

Missouri Envirothon Committee Meeting

USDA Service Center

Jefferson City, MO

May 11, 2005

Present: Kathryn Braden, Taney SWCD; David Dix, MASWCD; Peggy Lemons, Cole County SWCD and MASWCD Executive Secretary; and Judy Stinson, DNR Soil and Water Conservation Program.

Call to Order. Peggy Lemons called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes. The minutes of the November 2004 meeting were reviewed, but were not approved due to no quorum.

Budget and Treasurer's Report. Carol Hubbard had sent Peggy a checking account report. Peggy explained that the expenses for the 2005 Canon Envirothon are also being run through this checking account, so this report does not give a true reflection of just the state income and expenses. For the November 2005 meeting, it will be possible to have a report on just the income and expenses for the 2005 state competition. Again, no approval due to no quorum.

Restructure of Officers. Due to the resignation of Rose Marie Hopkins who was secretary for the Missouri Envirothon Committee, there is a need to re-structure the committee officers. Peggy presented a chart that has shifted some committee chairs and combined the secretary and treasurer positions. The group approved this re-structuring, and ask for ratification of their action at the November 2005 meeting.

By-Laws and Rules. Due to the Missouri Envirothon becoming its own entity and due to the above mentioned re-structuring, there is a need to revise the by-laws and rules to incorporate these changes and also incorporate a couple of items to keep our by-laws in line with the Canon Envirothon by-laws. The group approved these revisions, the proposed revised by-laws and rules will be sent out to all committee members and posted on the web page. Official approval will be at the November 2005 meeting.

2005 Fall Regionals. The group looked at the scores from the state competition in relation to teams that had fall regionals and those who had spring regionals. It appears that the fall regional competitions are not hindering the teams as the state winner this year was from a fall regional. This will be reviewed by the entire committee at the November 2005 meeting.

The timing of the posting of the regional oral problem was discussed. Every year there are questions as to when the oral question will be posted both for the regional competitions and the state competition. According to the rules the regional oral problem is posted 1 month prior to the first regional competition and the state oral problem is posted 1 week prior to the state competition.

At the state competition during the question and review session, there were some teams who stated they had not seen the wildlife charts before. This needs to be emphasized with the regions that the teams need to receive the wildlife CD in their study materials as it will be on the state test. Kathryn asked about the resource materials that each region is including in their resource packet. Peggy indicated she will ask the regions to either send her a list of what is included in their resource packet, or have them all bring their list to the November 2005 meeting.

Kathryn Braden did mention that the Southwest Region will hold their regional this fall on November 2, 2005 at the MDC Nature Center in Springfield.

2005 Missouri Envirothon. The group reviewed the state competition held last week at the Runge Nature Center at Jefferson City. All felt it went well. There were a couple of “typos” on the tests that were mentioned in the evaluations and caused one teacher concern, however, there were no appeals filed. Judy had the evaluation forms for the group to look at.

The registration forms for the Canon Envirothon were given to the winning team for them to complete and get back to Peggy. A check for \$800 is needed to send in with this registration by June 18. The group approved sending this check. Also the financial award for the winning team was discussed. Since they only have to travel to Springfield, the expense will be for van rental and some additional meals. The group discussed this and decided the financial amount should be \$1000 this year. They will for this action to be ratified at the November 2005 meeting. The group also discussed the polo shirts normally purchased for the team to wear at the Canon Envirothon. This year since they are the “home” team, the group thought it would be nice to provide polo shirts for both days they are required to wear state shirts. The group decided to have the team’s polo shirts match the shirt color the Missouri committee will be wearing which is black or white. They will each get 1 black shirt to wear on Monday and 1 white shirt to wear on Tuesday. These will have a grayscale Missouri Envirothon logo on them.

2006 Missouri Envirothon. The location for the 2006 Missouri Envirothon was discussed. To keep with the idea of not using a location more often than every 4 years, the locations of Runge Nature Center, Lincoln University Carver Farm, and University of Missouri South Farm cannot be used. There are other possibilities such as MDC’s Prairie Forks, the Lake Ozark State Park, or the Lorna Domke family trust farm. The buildings at Lorna Domke’s family trust farm are being rebuilt due to a fire and Judy and Peggy indicated they need to look at them to see if everything is there that is needed for the Envirothon competition. This final decision can be made at a late date, possibly at the November 2005 meeting.

2005 Update. Peggy reported that everything is going as planned in the preparations for the 2005 Canon Envirothon. There are 2 more planning meetings in Springfield before the event.

Other Business. There was no other business to discuss.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of this committee is set for November 27, 2005 at 7 p.m., at Tan-Tar-A.

Adjourn. Peggy adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Peggy Lemons
Chair