regions are encouraged to use the same rules to provide consistency to the program.

MEEA Conference: Theresa requested the committee consider paying \$70 for the Envirothon booth at the MEEA Conference in St. Louis Dec. 6, 2008. Theresa and the St. Charles SWCD Technician, Charlie Perkins, will present Soils for the Envirothon at the conference. Tina made a motion to pay for the booth, Bill second, and motion carried.

2009 Survey: Each region should have received a survey titled: 2009 Missouri Envirothon Survey. The surveys are to be filled out and returned to the state committee after the '09 Regional Envirothons are held.

FFA: Judy announced that FFA hadn't gotten back to the committee on their plans to participate in the State Envirothon. She said they are still working out the details and that it may be possible that they participate next year (2010).

Report on Regional events: **Northwest**-Travis reported that they had six schools which is the same as last year. Nine teams competed with Norborne placing first. The event has been at Hartell for the past three years, and Travis said they may change the location next year.

**Northeast** – No one was present to report, but Judy said that Audrey had reported the event was moved inside due to rain and lightening. **Southwest** – Deneen reported all went well and they had 21 teams. **St. Louis Region** – Frankie Coleman reported that there have been two trainings and that all is going well. Their event will be April 9 at Powder Valley. **Kansas City Region** – Bill reported that his region shared a training session with Tina’s area (Central), and that there would be another training March 17 near Blue Springs if anyone wanted to attend. The KC Regional will be held April 7. **Central Region** – Tina said their event will be April 8. **Southeast** – Rachel said their event will be April 2 at the MDC Center in Cape.

**Test Writing Training:** The committee discussed training for test writers. DeDe suggested that regions look to their other test writers for the biodiversity question since all topics will relate to the theme. Judy said she will see about getting Cindy Bowen’s biodiversity presentation on the website for all regions to refer to when writing the current issue tests. A test writing workshop was discussed. Regions were reminded that old tests are on the website, and DeDe said she would send out test writing suggestions to those who request it. Deneen said the instructions on the score sheet on the website are outdated. Judy and Peggy will update the score sheet instructions.

**Participation patches:** Tiona inquired about patches for team members. Some states do patches each year, and it was noted by committee members that the high school students really enjoy displaying their achievements on their jackets. Judy said she will look at prices for patches.

**2009 State Competition Site:** Committee members were reminded to keep the location secret until it is announced on the website. The competition will take place on May 7 at the Camdenton Conservation Service Center. Teachers/Coaches will be touring Bridal Cave during the event. There was some discussion about letting teams know the location so that schools can line up buses. Committee agreed that regions can give teams the date and general location (Camdenton), but that is all.

**Letter of Intent:** Rachel made a motion to send the Letter of Intent for the 2009 Canon Envirothon stating that Missouri will send a team. Beverly second, and motion carried.

**2009 Canon Envirothon:** Asheville, North Carolina. (California in 2010 and New Brunswick in 2011)

**Canon Envirothon Dues:** Bill made a motion to pay the \$200 dues for Canon Envirothon. Tina second, and motion carried.

The next meeting of the State Envirothon Committee will be in March.

Bill made a motion to adjourn. Theresa second, and meeting adjourned.