

Missouri State Envirothon Meeting
October 24, 2018
Cole County USDA Service Center

Attendance: Peggy Lemons, MASWCD; Tina Dulaban, Central Region; Judy Stinson, DNR; Sue Ann Wright, KC Region; Andrea McKeown, State Chair; Audrey Rayl, Treasurer; Jackie Martin, NE Region; Lena Sharp, NE Region; Ashley Fisk, SW Region, and Theresa Strunk, STL Region

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., at the Cole County USDA Service Center in Jefferson City, Mo.

Minutes: Committee reviewed the minutes of the May 30, 2018 meeting. Lena made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Audrey second; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Audrey presented the Treasurer's Report. Theresa made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; Tina second; motion carried.

Magazine update: Judy and Theresa reported that the magazine is coming along well. A discussion was held about how the committee could thank Van Beydler for the print layout work. It was decided to give him a \$250 gift card. Theresa made a motion to purchase a \$250 gift card for Van, Audrey second; motion carried.

NCF competition update: Andrea and Peggy reported that Idaho did a great job. During the week, the Operating Committee met and discussed several things including 4 person teams. It was decided that teams can register and compete with less than 5 members, but would not be eligible for prizes.

The NCF Operating Committee has let two employees go, and hired Laura D. as a fundraiser. Debbie Waycot will be retiring, so the committee has put out a job announcement for a new Envirothon Program Manager.

Envirothon Resources: Sue Ann has developed a curriculum for Missouri Envirothon, complete with lesson plans, experiments and activities, and tests. She gave each regional chair a binder with the complete curriculum. She is also looking into a grant to update the resource trunks across the state.

State Test Writing Coordinator: A brief discussion was held. The committee would like to check with Mo Envirothon Committee member and MDC Educational Outreach Supervisor, Stephanie McKinney, if she would be the state test writing coordinator, or if she could identify someone for the job. Theresa asked about having the state test writer provide 10-12 questions for the Current Issue topic to each region. This would provide for more consistency in teams preparing for the current issue portion of the program. The committee will revisit this when the test writing coordinator is identified.

Registration and Medical forms: Judy collected the regional registration and medical forms to review and then design form/forms that all regions would use. This will provide consistency, and

ensure that all team information is collected correctly. It was discussed that teachers should also have a copy of their teams' forms.

MU and Smithfield Scholarships: MU has committed to once again offer a \$1000 MU scholarship to each member of the winning team at state. MU will also likely send volunteers to work at the state event. Smithfield has committed to once again offer cash scholarships to the top three teams in the amounts of \$5000, 10,000 and 15,000. Smithfield will also send volunteers to work at both regional and state events. In addition, they have provided \$2000 as t-shirt sponsors the last two years.

Missouri Envirothon Scholarship: The committee has presented 7 scholarships in the past seven years, each at \$250, except the last (2018) at \$500. The scholarship currently honors the former district employees and Envirothon committee members, Mary Burt and Paula Champion. The Lawrence County Board has committed to donating \$500 each year in honor of Paula. The St. Charles and St. Louis County boards have agreed to designate their yearly Envirothon donations to the scholarship fund in honor of Mary (the amount may vary but has been between \$200 and \$1,000 each year). Theresa, with the help of committee members, will continue to fundraise for the scholarship as well. The committee discussed raising the amount of the scholarship. Peggy made a motion to raise it to \$750, Lena second; and motion carried.

Fundraisers at TanTarA: MASWCD has donated Name Badge Ribbons that will be sold at TanTarA to help raise funds for Envirothon. Ribbons will be one dollar each. It was decided that the program will need at least 2 tables at the conference – one for scholarship, and one for resources/trunks (Sue Ann). Judy made a motion that we purchase two booth spaces for \$200, Sue Ann second; and motion carried.

Update on Regional Events: NE had 8 teams compete; SW is Nov. 7. SE does not have a committee at present.

Trainings: NE provides training for the 3 teams going to state. KC has a training March 6. STL will hold a training January 12.

State Competition: The competition will be held at the Lincoln University Carver Farm on May 2, 2019.

NCF Competition: The competition will be held from July 28-Aug 2, in North Carolina. The 2020 topic is groundwater.

Statewide training: The committee discussed a coaches' training, possibly in the summer of 2019.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held in March 2019.

Judy made a motion to adjourn. Audrey second. Meeting adjourned.