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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

None this month. First test competition has given way to a workshop. Discussed below.

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.**

2. Group Issues

Workshop issues were largely discussed.

Date tentatively set to Sat 6th March. Time 10:00am – 5:00pm.

The Tutebot design (taken from Mobile Robots: Inspiration to Implementation) has been streamlined and implemented by Andrew McCubbin. There will be 2-3 people per tutor, so overall numbers will be limited. Tutors can be anyone with some knowledge of soldering, and electronics.

The SIG will initially provide parts, which the attendees can purchase as a kit on the day.

A workshop notice needs to go out at least a month in advance with an RSVP date. This will allow us to formulate numbers and see if the workshop is viable.

The workshop should either break even or create a small profit.

The finer points of this workshop need to be discussed at the next meeting.

Carry Over Issues.

Future outings, tour of movieworld and the museum. – **Discuss more at next meeting.**

Organising the future speakers for the year. - Discuss more at next meeting.

Examine some other forms of merchandising, like t-shirts for members to wear at competitions and alike. – **Paul to action.**

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

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Monies for group membership has started to be collected, and will continue to be collected until all have paid for the year. – **Tracy to action.**

Other signatories required to be able to release funds to those that need it for group expenses. – **Action at next meeting.**

Look into a FAQ for the group to be posted on the webpage. Examine at the next meeting more.

3. Technical Issues

None from this meeting.

4. Presentation

Aaron Dwyer was meant to give a presentation on his robots, but was unfortunately forced to cancel at the last minute.

Anthony Engwirda came to the rescue and provided a brief tour of the GU robot lab. The robots weren't currently in action, but a description of their hardware and features were given, along with an overview of some of the projects that they are being used for.

5. Next Meeting

Tuesday, 2nd March, 6:30pm.

Committee meeting: Normal.

Standard club meeting: Michael Lucas to talk about his soccer robots.

Meeting Ended at 8:00pm.