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Althouse College in room 2042

### Minutes

Present: Jill Chalmers, Frank Dyer, Tom Haffie, Elizabeth Heinicke, Murray Kucherawy, Michelle Laframboise, Kimberley Maynard, Rhonda Milton, Shernaz Minwalla, Brian Nikota, Paul Theriault, Chris Tye, Pat Whippey. Regrets: Terry Brown, Phil Dean, Stewart McIntyre, Ted Medzon, Jen Porter, Dan and Sheila Thorsley.

1. Several people suggested that the Pentathlon Events should have awards for each individual event. If we give a plaque for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, we will need another 24 plaques at a current cost of about \$16.00 each (= \$384). Some of the events are short, and do not compare with the effort required for the Rube Goldberg event for example. Other suggestions were to award ribbons, or plaques for the first place only, and ribbons for the silver and bronze. If we get enough money, we will get plaques; if not, we will manage with ribbons. We agreed we would take a final decision at our February meeting.
2. We will try to get the courtyard for Add-Em Up, to avoid conflict with SPLAT.
3. There was considerable confusion with the location of some events, particularly for the grade nines. We will try to get the map blown up onto Bristol board and laminated.
4. We need escorts (from Lets' Talk Science?) to take the grade nines to the next event.
5. Pig Event: The pigs are getting expensive, but there is no good alternative. Some schools are switching to rats. Can schools bring their own pigs?
6. Forensic Biology can take only twelve schools. Only the first 12 schools to register will be able to participate. Only three students from each school can participate at the workshop.
7. Heavy Engineering: The event next year will be to make a chair.
8. Microscopic Manipulations: Shernaz Minwalla will not be available next year, so we need someone to take over this event. We wish both Shernaz and her family well as they travel to teach in South America.
9. Quizzles are done often in Elementary School. Can we find a new event to round out the Mathematics Triathlon? Paul will contact a few people.
10. Robots: Chris Tye from Lucas will take this event over from Murray Kucherawy. If it is to run, we need to raise enough money so that many schools have access to the Lego-Dacta kit, which costs \$300- \$400. We also need to develop a clear set of rules.
11. Rube Goldberg Event: Wet a stamp and put it on an envelope.
12. Jen Porter has run the Amazing Rodents event for three years, and wishes to retire, so we need a replacement for her. Thank you Jen for all the effort you have supplied for these

- three years.
13. The Chair of the National Science Fair Committee has suggested that it would be neat if London could run a complete Science Olympics Competition for the exhibitors at the Canada Wide Science Fair in May of 2000.
  14. We thank Kim Maynard for the excellent publicity. The New PL can now do live broadcasts at noon, so we need to have a vibrant event going as background at that time. The winner of the Rube Goldberg is often a good choice.
  15. The meeting adjourned at about 5:00 pm.
  16. Have a great and refreshing summer, and we will meet again in February. The meeting dates are on the web site: <http://www.physics.uwo.ca/olympics/olympics.htm>.