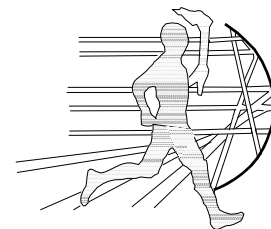


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15 February 2007

4:00 pm Saunders Secondary School;

Minutes

1. Present: Terry Brown, Elizabeth Heinicke, Kristy McConnell, Al McIntyre, Rhonda Milton, Richard Tamminga, Patrick Whippley
2. Regrets: Perry Caskanette, Nathan Jones, Mike Katchabaw, Heather Newton.
3. Two Science Olympians of long standing are unable to participate this year: Roger Kennedy, Paul Theriault. We thank them for their immense contributions, and we will keep a seat at the table for them should they ever wish to return.
4. Funding: We will charge \$5.00 for each student who enters. There is no limit to the number of events in which a given student may participate. Schools may wish to charge each student, ask a commercial sponsor to cover the cost, or have a parents support group provide the funds. Cheques will be made payable to the *London District Science Olympics*. If this may prevent your school from participating, please discuss options with Patrick Whippley.
5. Limiting the Numbers. The Althouse College auditorium holds about 600 students, so this is the maximum number of students allowed. We filled it in 2006. For 2007 we will:
 - a. Set the deadline for entries at 11:59 pm on the Friday that is 13 days prior to the Olympics.
 - b. Allow only one team per event prior to the deadline.
 - c. Maintain a waiting list for schools wishing to enter more than one team per event. If there is still room available after the deadline, additional teams may be added at the discretion of the Judge for that event.
6. Events: These are unchanged from last year, except for the following:
 - a. The system for special study for “And This Little Pig” will be the *Digestive System*. Practise is mandatory.
 - b. The final task for the Rube Goldberg competition will be *Spin a 331/3 vinyl record on its normal rotation axis for a minimum of 5 revolutions*.
 - c. We need new Judges for Fermi, Lightening Calculators, Serial Series. Kristy McConnell and Richard Tamminga volunteered to approach colleagues for the Math events. Patrick will look for someone at Western to run Fermi.
7. Jon McGoey will run a set of less formal activities in the Cafeteria. We will provide a plaque for the overall winner. We will post a list of the events and a brief description on the web page.

8. Cup Stacking will run again.
9. Cafeteria. Patrick will ensure it is open this year.
10. Security. This was excellent in 2006. We will remind teachers that they are expected to keep an eye out for potential problems.
11. We need a Publicity Chair to contact the media just prior to the event. (Added by Pat after the meeting)
12. Date of the 2007 Science Olympics: Thursday 24 May 2007.
13. OAB - None. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.