

Missouri State Envirothon Meeting  
Thursday, May 13, 2010  
USDA Service Center  
Jefferson City, Mo.

**Attendance:** Judy Stinson, DNR; Peggy Lemons, Cole County SWCD; Theresa Dunlap, St. Louis Region; Regina Knauer, MDC; Audrey Rayl, Northeast Region; Chuck Shroyer, Kansas City Region; DeDe Vest, NRCS; Tina Hovendick, Central Region and Travis Dinsdale, MDC/Northwest Region.

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 March 2, 2010 meeting were reviewed and presented for approval. Judy made a motion to approve the minutes. Chuck second. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – There was no treasurer's report in Deneen's absence.

**Regional Banners:** Regina brought each region's banners to the state envirothon. Those that were not picked up that day were brought to this meeting. The committee signed a card to thank MDC for the production of these banners at no cost to the committee.

**Assistance to Regions:**

**Grants:** All reports should be in to Deneen by June 1. The committee reviewed budget concerns and then discussed continuing to offer the regional grants. Chuck made a motion to offer the regional grants for the 2011 competitions. Regina second. Motion carried. The applications should be turned in to Deneen by July 1, 2010, with final reports due June 1, 2011.

**Appeal Forms for Regions:** A discussion was held on consistency when using an appeal form. Regions may handle this as they wish, but it is highly recommended by the State Committee that regions use the same form used at state competitions. That appeal form requires the "team captain" to fill out the appeal. Discussion was held on how to identify the team captain. The committee suggests having the students identify the captain on the registration forms before the event.

**2010 Participation Forms:** Peggy's report to national was to be turned in by the end of May. She asked that each region take special care in recording participation numbers because it is important to funding. Regions are to also include the number of students who receive training but do not compete.

**FFA update:** FFA has requested that the committee provide them with a number of FFA students who participated in the 2010 events. Chuck reported having 3 FFA students, but did not feel that they were serious about their participation. Travis reported one FFA team. Tina said Central had one, maybe two, teams. Southwest had two or three teams, and Audrey reported one or two teams at their event. St Louis Region had no FFA teams. No report from Southeast. Total: 7 or 9 new FFA teams competed statewide.

**State Competition Concerns:** Theresa said that her region had some questions on the oral judging sheet. She will ask her region to clarify the concerns and bring it back to another meeting.

Theresa suggested having name tags for the teachers. She had noticed that after a day together, some teachers had not introduced themselves to each other.

Regina said that she had heard there may have been some communication concerns between the committee and the staff at Runge. The committee passed around a thank you card for the Runge staff.

Regina announced that she will no longer be able to serve on the state committee. Her MDC replacement is Kevin Lohraff.

**Fundraising:** Judy asked that each region secure two members for the Fundraising Committee, and to email her the names. The committee may need to revise bylaws because they state that the chair of the fundraising committee would be the treasurer

Judy reminded the committee that fundraising is vital to the survival of Envirothon in Missouri. She asked region chairs to find out if any one in their regions has any corporate connections.

**Competition Review:** Judy thanked everyone for their work at the event. All agreed that Runge was wonderful. MDC provided lunch and water. DNR reimbursed for the bus.

Judy reported that some students commented that they liked having two easels in the oral presentation rooms.

There were two appeals on the same question. The teams questioned whether the information they needed to answer a question was present at the soils station. The information was there. The students neglected to look on the back of the page in question.

Teacher Tour – Teachers reported they enjoyed the Winston Churchill Museum, and they like having a “teacher activity”.

Judges in oral judging reported that many of the students missed what was being asked. Most did not have a “plan”, which is what they were supposed to present.

The committee discussed getting the videos of the presentations to the kids. In the past, cds have been burned, and discussion has been held on putting them on the website. The committee discussed putting them on youtube and/or facebook. The committee may need to revise the photo release form if this is decided upon. General consensus was to look into establishing a Missouri State Envirothon facebook page.

**Resource Materials for Competitions:** Each year, Dede provides information and educational materials related to the oral question. This year the materials included a quote. One teacher requested the book from which the quote was taken. Because that team then had access to the book, copies of one chapter had to be sent out to the other regions – just to be fair. However...the chapter was unnecessary and irrelevant. All the info needed was provided by Dede. The committee wants to make sure that all regions receive the same info from state. Any other information that they want to find on their own is ok, but no special requests will be filled by the state committee once Dede has provided sufficient information.

**Registration Verification:** Due to some questions about alternates and how soon they can step into the team before a competition, the committee discussed verifying who is registered on each team. The committee decided to require teams to register their alternates by name on the registration form. At the 2011 state competition, students will be asked to verify that they

are listed on the registration form, and if their name is not on the form – as a team member or alternate – they cannot compete.

Also-for tracking participants for scholarships the committee is asking that all regions record participants by name, school, and grade, and include that information on the Participation Forms turned in to Peggy after a competition.

**Rule Changes:** The committee made the following changes:

**3e. It is highly recommended that all teams consist of 5 students, however a team with less students can compete but will receive a 20 point reduction in the oral presentation score.** (Committee made this rule change because Missouri desires to send a full 5-member team to the Canon Envirothon, which is nearly impossible to win with fewer than 5 members.)

**15g.** This rule was voted on in November, but the change had not yet been made. **Each team will be required to have a minimum of one and a maximum of two pieces of standard 22 x 28 poster board for visual aid.** (No Foam Board)

**15l.** This rule was voted on in November, but the change had not yet been made. **The regional oral problem will be released to each region one month in advance of their regional competition.** (Regions should contact Peggy or Judy one month before the competition to make certain that they get the problem on time)

**Deadlines for alternates:** Regions can make their own decision concerning how late an alternate can step in. The state allows alternates to switch in up to the morning of the event with proper notification to the state committee.

Chuck made a motion to accept the rules as discussed. Tina second. Motion carried.

**Bylaws:**

7.06 – delete. Judy made the motion, Theresa second. Motion carried.

7.02 – add the words “and rules”

4.02 – eliminate the second sentence. Add to the end of the first sentence “...one being the testing resource member and the other the public affairs member.”

5.07 – eliminate the last line.

7.06 - eliminate

Judy made a motion to accept bylaw changes as stated. Chuck second. Motion carried.

Committee discussed acquiring a public affairs person, and reestablishing an advisory committee. Judy made a motion to contact NRCS to request a public affairs person. Audrey second. Motion carried.

**2010 Canon Envirothon:**

Team Registration: Theresa made a motion to pay the \$800 registration fee for the Missouri team. Audrey second. Motion carried.

Polo Shirts: Chuck made a motion to purchase 3 polo shirts. Judy second. Motion carried.

Rental Car: Theresa made a motion to pay for a rental car for Peggy. Chuck second. Motion carried. (Note: Peggy’s registration is paid by MASWCD, and airfare is paid by Canon)

Student Health Insurance: No problem this year.

Trade items: Any regions that have trade items to send in should do so by mid-June.

Sequestration Snacks – Chuck made a motion to spend \$50 on snacks. Judy second. Motion carried.

2011 State Competition: Location is undecided at this time. Committee has chosen Wednesday, April 13 as the date.

2011 Canon Envirothon: To be held in Canada. Regions should alert their top teams that if they are the state winner they will need passports to get to the Canon Envirothon competition in New Brunswick.

Other Business: Theresa brought a handout for committee members to review preliminary plans for the Mary S. Burt Scholarship. Discussion to be held at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 19, 2010, 10 am at USDA Service Center in Jefferson City.  
Possible meeting after that: February 15, 2011.

Judy made a motion to adjourn. Audrey second. Meeting adjourned.