



Minutes of 1st FRA General Meeting 08/03/03

EVENTS- A consensus of opinion was that there was potentially to many events per year (19 this year alone) for roboteers to attend. It is thought that there is a core of 30 robots per event, consisting of if the event is in the south 15 locals and 15 travellers and in the midlands 15 locals and the same 15 travellers hence the suggestion that the active robot community is 45 machines. It was suggested that there should be a closed season (Jan/fib) and that there could be ten ranking events per year at a rate of 1 per month, with other non ranking events at two weekly intervals, before or after a ranking event. It was agreed by those present that no event organiser would arrange an event within 2 weeks of another.

2 SAFETY- With recent letters and conversations regarding arena safety this subject was a rather tame. It would appear that every one is on the same playing field now. A constant review or safety would be on going, with the suggestion that an independent safety report would be written up on a set form for each event. My main worry was that the pit and proximity to the arena entrance was more dangerous than what could have happened in the arena. It was agreed to endeavour to make sure that isles and emergency exit doors would be kept clear and adequately sized.

3 FIGHTING ROBOTS ASSOCIATION- The potential launch of an association for roboteers, event organisers and trade suppliers to roboteering with the aims of
A Promotion and education of all things to do with fighting robots of all weight categories.
B To become the governing body with regard to robot rules and event/arena rules.
C To appropriately insure the robot community against public liability questions.
D To centralise communications, in effect be the library of contacts, promote events etc.
E To promote the set up of regional meeting clubs that are affiliated to the fighting robot association.
F To represent roboteers interests in negotiations with other bodies.
G A funding proposition was made for the year 2004 that roboteers would pay a yearly fee and that event organisers would be prepared as part of their contracts give a donation of 1% of income of the event.(ticket sales)

An agreement was made for the group to undertake the following.

- 1 Event report draft format
ar/sj 22/03/03
- 2 To create ideas for a logo and gauge public support
ml/ea/sj/ar/ak 22/03/03
- 3 To create a full mission statement
next meeting
- 4 Investigate insurances
ak/ea 05/05/03
- 5 Drafting of safety/event document
sj 05/05/03
- 6 Website investigation
ar/sj 22/03/03
- 7 Feedback e/mail to roboteers
jf 29/03/03
- 8 Funding- event contributions?
ml/ea/sj/jf 05/05/03
- 9 Sharing of mailing lists
sj/ea/jf/ml
22/03/03

Date of next meeting 05/04/03