

London District Science Olympics

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 31 May 2000
Held in room 125 in Banting Secondary School

Present: Maureen Davis, Jim Dwyer, Frank Dyer, Elizabeth Heinicke, Kimberley Maynard, Rhonda Milton, Louise Miszczak, Paul Theriault, Pat Whippey.

Regrets: Kim Baines, Terry Brown, Tom Haffie, Travis McKeen, Elizabeth Massaro, Tim Sibbald,

1. We reviewed all the events. Pentathlon Nine and Pentathlon Ten need some re-alignment to reflect the changes in the syllabus. It will look something like the following:
2. Review of events.

Pentathlon Nine		Pentathlon Ten	
Reproduction	Micro. Manipulations	Ecosystems	Add-Em-Up
Atoms	Chemical Capers	Chemical processes	New event
Electricity	Circuitous Circuits	Earth & Weather	New event
The Universe	New event. Astronomy?	Physics - Motion	SPLAT
All Units	Word Search	All Units	Cross Word

Rhonda Milton, Brian Hodgert and Patrick agreed to meet at 3:45 pm on Tuesday 13 June in room 125 at Banting to brainstorm some new events. We welcome anyone who would like to join us.

- a. SPLAT needs a clear statement that Safety Glasses are mandatory.
 - b. *Serial Killer* will be re-named *World Series*.
 - c. Robots: Need a champion to run it.
 - d. Other ideas for events: Mousetrap racers; WHIMIS quiz; Vectors and Orienteering
 - e. Minor changes to London Bridge and And This Little Pig were submitted.
 - f. Dante's Peek may change significantly.
 - g. Can we package Rube Goldberg as an ISP project to make it more popular? There were only two entries this year.
3. The TT splits on the web must reflect the current year's entries.
 4. All Workshops should be in the morning to expedite travel.
 5. Can we get Discovery Western to take over another event because Heavy Engineering has

- disappeared.
6. Three people volunteered for Bingo. Thank You.
 7. We will hold the dinner one week after the Olympics next year.
 8. Pat will approach a sponsor. The name Science Olympics will remain, ie it will not become the *Acme Company Science Olympics*.
 9. Not discussed at the meeting: I am currently maintaining the rules in three different formats: WordPerfect for DOS, WordPerfect for Windows, and Adobe Acrobat format. I propose to make the Rules available only in Adobe Acrobat format next year. After you have downloaded the appropriate free program, you can print out the rules locally, regardless of the hardware and software you are using. Adobe Acrobat is rapidly becoming the universal standard for sharing information across different platforms. If you cannot do it yourself, there is bound to be some student on your team who can take responsibility for doing this. Another reason has to do with security. We have detected people trying to break into our server via the FTP site, so that downloads have been disallowed for the moment.
 10. Date of next years Olympics: Thursday 24 May 2001.
 11. Have a great and refreshing summer, and we will meet again in February. The meeting dates will be on the web site: <http://www.physics.uwo.ca/olympics/olympics.htm>.