# ACS ROBOTICS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

# MINUTES FOR THE 02 MAR 99

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# Meeting Commenced at 7:00pm.

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

# 1. Competition Issues

There will be a demonstration competition / show and tell session at either QUT or GU. Venue will be worked out during the next few days, and flyers / website / email will be actioned. The date is set for the Sat 27<sup>th</sup> March 1999. Start time set for 1:30pm.

#### 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

A general workshop for all robots will be held in conjunction with a new robot beginners workshop on the Sat 13<sup>th</sup> March. Time 10:00am – 5:00pm.

The general workshop will be for current robots to come along and fine tune in readiness for the upcoming demo / competition at the end of March.

The beginners workshop will entail building and learning about the basics of robotics using the Tutebot design (taken from Mobile Robots: Inspiration to Implementation), which has been streamlined and implemented by Andrew McCubbin. There will be 2-4 places, as this is a trial workshop. If successful then more will held, and marketed and promoted accordingly.

Future outings were discussed, and the animatronics at MovieWorld and the museum and a new theme park being setup on the Gold Coast are going to be looked into. – **Aaron to action.** 

Future speakers for the year will be mapped out in 3 month intervals. The website is to be updated and emails are to go around 1 week in advance prior to the meeting.

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

#### Carry Over Issues.

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.** 

#### 3. Technical Issues

None from this meeting.

### 4. Presentation

A video from PBS (USA) and Discovery Channel was shown. Robots rising (Part 1) is a great overview of current robotics from top down and bottom up design. Featuring many robots from around the world.

Some high school workshop GU robots were shown and also a Miniboard and ultrasonic sensor arrangement.

# 5. Next Meeting

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 10:00am – 5:00pm. Workshop. Held at GU.

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 1:30pm. Demonstration competition.

Tuesday, 6th April, 6:30pm.

Committee meeting: Normal.

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

Meeting Ended at 8:30pm.