

**Missouri State Envirothon Meeting**  
**August 21, 2007**  
**USDA Lewis & Clark Building, Jefferson City**

Meeting called to order by Peggy Lemons at 10:30 a.m., in a conference room at the Lewis and Clark Building in Jefferson City.

Those in attendance (including members via teleconference): Chair Peggy Lemons, Cole County SWCD; Judy Stinson, SWCP DNR; DeDe Vest, NRCS; Secretary Theresa Dunlap, St. Charles County SWCD (St.Louis Region); Deneen Jenkins, Greene County SWCD (Southwest Region); Bill Bohnert, Jackson County SWCD (Kansas City Region); Linda Young, Cooper County SWCD (Central Region); Audrey Rail, Lewis County (Northeast Region); Nancy Snider, MDC; David Dix, (Southeast Region); Travis Dinsdale, (Northwest Region); Teona Harris, Clinton County SWCD (Northwest Region); Carol Barnes, Pemiscot County SWCD (Southeast Region); Bill White, MDC; Lena Sharpe, Monroe County SWCD (Northeast Region).

The March minutes were approved as written with a motion made by Judy. Deneen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Deneen reported that the committee still has a considerable amount of funds in the bank. Peggy said the committee should see what can be done to help the individual regions. Theresa made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Bill White seconded. Motion carried.

Committee held a discussion on the possibility of allowing FFA to use the Envirothon as their state qualifying event for wildlife. Concerns were expressed. Among them were possible date changes for some regions, and the fear of losing the Envirothon's identity, independence. With limited information, and no FFA presence at the meeting to answer questions, the committee decided to take a vote from each region. Following are the responses: Northeast – need more info; St. Louis – no, at this time but will revisit with more info; Northwest – cannot support at this time; Kansas City – need more time to study this – no for now; Central – no, have big numbers already, have too many questions; Southwest – program packed already, no at this time; Southeast – no right now.

Peggy voiced her agreement with the committee in waiting and collecting more information. Committee members may be asked to attend FFA meetings and/or events to become more informed on FFA program/purpose. Peggy will try to have an FFA rep at the next meeting to answer questions.

DeDe gave a report on resource trunks. Central and Southwest took the trunks, all other regions took the cash. DeDe said she was still waiting on some items for the trunks, but the regions should get them within a week. Those regions that received cash will need to report back to the committee at the May 2008 meeting.

The web page video hosting was discussed. Visitors to the web page can view the new Envirothon DVD. It costs \$150 to maintain the dvd on the web. DeDe made a motion to keep the dvd on the web for one more year, but with a counter to determine how many hits it gets. Peggy seconded. Motion carried.

Team update – Peggy told the committee how proud all should be of the St. Louis team. While they took fourth place overall, they also took second in oral. Each student will get a \$2000 scholarship, which can be used for college tuition, housing, books, grad school, or Canon equipment.

Regional test sites: Linda had requested approval of her region being able to use Runge on a regular basis for their regional. It is the only MDC facility in the area, and the region does not have other workable sites. The committee discussed taking Runge off the state rotation. Peggy said that state would coordinate with central so that the state and regional competitions are never held at the same site in the same year.

Other regional sites are as follows:

Central – April 9, Runge

St. Louis – April 3, Busch

Northwest – Nov. 7, Hartell Lake Conservation Area

Northeast – Oct. 17, Long Branch

Kansas City – mid to late April, Burr Oak Woods

Southwest – Nov. 7, Doling Park

Southeast – sometime in April

#### Current Issue

Recreational Impacts on Public Lands. The regional question is to be posted Sept. 17. The theme of the topic focuses on the negative impacts, although some positive aspects were mentioned in the Arizona presentation (economic impact).

State Envirothon – May 1<sup>st</sup>, Lake Ozark State Park potentially.

St. Louis region requested access to old tests. The committee provides access to tests for all test writers. They must get a password from Peggy. Teachers can have access to 1999 and 2000 tests.

MEEA Dec. 1, Discovery Center. The Envirothon will have a strand at the conference. Bill Bohnert and Theresa Dunlap will present on “What is an

Envirothon". A soil scientist will teach the soils component. Bill suggested a soil scientist from the KC area.

The committee decided not to have a booth at Ozark Renew, sponsored by Sierra Club, Sept. 22-23.

The question was asked about what students need to study for wildlife. Bill White reiterated that the state test will reflect questions from the study of the six wildlife species that have been listed.

The next meeting will be held Nov. 26, at Tan-Tar-A, at 8 a.m.

Judy made a motion to adjourn, Deneen seconded and meeting adjourned.