ACS ROBOTICS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

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Meeting Commenced at 6:30pm.

- 1. Competition issues.
- 2. General group issues.
- 3. Technical issues.
- 4. Presentation.
- 5. Next Meeting.

1. Competition Issues

The July comp at Griffith Uni's Open Day went well. We had a small turnout of robots, all of which had trouble getting going. However the day proved well worth it in aspects of preparation for the final competition.

The next competition will be held on the 27th November. Venue is to be discussed at the next meeting. Comments on the location so far have been limited to the 3 Uni's.

Check out QUT rooms. - Harris to action.

Check out GU rooms. - AnthonyE and Tracy to action.

Check out UQ rooms. - Michael to action.

If we use a room that has a video / computer feed to a projection screen, then we should connect up a camera to this for live footage. Also we can have a computer program that logs the times / names / race or bout information. This is to be investigated when the room has been chosen.

Carry Over Issues.

Interest has been raised from overseas on purchasing the videos of the competitions. The editing of these videos is to be discussed at the next meeting. — **Aaron and Tracy to action.**

The slide show made by Harris was very well done and a good bonus on the day. This slide show needs to be given to Aaron. – **Harris to action.**

2. Group Issues

The Creature Workshop Tour was great. About 15 people went and John Cox presented us with a real behind the scenes look at movie prop creation. Thanks again to Tracy for setting this up.

T-Shirt designs are to be started and voted on over the next 2 meetings.

The group has been approached by Ljubo Vlacic (from the GU robot lab) to generate or assist with the creation of small simple robots to showcase to high school students. This can greatly help the group by going through the design stages to producing a robot from the ground up. Many ideas have been discussed over the last month. In the next meeting final decisions will be made and as a group we will design and implement these robots.

Carry Over Issues.

Can the ACS fund the t-shirts since it will have their logo on it, and we should be getting sponsored from them each year? – **Tracy to action.**

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Can we get the t-shirts by themselves for a small initial run before the end of the month for the GU open day? and what format do they need the artwork in? – **Paul to action.**

With the new venue at GU, a notice for the door front needs to be created. - Aaron to action.

With the reduced membership fees now in place, the chasing of monies will now begin. – **Aaron to action.**

FAQ for the website to be introduced. – **Tracy to action.**

Promoting the group through another sponsor/organisation is to be examined. The National Institute of Engineers Australia (NIEA) has expressed interest so far. – **Tracy to examine.**

Contact Gorden Wyeth about guest speaking. - Tracy to action.

Find out if Gorden is going to hold another lego workshop this year. – **Tracy to action.**

3. Technical Issues

None from this meeting.

4. Presentation

3rd Aug - Andrew McCubbin talked about FETs and there use in h-bridge motor drivers.

5. Next Meeting

Tuesday, 7th September, 6:30pm.

Committee meeting: Standard at GU

Standard club meeting: Group effort. Robot design from the ground up.

Meeting Ended at 9:00pm.