

Missouri Envirothon Meeting
Thursday, June 5, 2008
Lewis and Clark Building
Jefferson City, MO

Attendance: Judy Stinson-DNR, Peggy Lemons-Cole Co. SWCD, Frankie Coleman-St. Charles Co. SWCD, Wilma Carlyon-St. Francis Co. SWCD. On the phone: Tina Hovendick-Benton Co. SWCD, Bill Bohnert-Jackson Co. SWCD, Audrey Rayl-Lewis Co. SWCD, Bill White-Missouri Department of Conservation and Deneen Jenkins-Greene Co. SWCD.

Peggy called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Minutes from the last meeting of March 17, 2008 were reviewed and presented for approval. Judy Stinson made the motion to approve the minutes and Bill Bohnert second the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was presented by Deneen Jenkins. The CD account has an ending balance of \$54,511.15. The regular account has an ending balance of \$5,644.41. Two items were noted and agreed to be the following. On 5/5, check number 1541 was listed as miscellaneous for \$56.39. This was clarified to be for first aid kits and batteries bought for the state competition. Another was on 5/5 listed as a Visa Card payment as miscellaneous and this was determined to be the cost of the blue plastic tablecloths for the state competition. The money market account had an ending balance of \$9,299.65. Wilma Carlyon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Bill Bohnert second the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Assistance to Regions: Deneen indicated she had not received applications for the 2008 financial grants from all regions. Those that she had received from were Northwest, Southwest and Central. She is now accepting applications for the 2009 financial grants. Those need to be submitted by October 1, 2008 and the final report on them will be due June 1, 2009.

Peggy distributed a draft 2009 Missouri Envirothon Survey form that was discussed and changes made to it that will need to be completed for the 2009 Regional events and returned to her by the end of May, 2009. She will make the changes that were discussed and e-mail the form out to all regional chairs.

2008 State Competition Review: Judy Stinson thanked everyone for all their help with the state competition. She told the group that the state park fee was waived for our event because DNR is an Envirothon partner. This saved the state Envirothon approximately \$750.00. Discussion was presented on a few items that need to be changed for next year's event:

Registration: It was decided that if a team brings their oral presentation materials to the event in their own trash bag, that all the materials need to be pulled out and checked before taking it to the oral presentation room.

More volunteers are needed on the set up day the day before the event.

Weather radios should be available at the competition. Tina Hovendick made a motion to purchase a weather radio to have at all future state competitions at an approximate cost of \$50. Deneen Jenkins seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Students need to stay at stations until time to move to the next one. Tina Hovendick suggested that two more volunteers be added to the list to be outside the oral presentation rooms that would have radios and be notified when to move the kids. Those will be added for next year.

There was some discussion on whether students should be allowed to change clothes before their oral presentations. It was decided that this would not be allowed. Tina Hovendick made a motion that the students would not be allowed to change clothes before their oral presentation. Deneen Jenkins seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

There was discussion on students needing two easels in oral presentation rooms. Tina Hovendick made a motion to buy two additional easels for the oral presentation rooms. Wilma Carlyon seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Peggy Lemons then discussed a couple items brought to her attention. One item was that one team used foam board to transport their oral presentation materials to the competition. It was also decided that since we have no foam board in our rules already, that students not be allowed to bring it to the competition for any reason. This is explained by Peggy as not being good for the environment. Bill Bohnert suggested that this explanation be given to all the students at the regional level and he thought they would be very accepting of the idea. The other item was Wyn Kelley's soil question at the forestry station. The answer that was provided on the key was a wrong answer. It was indicated that the wrong answer was put on the key because without the calculator needed to figure the correct answer being provided at the station; this answer would be the one most of the students would put on their test. One team however did have the correct answer and there was much discussion about it at the event. Once the event was over, more thought was given to the question and a decision was made to just throw out the question completely. This made no difference in the ranking or the resource awards.

2008 Canon Envirothon Review:

Team registration of \$800.00 will be paid for the team and two advisors.

Judy Stinson made a motion that we pay for two advisor tours for both of the advisors to attend while at the Canon Envirothon in Arizona. Tina Hovendick seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

It was noted that all the students going to the Canon Envirothon this year do have health insurance. This is needed to attend the weeklong event.

Judy Stinson made a motion to purchase a polo shirt for each of the students and the two advisors for them to wear at the opening session/photo taking. Tina Hovendick seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

If anyone has trade items for the students to take to Arizona, please get those to Peggy Lemons or Judy Stinson by Tuesday, June 17, 2008.

Judy Stinson told the group that she had submitted a Hall of Fame nomination for Russ Barton. She thanked everyone for all their help with providing information to put it together.

2009 State Competition Location: Several places were discussed of where to hold the 2009 State Envirothon. The theme for next year is Biodiversity in a Changing World. Peggy Lemons ask everyone to let her know if they came up places that the event might be held.

Missouri River Issue: Peggy Lemons told the group that Mike Eng had contacted her, Judy Stinson, the Canon Envirothon executive committee as well as some of states bordering the Missouri River and asked if the 2009 question could be focused on that theme. He was told that the hosting state/province decided the theme. Everyone agreed that Missouri would want to keep our oral presentation question related to the 2009 theme that already has been decided.

Canon Envirothon Web Site: Peggy Lemons explained that the new Canon Envirothon web site was launched in February and encouraged everyone to go to the web site and create a log in password. The password allows you to go into the web site for more detailed information about the competition, etc.

Other business: There was no other business at this time.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be at the annual Training Conference at Tan-Tar-A Resort. It will be held on Monday, Dec. 1 at 8:00 am. If that date or time changes, everyone will be notified by e-mail.

Meeting adjourned: Deneen Jenkins made a motion to adjourn. Bill Bohnert seconded the motion.