

**Minutes**  
**Missouri Envirothon Meeting**  
**March 22, 2006**  
**Rickman Center – Jefferson City, MO**

Those in attendance: Audrey Rayl (NE Region), Kathryn Braden (SW Region), Syd Hime (MDC), Theresa Dunlap (St. Charles SWCD), Mary Burt (St. Louis Region), DeDe Vest (NRCS), Bill Bohnert (KC Region), Carol Hubbard (Treasurer), Judy Stinson (Vice Chairman), and Peggy Lemons (Chairman).

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Peggy Lemons at 10:35 a.m.

The November 27<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as written with a motion made by Kathryn. Judy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Carol passed out the Treasurer's report. After review, Kathryn made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Mary seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Peggy brought up the subject of the resource trunks. She stated that some regions would like to have more than one resource trunk. She asked if the committee would want to provide the regions with more trunks, and if so, how many? Discussion followed. Mary has concerns about forestry and soils, the two areas where the team's scores are down. Mary asked if there is anything we can put in the trunks for these areas? It was suggested that regions add additional items as they see fit to the trunks, and to ask the regions to contribute ideas on their team training and activities. Bill reported that at the KC Regional, two (2) questions on each ecostation test comes from the information in the trunk. Kathryn stated that her area (SW) could use some money to buy the 3 book set on soils, wildlife, and forestry from the University for each school that has a team participating. The school would then be able to keep the set of books in their school library. We need to look at what resources we are giving to the teachers and the teams. Peggy asked DeDe and the test writers to look at the resource material from 1999 and see if it can be reduced and to look at the resources that are in the trunks and possibly add the 1999 resources to the trunks, plus soils information. Syd said not to put a dollar amount on the trunks due to the increase cost of contents. DeDe made a motion to allow the test writers and her a chance to check-out resources and to allow each region a chance to have a meeting to discuss what resources they might need. Kathryn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Peggy introduced Barb and Mike Byrne. The committee is contemplating hiring the Byrnes' to produce a new DVD highlighting the Missouri Envirothon. The purpose of the new DVD would be for promoting the Missouri Envirothon to teachers, students, and sponsors. After the committee viewed the "old" video, the following were items the committee members liked – interviews with the kids, showing students in a hands on situation, other teenagers talking on the video, and teenagers selling conservation for the sponsor's sake. The question was then asked of the committee, "What would be the use of the video?" The committee stated it would be a way to get schools interested in the Envirothon and that we could send a copy of the video along with a fact sheet to the schools. The format of the video would be a DVD, or a media pack of a DVD & CD. Mike suggested that the

information stuff be in the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter and have a 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter that showed the kids talking and interacting. Barb and Mike stated that they would possibly go to the St. Louis and/or Kansas City regionals to take some video for the new DVD. Mike asked if the committee wanted to add video from different sources as in the present tape? Answer: Not necessarily. Is there a known budget? Answer: Not yet. The committee asked Mike and Barb if there was a potential cost factor yet? Mike stated that it would cost approximately \$1,200 - \$1,400 for a double menu and footage from the competition(s). This would include 6 ea DVDs for the committee. Each additional DVD for purchase would be \$6.00. Mike and Barb would need someone to approve or disapprove the footage on the scratch tape and edit the script. The time frame for the DVD would be 2 weeks for the scratch tape and written script, and an additional 2 weeks for the final tape after receiving scratch tape and written script approval. At this time, Barb and Mike left the committee meeting. Peggy stated the committee could set the June meeting around looking at the scratch tape and written script. DeDe made a motion for the committee to contact Barb & Mike Byrne (Video Edge) and ask for a signed contract. Mary seconded motion. Discussion followed concerning the price of the DVD. Motion carried unanimously.

**Regional Concerns:** Bill (KC Region) stated his appreciation to the committee for the help with the regional contest. The photo consents will be sent in with the regional registrations. Bill will send the registration money to Carol.

Audrey (NE Region) – Regional competition was held in October with 9 teams competing. She will pay the state registration in the near future.

Mary (St. Louis Region) – Regional competition will be April 6<sup>th</sup> with 5 teams competing. Theresa will try and get more teams for the regional competition next year.

Southeast Region – Regional competition will be April 25<sup>th</sup> and will have 3 teams as of this date.

Kathryn (SW Region) – Sherri Doane had sent Kathryn and e-mail concerning the resource books and the fact that the SW regional finances were low. Suggestion was made about possibly splitting the region. Peggy read Sherri's e-mail message to committee. Peggy stated that normally we would split a region to make 2 doable regions. The SW Region needs to let the state committee know when they get to the point of wanting to split the region.

