

Meeting Commenced at 6:30pm.

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

1. Competition Issues

The March competition had a dismal entrant turnout, however proved to be of great benefit to those involved. The incentive to enhance the robots was well received, and the rejuvenation of the track was worth it. Holding the smaller events at UQ has proven to be the best location while all the robots are still finding their feet.

It has been decided that the next competition will be held in July, on a date to be confirmed at the next meeting.

The medallions purchased for the March competition were not used, and as such will be used for the July competition.

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. – **Cameron to action.**

The public liability issue that was raised for having our competitions in shopping centers still needs clarification of what and how much cover we actually have from ACS. (This issue will need to be resolved before the mid year comp) – **Bruce to action.**

For the final competition it was discussed, that we should head outside of the University to another location. Using place, company sponsorship to do so would be ideal. Such as having DreamWorld or MovieWorld host, or McDonalds or CocaCola. Of course with heaps of blatant advertising as well.

A sound presenter will be required for this, so keep this in mind. Someone who has a working knowledge of robots. Therefore one of us.

A point to note for the next competition is that the traffic lights should be located first then the track built around them. If the track is moved after being taped together it loses its good fit.

For all upcoming competitions anyone, who has created a robot, should bring it along for display, even if it doesn't work at the time.

Change the competition flyer to 'Brisbane Robotics Competition', and 'Queensland Robotics Championships' for the end of year competition. This has been brought on by other robotics interest groups in the southern states starting to have their own regional competitions. At some point in the future, we should be able to have an 'Australian Robotics Championship' again.

2. Group Issues

Carry over tasks from previous meetings.

- Look into bulk purchases of standard components needed for the group through an educational source – **Michael to action.**

New issues.

No handover of material was achieved, so this must take place at the next committee meeting. Contact Harry before the next meeting to remind him to bring in all his material – **Tracy to action.**

The ACS no longer are at the same address. They have moved to Adelaide street in the city. For the next meetings after the competition, we will convene at the same address as usual until ACS have settled down at their city location.

3. Technical Issues

None from this meeting, however a carry over question of asking Shane how much his components cost and where he bought them from still remains.

4. Presentation

Michael presented his entry in the RoboCon 98 Japanese robotic competition. He brought in the balloon-busting robot and some scaled down models of the arena. Plus lots of photos and a video.

Congratulations to Michael and his team for a great effort in such a short space of time.

5. Next Meeting

Tuesday, 5th May.

Committee meeting : Competition roundup and issues.

Standard club meeting : a showing of the videos taken should be possible.

Meeting Ended at 9:30pm.