

Missouri State Envirothon Meeting
Tuesday, October 19, 2010
USDA Service Center
Jefferson City, Mo.

Attendance: Tina Hovendick, Central Region; DeDe Vest, NRCS; Paula Champion, Southwest Region; Judy Stinson, DNR; Theresa Dunlap, St. Louis Region; Lena Sharp, Northeast Region; Audrey Rayl, Northeast Region.

Absent: NW Region, SE Region, KC Region and Peggy Lemons

Judy called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m., in the conference room of the USDA Service Center in Jefferson City.

Minutes from the May 13, 2010, meeting were reviewed and presented for approval. Paula made a motion to approve the minutes. Lena second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Discussion of Scholarship fund money included in the regular checking account. Audrey made a motion to move the Mary Burt Scholarship fund to the interest bearing account. Lena second, and motion carried. The funds will be tracked separately. Paula made the motion to approve the treasurer's report. Audrey second. Motion carried.

Mary Burt Envirothon Scholarship: The Mary Burt Scholarship Fund has about \$1500 and will be presenting a \$250 scholarship to an Envirothon student in Spring 2011. Deadline for high schools senior to submit applications will be changed from 3-15-11 to March 30, 2011 (change was made because last regional event is March 23).

Committee discussed having a meeting between March 30 and April 13 to determine the winner prior to the State Competition where the winner will be announced.

The committee agreed to have Theresa collect, scan and distribute the applications to the committee members by April 2. Theresa is to provide members with a check-off list of criteria to qualify for the scholarship.

ADD to WEBSITE: "Materials submitted for the Mary Burt Envirothon Scholarship may be used by the State Envirothon for promotional purposes" A release should be added for the applicant to sign.

Assistance to Regions:

Grants: All reports should be in to Deneen by June 1.

Fundraising: Judy announced that the fundraising committee has one member from the KC Region and two from the St. Louis Region. The state committee needs to fundraise in order to continue to offer the \$500 grants to each region.

Envirothon Survey: All regions should have their surveys submitted by May 1, 2011.

FFA Update: This is the 2nd year. Last year, FFA had 7 new Envirothon teams across the state. Each region needs to keep track of FFA teams and report to the State Committee how many NEW FFA teams participated this year. The State Committee will meet with FFA after the state competition.

State Competition:

- a) April 13 – possibly at Van Meter State Park. Committee is still looking and working out the details for the site.
- b) New Registration Form asks for Team Captain and grade.
- c) Advisor Activity: possibly tour Native American center
- d) Student Activity: Trivia..Candy Throwing
- e) Participation patch: All participants will receive patch with Mo State logo and chevrons each year after.

Window Shade Banner: committee decided to hold off on this purchase due to quality of the banner and cost.

DNR Camp: Judy spoke with the committee about Debbie Bruner and her efforts with the DNR Conservation Education Camp which is held at Mo. State Parks. The State Envirothon will provide a 15 minute presentation for seventh and eighth graders.

Canon Envirothon Dues: Paula made a motion to pay the Canon Envirothon dues of \$800, Audrey second, and motion carried.

Letter of Intent: Tina made a motion to send the Letter of Intent for participation in the 2011 Canon Envirothon in New Brunswick. Paula second, and motion carried.

Other Business: none

Next Meeting: February 15, 10:00 a.m., at the USDA Service Center in Jefferson City.

Adjournment: Tina made a motion to adjourn, Audrey second, and meeting adjourned.