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Minutes

1. Present: David Borwein, Tiffany Buffington, Beth Crowe, Anne Dwyer, Frank Dyer, Tom Haffie, Brian Hodgert, Ian Martin, Elizabeth Massaro, Bill Oldham, Amy Orr, Antonella Pagnotta, Chuck Scollard, Sheila Thorsley, Dan Thorsley, John Welbourn, Patrick Whippey.
2. Regrets: Catherine Desjardine, Eric Wood, Tom Griffiths, Richard Hammond, Jim Lodge.
3. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.
4. Review of the events:
 - a. Forensic Biology. Tom makes up the event after the workshop, so attendance there is required. He can only manage six or so teams.
 - b. Heavy Engineering: please judge it on site.
 - c. And This Little Pig: We have one person who will help, but we need a second person member of the team. Dan will contact someone.
 - d. Fermi Questions is an Open Event. There may be questions involving uncertainties this year.
5. Sunstang will be with us this year. Thank You! You will add much to the Olympics by your presence.
6. Workshops will run at 9:30 - Noon on Tuesday April 21.
7. The entry form will be on the web this year. Please use it if you can. It will probably be password protected.
8. The Rules will also be distributed via the web site. I will let you know by Email when it is available. I want to move to electronic modes of communication this year, because it will save significant costs.
9. School Trophies. It was moved by John Welbourn and seconded by ?: "That the School Trophies not be awarded in future". The motion was carried with 8 for and zero against the motion. This motion recognizes that the Olympics is now full, and this will remove the pressure for schools to run teams in every event.
10. There are now 37 High Schools in the Thames Valley School Board, up from 17. If significantly more schools wish to take part, we will have to:
 - a. Run longer in the day or
 - b. Run the Olympics on two separate days, as do the athletic events. In this case a new set of teachers will have to step up and take responsibility for the events, because the present team cannot take more than one day to run their event.
11. Please will the holders of the School Trophies please return them to Patrick, because we don't want to lose track of them, Thank you.