

Missouri State Envirothon Meeting
Wednesday, May 4, 2011
USDA Service Center
Jefferson City, Mo.

Attendance: Deneen Jenkins, Southwest Region; Tina Hovendick, Central Region; Katie Hall, Central Region; DeDe Vest, NRCS; Paula Champion, Southwest Region; Peggy Lemons, Cole Co. SWCD; Judy Stinson, DNR; Theresa Dunlap, St. Louis Region; Lena Sharp, Northeast Region; Audrey Rayl, Northeast Region; Adam Brandsgaard, MDC, Northwest Region;.

Absent: SE Region, KC Region

Peggy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., in the conference room of the USDA Service Center in Jefferson City.

1. Minutes from the February 15, 2011, meeting were reviewed and presented for approval. Paula made a motion to approve the minutes. Lena second. Motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was presented. Judy made a motion to approve the report. Tina second and motion was unanimous.

3. Mary Burt Envirothon Scholarship:

- Discussion on scholarship plaque. Committee decided to hang the plaque in the St. Charles County USDA Service Center as that was the office of Mary Burt. Scholarship winners' names will be added each year.
- The first recipient, Chelsea Smith of Licking High School, and Dan Hatch, her teacher/coach, will receive a letter from the committee (Theresa to write it). Deneen and Theresa will work together to get check to Chelsea.
- Peggy reported that the MASWCD donated \$375 to the Mary S. Burt Envirothon Scholarship Fund, and \$500 to the State Envirothon program.
- Mary Burt's sister, Becky, is donating 10% of the sales of her online store to the scholarship. In addition, Becky plans to make something to raffle at the SWCD conference in November.

4. Regional Grants: Final Reports were due June 1, 2011. Deneen reported that Central, SW and KC had theirs in. Applications for next season are due.

5. Fundraising: Judy said she will write for the EPA grant for next year (submission next May 2012). The fundraising committee will meet in the coming months.

6. 2011 State Competition Review: Evaluations pointed out both good and bad. One comment was that the event seemed "thrown together". Discussion on the following:

- Set-up Crew for morning is needed (chairs, tables, water jugs....to stations, etc)

- Tests need to be posted once grading is completed. Assign a worker – probably should be leaders of advisor trip/tour.
- Patches and Stars – Students loved this idea.
- Station Monitoring – Station Monitors must say “STOP” loudly when time is called. Committee to add to rules – “Stop writing when time is called” (be specific). Give 10 min., 5 min. and 1 min. warnings...and then “STOP”.
- Advisor Cell Phones – Add this to Registration Forms
- Team Buddies/Guides – Evaluations revealed they are well-liked and are doing a good job.
- Advisor Tour – Advisors did not like the tour. Discussion on what to do with them during competition.
- Medical Forms – The teachers keep them but we need copies at the site. Add to registration.
- Food Service – NOT in the same room as Testing
- Registration – Must get large rubber bands back
- Oral Presentations – Note cards must go back in bags after presentations.
- Resource Materials – Four copies at each site.
- 2 Oral Presentations Rooms – Of the top 10 teams, 5 came from one room and 5 from the other.

7. FFA Pilot – Originally agreed to try two years with this past competition being the 2nd year. Had to move State Comp to mid April to accommodate FFA, who are using the Wildlife Score. Regions polled for new FFA participation: St. Louis – no new teams; SW – no great increase and Central – no new teams.

8. Rule Changes – Judy and DeDe will work to incorporate the suggested rules changes into the rules to make sure we have covered all the issues. Those discussed to change are:

- Changes made to Rule 3a – advisor cell phones on registration AND copies of medical forms.
- Changes made to Rule 6 – “Use or possession” added.
- Changes to Rule 12a – “4 copies of resource materials.....” added
- Changes to Rule 12b. – “or receive point reductions” added
- Changes to Rule 13e – “A 10 minute, 5 minute and 1 minute left warning.....” added
- Changes to Rule 13f – “When time is up, station monitors must say STOP....” Added
- Changes to Rule 23 – “point reduction or” added

9. Bylaw changes – None

10. 2011 Canon Envirothon Update

- Team Registration of \$800 – already approved
- Polo shirts for winning team and advisors. Paula made the motion to get the shirts and Theresa second. Motion passed unanimously.

- Award to team for travel – estimated \$6,000
- Trade items – Gather items and send to Peggy or Judy by June 6. No glass.
- Sequestration snacks – Team can spend up to \$50. Motion made by Tina with a second by Judy. Motion passed unanimously.

11. 2012 Topic – Low Impact Development. Learning objectives are up on the Canon website.

12. 2012 State Competition Location and Date: Probably Columbia area

13. 2012 Canon Competition Location and Date: Pennsylvania

14. Other business: Tina announced that she will no longer sit on the State Envirothon Committee. She introduced her replacement: Katie Hall, and said also that Bruce Longen will co-chair with Katie for the Central Region.

Also – Adam Brandsgaard will serve on the State Committee for the Northwest Region along with T. J. Preacher, and he stated that Travis and Teona will no longer participate.

15. Next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 10 a.m., at the Cole USDA Service Center.

Tina made a motion to adjourn, Theresa second and motion was unanimous.