

Missouri State Envirothon Meeting
Tuesday, March 2, 2010
USDA Service Center
Jefferson City, Mo.

Attendance: Judy Stinson, DNR; Peggy Lemons, Cole County SWCD; Rachel Griffin, Southeast Region; Theresa Dunlap, St. Louis Region; Regina Knauer, MDC; Audrey Rayl, Northeast Region; Chuck Shroyer, Kansas City Region; Lena Sharp, Northeast Region; Paula Champion, Southwest Region; DeDe Vest, NRCS; Wilma Carlyon, Southeast Region; and David Dix, MASWCD.

Meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m., in the conference room of the USDA Service Center in Jefferson City.

Minutes from the November 30, 2009 meeting were reviewed and presented for approval. Judy made a motion to approve the minutes. Paula second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report –Peggy presented the Treasurer's report in Deneen's absence. Interest from the CD is now going into the checking account. The 990 was completed and is ready to mail. The scholarship fund is at \$1, 512.

Chuck made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Rachel second. Motion carried.

Mary Burt Scholarship: Theresa reported that she is following the basic format from the Employee Association Scholarship, but that she needed to discuss some items with the committee (Who Qualifies, How Much Should the Award Be, etc) The committee agreed to discuss it after the State Envirothon, and to finalize the scholarship details so that the money will be available to students next school year (2011-2012).

Fundraising Committee: Judy volunteered to chair a committee to raise funds for the State Envirothon Program. She asked that all committee members bring to the May meeting the names of two regional committee members from each region to serve on the fundraising committee. Without fundraising, the State Envirothon will run out of money and not be able to fund the regional grants, etc.

Regional Grants: Final reports are due June 1. Applications for the 2011 grants will be sent out.

Regional Concerns: Short discussion on the use of the old printed soil surveys. Soil surveys are on the web now, and word has come down from some soil scientists that we should stop using the old surveys.

Rachel said that she has five teams competing this year.

Participation Survey: All regions are to return their Participation Surveys before May 1.

MEAA and Interface: Theresa reported for Nancy Snider on both of these education workshop events. Attendance was low at both. Many schools are not funding travel and workshops for their teachers (subs are expensive, too). Nancy did report that she had two

contacts later from teachers who are interested, and at least one other region (maybe Rachel's?) may have picked up a new team as a result of this outreach.

Display Banners: Judy said the window shade-type banner should be ready after the state competition. Regina reported that the MDC banners will soon be ready, and that she ordered 8, one for each region.

2010 State Competition: Tuesday, April 13 at Runge.

- Registration and t-shirt forms are needed as soon as possible from Spring competitions.
- Judy is sending out the volunteer email.
- Five judges have been secured: JR Flores; Chris Wieberg, DNR; Anna Nowak, DNR; Diane Olson, MFB and Derek Shiels, MDC. The question will be sent to them on March 24.
- Oral Question – Will be posted April 6 on the web page
- Oral Presentations – We will be using back to back rooms on one side of the hall.
- Rotation Schedule – DeDe and Judy are working on it.
- Test and Testing Sites – DeDe reported that she visited the sites two weeks ago and that she has received 4 of the 5 tests.
- Station Materials List – DeDe will get list
- Port a Potties – No
- 4-wheelers – Yes.
- Lunch and Sodas – Regina and Judy (something for vegetarians)
- Advisor Activity – Judy talked to Bradford Farm and they can not do the septic demo. Committee discussed other options.
- Scoring – All set. Different spot this time.
- Activity for Students – Discussion was held. Considering team-building-type activity – group activity.
- Awards Presentations – Judy will ask JR Flores.
- Set-up – Those helping with set-up should arrive at 1:30 p.m. Morning of the event, workers need to be there at 6-6:30. Most volunteers can arrive at 7 a.m. Judge orientation will be at 7:30 a.m. Team orientation will be at 8:15-8:30.

Who's Responsible for What:

Registration packets for teams – Peggy

Resource Awards – MDC

Resource award certificates – Judy

Rotation schedules – Judy

Sodas for lunch – Judy

Score worksheet boards – Judy

Test keys – DeDe

Tests – DeDe

T-shirts – Judy

Walkie Talkies – Judy

Water bottles – MDC

Water jugs – Deneen, Peggy, Judy, Regina

6 Green station tubs – Judy

Agendas – Judy

Banners (Station and Mo Envirothon) – Judy
Calculators – scoring rooms/judges – Judy
Coffee Pots/Coffe/Hot Chocolate/Cups – Regina, DeDe, Judy
Computers – 2/Printer/Paper – Judy, Peggy, Lori Bax
Coolers – Rachel (3)
Bottled Water – Regina
Doughnuts – Judy
Easels – Judy
Evaluation forms for students/advisors – Judy
Judging Criteria sheet – Peggy
Lunch – MDC (19 teams, 200 people)
Maps to sites – DeDe
Medals/Plaques – Peggy
Name tag sleeves – Theresa
Name tags – Theresa
National Packet – Peggy
Oral question – DeDe (copy for judges)
Pencils (student evals) – Judy
Registration labels for teams - Theresa

State Winner Financial Award: Airfare is over \$500 per person. Seven people will need to be flown to Fresno, Calif. Committee discussed amounts. Judy made a motion to provide \$4,000 to the winning team for travel and expenses. Theresa second. Motion carried.

Advisor Trip: Discussion held on paying for the advisor trip in California. Paula made a motion to pay for 2 advisor tours if available. Chuck second. Motion carried.

Canon Winter Meeting: Committee discussed issues that arose at the Canon meeting.

1. Question: Require two judges to be teachers? Committee response: They can recommend that, but not require it.
2. Question: Rotate judges after every presentation? Committee response: No
3. Question: Change oral scoring weight from 2/7 to 1/6 of the total score? Committee response: No
4. Question: Should top 5 oral presentations re-present for final panel? Should they re-present without scoring? Committee response: Leave things the way they are.
5. Question: Reduce the time of presentation of oral problem to one hour? Committee response: No
6. Question: Reduce sequestering to 4-5 hours. Committee response: No
7. Question: Have laptops during orals? Committee response: No
8. Question: GPS in field testing? Committee response: No
9. Question: Reduce training to ½ day and combine with opening session or fun day? Committee Response: No
10. Note: Passports will be required for 2011 trip to New Brunswick.

Other Business: Judy mentioned that the Parkway North Envirothon students (St. Louis Region) are involved in the Lexus Challenge. They've developed web sites explaining their projects. Committee members were encouraged to visit the sites because every visit is a hit

that is counted toward their total outreach goals....and helps them get closer to winning the challenge.

Next Meeting: Members are to look at May 13, a Thursday, and get back to Peggy on whether or not that works.

Rachel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Audrey second. Meeting adjourned.