

SW WASHINGTON REGIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes for Monday, 7 March 2011, 6:30 PM, Clark College

Members present: Rick Grote, April Takashima, Erin Harwood, David Rosi, Adam Wolfer, Jo Shannahan, Barry Hoffmann, Cheryl Kryger

SW WA Regional Tournament

Saturday, March 12, 2011, Lower Columbia College

David Rosi and Adam Wolfer, tournament directors, reported on their progress.

1. They are still looking for an event supervisor for Sounds of Music C.
2. They had special notes to add for several events.
 - a. Awesome Aquifers B will have two teams building at the same time.
 - b. Protein Modeling C has a software problem, but they've managed to work it out.
 - c. For SumoBots C, if teams are using 2.4 GHz, they must make sure that they are using DSS and not the floating spread spectrum.
3. At this point there will be no trial events because of the difficulty in getting supervisors.
4. The regional tournament will loan test equipment to the state tournament for Optics B/C, Wind Power C, and possibly Storm the Castle B.
5. We will give out three \$50 Gordon Patterson team scholarships for each division by randomly drawing names at the awards ceremony. Cheryl Kryger and David Bufford will take care of the details including contacting the Patterson family. Gordon's parents live in Longview and would like to participate in the presentations along with his widow, Carrie, possibly.
6. The WSO has provided award certificates for all the new teams. In addition, the best new team in each division receives \$25 towards next year's registration fee.
7. We agreed that it is appropriate to give one participation certificate to each team and let the coaches copy it for all their team members, instead of providing copies for all the students.
8. It was suggested to remind the event supervisors that it is okay to allow late arriving students to compete, because they are sometimes held up at another event. However, they should not be allowed extra time. It is also helpful to maintain a time limit in lab events so that all students have time to make it through all the stations.

Washington State Tournament

Saturday, April 16, 2011, Clark College

1. Headquarters will be in Scarpelli Hall this year because of its more centralized location. The main room for check-in and scoring will be SHL 102. Sign-ups will be in the lobby (SHL 101). Hospitality can be in SHL 014, which is ideal because it is in the same building, has a sink, and is on the ground floor right next to the parking lot.
2. Erin Harwood is still looking for event supervisors for these events:
Experimental Design B/C (RA Long HS had a very effective setup for grading.)

Microbe Mission B/C (proctor only)
Bottle Rocket B (Engineering Club may handle)
Storm the Castle B (Engineering Club may handle)
Astronomy C
Protein Modeling C
Technical Problem Solving C
Wind Power C
Mag Lev Vehicle B/C (trial)
Model This B (trial)

3. There was a suggestion that in the future Trial Events could be called Demonstration Events.
4. There will be no opening ceremonies due to previous years' poor attendance and the conflict with the 8:30 tests.
5. April Takashima and Cheryl Kryger will figure out some trinkets to give to the teams as mementos, especially since there will be no t-shirts.
6. Pre-award activities will depend on how the timing goes at Regionals for the SumoBots C. If there is a lot of extra time, we will organize a "Minute to Win It" type of activity. Rick Grote's Bottle Rocket Bowling and Cheryl Kryger's three man sling shot could be two of the games. If we offer prizes, they should be low key such as candy.
7. The Clark College Bookstore will not be open due to the lack of traffic two years ago. It was suggested that an alternative would be the Grand Central Fred Meyer store on Columbia House Blvd.
8. We will ask David Bufford to arrange an arbitration board.

Other

Next board meeting (pending room reservation): Monday, 11 April 2011, at 6:30 PM, JSH 244 at Clark College. The main purpose will be to review the regional tournament and plan for the state tournament.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Kryger
Secretary