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Meeting Commenced at 10:30am.

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

1. Competition Issues

The next competition will be held for Griffith Uni's Open Day on the 25th of July. More details to be given to Aaron. – **AnthonyE to action.**

The final comp now has a fee structure (see below) and as such registration is mandatory. There is an online form available.

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 venue in Z Block was unfortunately to small for the stockcar track. Another room in Z Block or ITE will be examined as an alternative. – **Aaron to action.**

The track must arrive at the venue much earlier than the race start time. This is to allow for setup and testing of cars/sumos. – **Paul 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 intermediate tutorial is today the 8th May. Andrew McCubbin has done up some analog and digital speed control demonstrations.

Financing the SIG was discussed, with the overall opinion that membership monies need to be reduced. Since we function as a non profit SIG, we only need cover our expenses. With a reduced membership the competitions will now have a registration fee. So the new price structure is as follows.

Membership Fees

\$5 for ACS members \$10 for Non ACS members

Competition Fees (Final Comp with trophies only)

\$5 for each robot in any comp.

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Carry Over Issues.

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

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.**

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.**

T-shirt merchandising could be gained from Office Works iron-on style, that can be printed with a laser or inkjet printer. Quotes still need to be found from other sources. – **Paul to action.**

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.**

QUT apparently has some old sumo chassis that might be thrown out. These should be salvaged for the group. – **Aaron to action.**

3. Technical Issues

None from this meeting.

4. Presentation

4th May – Michael Lucas gave us a guided tour of his RoboCon robots that went to Japan recently. 8th May – Andrew McCubbin's intermediate tutorial on speed control.

5. Next Meeting

Tuesday, 1st June, 7:00pm.

Committee meeting: Standard at GU

Standard club meeting: Norbert Harle will talk about his robot stockcar at GU.

Meeting Ended at 11:00am.