

Missouri State Envirothon Meeting
Thursday, September 10, 2009
USDA Service Center, Jefferson City, Mo.

Attendance: Peggy Lemons, Cole County SWCD; Judy Stinson, DNR; Regina Knauer, MDC – Central Office; Theresa Dunlap, St. Charles County SWCD (St. Louis Region); Wilma Carlyon, St. Francois County SWCD (Southeast Region); Audrey Rayl, Lewis County SWCD (Northeast Region); Chuck Shroyer, MDC (Kansas City Region); and Rachel Griffin, St. Francois County SWCD (Southeast Region).

Meeting was called to order at 10:25 am in the USDA Service Center in Jefferson City.

Peggy announced a new address linking to the Envirothon page. It is http://www.maswcd.net/default_files/Page959.htm

Be sure to type it in precisely (note the capital “P”) or it will not work. You can also send people to www.maswcd.net and tell them to click on “Envirothon” on the left side of the page.

Minutes from the June 18, 2009, were reviewed and presented for approval. Judy made a motion to approve the minutes, Chuck second, Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Deneen sent the treasurer’s report and Peggy presented. As agreed at the last meeting, the treasurer has moved \$20,109.13 into the checking account and reinvested the CD at \$35,000. The checking balance is now approximately \$20,858. Theresa made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report as presented, Rachel second and motion carried.

Plaques and Medals – The State Committee has purchased the Regional plaques and medals for the regions in past years. Peggy asked the committee if that practice should continue. Committee agreed to continue.

Financial Grants to Regions – Deneen is tracking the final reports and requests. Northeast was asked to submit their final report by Oct. 1, 2009. All regions have the grant money for this new Envirothon year.

New Exhibit Materials – Rachel and Wilma have been working on collecting photo images for the MDC banner. They brought a sample banner to show the committee. Regina will help with the design and photo placement. Regina is arranging to have MDC donate this banner. Theresa made a motion to allow Rachel, Wilma and Regina to produce the banner for the State Envirothon, Chuck second, and motion carried.

Regina said she would check on the cost of vinyl (one roll) and the dimensions of that roll to see if it would be possible to make banners for each region.

The state banner may be ready for use by the end of October.

Posting of State Problem – Committee discussed the timing of the posting of the state current issue problem. A coach in the St. Louis Region was concerned because their regional

event is scheduled for just five days before the State Envirothon. Theresa said that her region was considering moving the date to allow more time between events. The committee agreed to continue with the policy of releasing the question/problem one week before the state event.

2009 State Envirothon Competition – April 13 at Runge Nature Center

Activity during scoring – Committee discussed possible activities during the one hour needed to tabulate scores. Discussed non-educational videos/DVDs. Theresa asked about live entertainment like a magician. Regina said MDC might be able to help secure the Fishin' Magicians – a magic act incorporating natural resource themes. Regina said she would send Peggy or Judy an email about costs and availability.

Teacher/Coach Trip – Committee members are to think of ideas for a trip related to the groundwater topic.

Participation Patches – Committee again discussed the participation patches that would be given to each competitor at the state event. 105 patches would be needed the first year. In following years, returning students would receive a chevron to add to their patch.

MEEA – Once again Nancy Snider will present Envirothon topics at MEEA which this year will be held in Springfield Oct 16-18. The committee will provide her with brochures and DVDs to put on the corner of the MDC table at the conference. There will be no Envirothon table this year, but Theresa asked the committee to reconsider this option next year. The committee agreed that as attendance at MEEA improves, they would consider having a presence at the event.

2009 Canon Envirothon – The winning KC Region team made the top five by less than .2%, and had the 2nd highest oral score in the preliminary round of presentations. After the second round, they had the highest oral score which was enough to put them in the top five.

Canon Envirothon in Missouri – 2013 is slotted as a Midwest state hosting year. Committee discussed the benefits of hosting, as well as the challenges. Co-hosting with another Midwest state was considered. Peggy said she would check into that possibility, and the committee will discuss this again at the next meeting. Any decision to host in 2013 would need to be made immediately because planning takes 2-3 years.

Other Business – none

Next Meeting – The committee will meet during the Training Conference at Tan-Tar-A on Monday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m., following dinner.

Chuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Theresa second, and meeting adjourned.