

State Envirothon Meeting
June 22, 2006
Mexico, MO, Chamber of Commerce

Meeting called to order by Peggy Lemons at 10:40 a.m., at the Mexico, Mo., Chamber of Commerce Building, June 22, 2006.

Those in attendance: Peggy Lemons, Cole County District Manager; Mary Burt, St. Charles County District Manager; Charlie Perkins, St. Charles County District Technician; Linda Young, Cooper County District Manager; Fred Feldmann, Vernon County Supervisor; Lena Sharp, Monroe County District Manager; Jackie Rogers, Audrain County District Manager; Michelle Chadwick, SWCP DNR Intern; Judy Stinson, SWCP DNR; DeDe Vest, NRCS Urban Conservation; David A. Dix, MASWCD, Treasurer; Bill Bohmert, Jackson County, KC Region Coordinator.

The March 22 minutes were approved as written with a motion made by Bill Bohmert. Linda seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Peggy announced the receipt of a \$5,000 check from Bass Pro Shop. It will be counted toward 2007 support for the State Envirothon.

The Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by David and a second by Bill. Motion carried.

Carol Hubbard resigned as Treasurer and Secretary. Fred made a motion to accept Deneen Jenkins as Treasurer and Theresa Dunlap as Secretary. Judy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DeDe made a motion to amend to 18 months the length of service as secretary and treasurer. Bill seconded. Motion carried.

Michelle Chadwick was introduced to the committee. She is an intern from the University of Missouri Columbia, and is working in the program office.

Teacher nominations: Bill asked if an SWCD Board could submit the names of more than one teacher. Peggy responded affirmatively. Bill asked if past nominees could be considered. Peggy responded that yes they could, if they were not chosen as a recipient. Mary mentioned Russ Barton as a nominee. He is a coach for the Parkway team which is representing Missouri in this year's International Envirothon.

Discussion on Regional boundaries. Crawford County is requesting to be included in the St. Louis Region. Changes to the regions can be made in November. Fred made a motion to allow Crawford County to participate in the St. Louis Region. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

Promotional Video: The committee viewed a draft of the video. It was noted that the audio was poor. Judy kept track of the committee's comments for future editing and script changes. Everyone generally liked the video.

Resource Trunks: discussion on what is needed. All regions need to decide by November how many extra trunks are needed.

The members discussed reducing registration costs to the teams, and earmarking funds specifically for shirts and lunch.

The committee held a discussion on team training. It was mentioned that the teams need to be told to cite their resources during the oral component. The resource trunks were discussed as a valuable training tool. It was suggested to include information on the current issue (purchase and place in trunks).

Judy noted that money is available at this time to update the trunks and make them accessible to the various regions. Discussion was held on regional needs. It was noted that each trunk costs about \$1,000. Members noted that each region would need two trunks, with some larger areas requiring more. Districts could write info/ed grants for additional trunks. Ten thousand dollars would cover the costs of seven trunks and \$250 per region (for training). DeDe noted that the funds would cover 3 years at the \$250 per region training amount.

Judy made a motion that each region be given one trunk, and \$250 a year for three years for training, with a total estimate of \$10,000, and to purchase current issue info for the trunks. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The 2006 state competition was discussed. The committee agreed that the oral presentation cards used by team members need to be turned in with the other oral presentation supplies during the State event. Mary noted that it is important for the state committee to follow the national lead in respect to what is carried from station to station. She suggested adopting a national policy that would be stated in the State Envirothon rules. A suggested statement would be: "Teams at a station using cards not provided by the Envirothon committee would receive a zero for that station."

The State Envirothon Committee agreed that they generally liked the Rickman Center site, and that it could be used again.

Cost of tours in Manitoba was discussed. There is a river tour and historic Manitoba tour for the coaches with a cost of \$32 per person (Total \$64). Members noted that the committee has paid it in the past. DeDe made a motion to pay for the tour. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

Student insurance: School insurance does not cover the student. The student must also carry an ID card. Following a discussion, DeDe made a motion to purchase insurance for the students in an amount not to exceed \$100. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Polo shirts were ordered. DeDe made a motion to pay the bill. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion on trade items for the Missouri team to take to Canada. Several items were collected and sent back to St. Charles with Mary. Members discussed the fact that team members can carry only \$60 worth of items over the border. Mary and her sister; Peggy and her sisters; and Russ Barton (teacher/coach) could all help transport the items.

The location of the 2007 State Envirothon will be Mexico, MO, at the city park. Features include a maintenance building, an armory building, a forest, a body of water, a shelter for lunch, and electric is available.

Current Issue topic for 2007 is Alternative Energy Resources.

Following the meeting, the committee toured the proposed site for the 2007 State Envirothon.

In other business, the MEEA (Missouri Environmental Education Association) Conference is planned for Nov. 4. Committee members discussed having a booth to reach more teachers with info on the Envirothon. Judy said that she would be able to attend the "fair share" portion of the conference in which teachers may visit various exhibits. Eighty-five people attended the event last year. Bill, Judy and Peggy all volunteered to attend the conference. DeDe made a motion to pay the \$35 registration fee for the MEEA conference. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

No other business.

Next meeting will be Nov. 26, Sunday night at Tan-Tar-A.

Meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.