

State Envirothon Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 15, 2011
10:00 a.m.

Attendance: Judy Stinson—DNR, Rachel Griffin—SE Region, Wilma Carlyon—SE Region, Tina Hovendick—Central Region, Regina Knauer—MDC, Adam Brandsgaard—MDC—NE Region, Kevin Lohraff—MDC, TJ Peacher—MDC—NE Region, Paula Champion—SW Region, Deneen Jenkins—SW Region, Jeremy Soucy—MDC—KC Region, Chuck Shroyer—MDC—KC Region, Peggy Lemons—Cole Co. SWCD

Peggy Lemons called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and introductions were held and agenda's were handed out.

- 1) **Minutes** were reviewed and a correction to the minutes was made. The Canon dues should have been listed as \$200 not \$800 and Deneen should have been listed as absent. Tina made the motion to accept the minutes with the listed corrections. Chuck 2nd the motion. Motion was unanimous.
- 2) **Treasurers Report** was reviewed and listed transactions from the last meeting until now. There were questions on the dollar amounts for the Mary Burt Scholarship. There was also discussion on the CD interest. This interest is going into the checking account leaving the CD balance at \$35,000. Judy made the motion to approve the report and Rachel 2nd it. Motion was unanimous.
- 3) **Mary Burt Scholarship** –Discussion on interest bearing account for this fund. There was a motion made at the last meeting to put in an interest account. After checking, Deneen found no accounts suitable for these funds.
 - 3a) Judy made the motion to just track separately with a ledger in the current account the Scholarship money. Tina 2nd this motion. Motion was unanimous.
 - 3b) Adding scholarship to the website with a release to use the winner's information on the webpage including pictures etc... Peggy will add in this release. There was more discussion on getting the scholarship information out to the kids including handing out business cards with the website information to apply for the scholarship. None have been received as yet.
- 4) **Fund Raising Committee**—still discussing what to do and who will be on the committee. There are 2 willing from the St. Louis area and Chuck needs to be replaced, but Judy is still looking for more help.
- 5) **Regional Grants**—Final reports are due June 1st for this year's grant. SW region has theirs sent in and that's the only one. The NW Region needs some assistance on these. We may have to cut back on these as the funding is short. In 2005 we had additional money from the Canon Envirothon in the amount of \$75,000. We are down to \$35,000 in 2011. There was discussion of doing away with the grants to Regions and registration fees to the State.
- 6) **Regional Concerns**—there were questions regarding the Soil Surveys and the use of bound copies or the web. The official Missouri Envirothon policy states that bound copies will be used. Regions can follow the state or go with its own policy. Judy made the motion to stay with the current Missouri Envirothon policy. Chuck 2nd the motion. Motion was unanimous. There was more discussion of moving

into the computer ages and all Regions and State at the same time. This has been discussion with Canon as well.

- 7) **Participation Surveys**—these are needed in for future funding and justification of numbers of students.
- 8) **2011 State Competition**—April 13th, Lincoln University Carver Farm
 - a) **Registrations**
 - b) **Volunteers**—more needed
 - c) **Judges**
 - d) **Oral Question**—will be out April 6th. One week prior to the state event.
 - e) **Tests and Sites**—all set
 - f) **Materials needed**—list was passed out and all items taken care of.
 - g) **Port-a-potties**—DNR
 - h) **4 Wheelers**—will check with the location to see if needed
 - i) **Lunch and Bottled Water**—MDC is providing
 - j) **Advisor Activities**
 - k) **Scoring**
 - l) **Activity before awards presentation**—hand out patches and stars
 - m) **Set up**—April 12th 1:00 – whoever can be there
- 9) **State Winner Financial Award**—The National Competition will be in New Brunswick, Canada. National passports will be needed. Normal travel costs for the national competition runs from \$3000 to \$3500. There was discussion of part port cards vs. passport books. What's good for air travel??? Paul made the motion and Wilma 2nd to provide travel and registration stipend of about \$6800 and have them come back to us if additional funding is needed. Motion was unanimous.
- 10) **2011 Canon Report was provided by Peggy**. The National Education Committee met in Nashville and they are looking into competitions. They have a \$700,000 budget and Canon provides ½ of that funding. The 2012 competition is scheduled for Pennsylvania, 2013—Montana and 2014—Georgia.
- 11) **Other:** Regina Knauer will be leaving and Kevin Lahraff will be taking her place.
- 12) **Next Meeting**—Everyone was asked to check the schedules for the last week of April and the first week of May and send in dates that would work for them
- 13) **Adjourn:** Chuck made the motion to adjourn at 12:00 and Paula 2nd it. Motion was unanimous.