Peggy stated that she had received a letter of resignation from the “treasurer” to be effective April 1, 2006. She asked the committee to be thinking the rest of the meeting of a possible replacement.

The following items concerning the 2006 Missouri Envirothon Competition were discussed:

a. **The 2006 competition will be at the Rickman Center** – Jefferson City, MO. T-shirts still need to be ordered. We don't have any financial support at this time. DeDe stated she thought the Soil & Water Conservation Society had the Envirothon in their budget. Peggy will call Bill White. Peggy also stated that the MO American Water in St. Louis was interested in sponsoring the Envirothon.

Syd suggested not giving the Envirothon volunteers a free t-shirt. We can sell t-shirts to those who would like to purchase one. It was decided to put the big logo on the back, small logo on the front, the

sponsor(s) on the sleeve, and to order 200 t-shirts. The Envirothon has a \$100.00 coupon to use towards the purchase of the t-shirts. Judy will order the shirts.

b. **Volunteers** – Volunteer orientation will be at 7:00 a.m... Chairs will be provided for the monitors at the stations. Monitors can bring their own chairs if so desired. Testing time will be 40 minutes with 10 minutes to travel in between testing periods. Judy discussed the schedule for the day of competition. The last station ends at 2:40 p.m... Governor Blunt has been invited to come and give a proclamation for Soil Stewardship Week. We may have to change the agenda to accommodate the governor.

c. **Judges** – Two of the oral judges will be from the commission – Kathryn Braden and Liz Brown. Two other judges will be from DNR.

d. **Oral Question** – The oral question, “Water Stewardship In A Changing Climate” will be posted on the internet 1 week prior to the competition. The question is already written.

e. **Oral Presentations** – The judging sheet has been revised for this year. A copy of the new sheet is posted on the website.

f. **Rotation Schedule** – DeDe and Judy revised the rotation schedule for location purposes.

g. **Trivia Game Prizes** – It was decided to give out little candy bars

h. **Tests** – DeDe has 3 of the tests and is waiting on 2 more. The questions look good.

i. **Testing Sites** – Sites are drawn on maps.

j. **Station Materials List** – Judy will talk to Mary at Rickman to see if they will furnish the tables and chairs at the testing sites. One canopy will be needed for the soils site.

k. **Port a Potties** – Will need to talk to people at Rickman. We will need 3 if possible.

l. **4-wheelers for Runners** – We will need to ask Rickman if we can use 4-wheelers.

m. **Lunch & Sodas** – Cinnamon rolls, juice, and water will be provided in the morning. Soup, sandwich, and dessert bar will be provided in the dining area.

n. **Advisor Activity** – There will be teacher training on regional, state, and national competition. Judy Stinson, Mary Burt, and Teona Harris will conduct the training.

o. **Door Prizes and T-shirts for Advisors** – Syd stated that resource packs from MDC could be given to all the teachers in attendance. Prizes need to be something they can use. Give a prize every 30 minutes.

p. **Scoring (Worksheet, Laptops, Test Keys)** – Two laptops and a printer will be needed for the scoring room.

- q. **Award Presentations** – Medals, plaques, and certificates are completed. Syd will bring station pins.
- r. **Student Activity Before Presentation of Awards** – Test review and evaluation forms.

Mary volunteered to make the team numbers.

Cabins are available at Rickman for those wanting to stay over the night before the competition. Four people to a cabin @ \$14.00 / per person. Cabins have central bath house. Rooms rent for \$37.00 / single, \$49.95 / double. Bathroom in rooms. Peggy will talk to Mary and send out e-mail concerning where people should call for a reservation.

The Canon Envirothon will be in Winnipeg, Canada this year. People attending from the United States can still use their birth certificate this year instead of a passport. After discussion, DeDe made a motion to give the winning team a \$3000.00 stipend to help with travel expenses to the Canon Envirothon this year. Judy seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mary Burt stated that she and her sister will be attending the Canon Envirothon in Winnipeg this year.

Peggy asked the committee if they had any suggestions for treasurer replacement. Peggy stated that Deneen Jenkins and Debbie Gudgell had come to mind. No other suggestions were given.

The next meeting will be June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Judy or Peggy will e-mail the location at a later date.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion was unanimous.

Submitted by Carol Hubbard  
Secretary / Treasurer