

SW WASHINGTON REGIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes for Monday, 14 November 2011, 6:30 PM, Clark College

Members present: Erin Harwood, David Bufford, Rick Grote, April Takashima, Jo Shannahan, David Rosi, Adam Wolfer, Steve Jatho, Cheryl Kryger

Elementary Science Olympiad Invitational Tournament

Saturday, November 19, 2011, Clark College

1. There are 19 teams registered, of which three are new this year.
2. Most everything is in place for Saturday's tournament. Last minute details were discussed and finalized.

Regional Tournament

Saturday, March 10, 2012, Lower Columbia College

1. David Rosi and Adam Wolfer reported that plans are just now getting underway with emphasis on recruiting event supervisors. Possible names were exchanged.
2. We reviewed the schedule and new events.
3. This is the fourth year the regional tournament has been held at LCC. They had originally committed to five years. David and Adam weren't sure what would happen after that, but the VP at LCC is very supportive of hosting the tournament.

Coaches Clinic

Saturday, October 8, 2011, Clark College

1. 21 people attended the Elementary Coaches Clinic.
2. Having the board run the presentations turned out to be ideal. This allowed the event supervisors to observe, understand our intentions and hear the questions posed by the coaches. We also were able to speak with them directly about clarifications and trouble spots that could come up while the coaches were doing hands on activities.
3. Registration fees should be clarified in that they apply to "teams" and not "buildings."
4. In the future, we should open with the overview so that we can maintain a timely schedule and late arrivals will not interrupt the presentations.
5. Next year we will be hosting both elementary and B/C clinics. One suggestion was to hold the elementary section in October at the ESD (if Mark Watrin is willing to okay this), and postpone the B/C clinic to early or mid-January. The advantage to scheduling the B/C clinic later would be that coaches know more about what they are dealing with by then and we are closer to recruiting supervisors. We'd have to make sure that it doesn't conflict with established invitationals.

Other

- Rick Grote represented us at the BPA Volunteer Fair on October 11. Interest was extremely light, and it was decided that we will not participate again.
- B/C team registrations in Washington are down. Last year there were 110 teams compared with 83 so far this year.
- Next board meeting: Monday, 13 February 2012, at 6:30 PM, at Lower Columbia College. There will be no meeting in January. A carpool will meet at 5:30 at the Salmon Creek Park and Ride (which has been moved west, closer to Fred Meyer). The exact location of the meeting on the LCC campus will be announced on the website closer to the date.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Kryger
Secretary