# ACS ROBOTICS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MINUTES FOR THE 03 NOV 98

#### Meeting Commenced at 7:00pm.

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

# **1. Competition Issues**

The final year competition will be on the 28<sup>th</sup> November, Saturday afternoon at GU, starting at 1:30pm for the stockcars, with sumos to follow. It will be in the Central Theatre.

Two competitions. Stockcar and Sumo. Same format and layout as previous competitions.

New competition flyers were made and dispersed.

Press release to be sent into the papers. – Aaron to action.

Cameron has modified the existing rules for the stockcar and sumo. They now need to be cleaned up and issued to Tracy so they may go onto the web page. – **Aaron to track down and give to Owen for final consideration.** 

Web page has been updated for competition.

The Central Theatre has 2 rooms, one could be used for storage. We will have to work out the room layout during the next Workshop on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nov.

Other avenues for advertising are Brisbane Extra, Briz 31, Snapshot (ABC) – **Aaron and Tracy to action.** 

Another advertising avenue is the Griffith Gazette – AnthonyE to action.

Perhaps do a Uni mailout to students studying related course material. - Harris to action.

Perhaps do a high school fax out of the competition flyer. - Ian and Aaron to action.

Could also get the CSIRO robot for a show and tell after the competitions - lan to action.

Carry Over Issues.

Display boards of other people's robotic achievements should be shown at the competitions. University projects usually require this as part of the marking process, and as such, each Uni should have many display boards. – **Aaron for QUT, Michael for UQ, and AnthonyE for GU.** 

This point has another spin, with each Uni possibly able to show off there robot wares, and show the public the direction in robotics that the Uni is pursuing.

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# 2. Group 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.** 

Organize members into a spreadsheet, to be shared between Tracy and Aaron. – **Tracy to initially** action.

Allocate membership numbers to members and issue a membership card. – 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.

#### Carry Over Issues.

Purchase of medallions and trophies for competition winners. Maximum of \$100 to spend. Use picture of logo for medallions. – **Tracy to action.** 

# 3. Technical Issues

None from this meeting.

# 4. Presentation

Aaron Dwyer presented his winning robot from the 1997 competition. He explained the principles behind the robot, and the techniques of both hardware and software used to traverse the track.

# 5. Next Meeting

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 10:30am.

Committee meeting : None. Standard club meeting : Robotic Workshop.

# Meeting Ended at 9:20pm.