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Althouse College in room 2040

Minutes

This was a fantastic Science Olympics, and we thank all participants for making this a terrific event.

1. Present: Perry Caskanette, Frank Dyer, Tom Haffie, Elizabeth Heinicke, Jim Lodge, Kimberley Maynard, Antonella Pagnotta., Sheila Thorsley, Patrick Whippey, Eric Wood.
2. Regrets: Tom Griffiths, Murray Kucherawy, Dan Thorsley.
3. We reviewed the individual events, and have the following suggestions for next year:
 - a. Star Wars: The rules on the web are in fact out of date. We will update them to the 1997 version. Kimberley Maynard will be taking over this event from Jim Lodge. Welcome!
 - b. Add-Em-Up: The rules on the web are also out of date., and we will update them too.
 - c. Amazing Rodents. The log books will be submitted via email, to avoid having teachers deliver the logs by hand. Please submit them as a WordPerfect document, attached to an email message.
 - d. We will make a template log book available on the web, which students can download.
 - e. Circuits: Don Moorcroft, Dept of Physics and Astronomy, has devised a web-based version of this event. We will put this on the web site for students to practise, and either run it as a demonstration event, or make it part 2 of the circuits event.
 - f. London Bridge The length of the bridge will be changed to: Length: Minimum = 67cm; maximum = 77 cm. This will ensure it will fit on the testing device. We will let the students use any kind of glue.
 - g. The plaques will go to the best three bridges regardless of the school from which they come. We will give plaques this year to those competitors who came second and third.
4. TimeTable Changes
 - a. London Bridge will go to the Auditorium, to allow better viewing, with weigh in starting at 9:30 am. Chemical Capers will go to the small amphitheatre that seats 100 or so. Fermi will be run in the two amphitheatres simultaneously.
 - b. Mathematical Triathlon: Teams comprise 4 to 6 students, one from grade 11, one from grade 12, while the others can be from any grade. This team is expected to compete in all three parts of the competition. The teams are getting too good at

the "Who am I event".

5. Rube Goldberg Event. The Goal for next year will be the following: Raise a flag from the bottom to the top of a vertical flagpole 1.00 m high.
6. Robot Runner This event may be a bit difficult for grade nine and ten students. Should we make it a bit simpler, e.g. make it a mouse trap event, and go for distance?
7. Web Based Rules. We will not make any changes to the rules after the February meeting. The only changes after that time will be clarifications or corrections, and these will be flagged by a yellow "New" graphic.
8. We will delete the rules that say "You cannot enter an event twice", because we cannot enforce it. We originally applied this rule to "And this Little Pig", but the current format of the event does not really require this restriction.
9. Publicity: Kimberley Maynard volunteered to be our Publicity Chair. Thank you.

Have a great summer, and we will see you all in February 1999.