



Minutes of 1st FRA General Meeting 05/04/03

Matters arising from the 1st meeting

1 Event Report with regard to Wrexham.

It was felt by all who attended this event, for a first event it was a good effort. Well done James.

Consideration of safety issues from Wrexham that are applicable to future events are, A/ Crowd control barriers should be of a more substantial type and that guidance be given on distance from the arena etc. B/ Robots again, were parked on the pit walkways causing a major safety hazard.

2 Safety/ Event Document.

I was agreed that all event organisers logo's should be printed on the event document. Author to provide by next meeting.

Certain wording and layout to be revised.

Already represented.

Two issues on safety were discussed.

A/ The tethering of axe's, hammer heads, power transmission shafts and flipper plates, to prevent these items from parting with the host machine. It was agreed that a trial be conducted using Dantomkia and Terrorhertz. This trial would be completed by October 2003, so that a full rule could be applicable if required from the 1/1/2004.

B/ With immediate effect it was agreed that a requirement for a hydraulic safety relief valve for all hydraulic powered machines must be fitted. No robot without a fitted relief valve would be allowed to use their weapons in any of the arena's.

3 Website

The web site had now been obtained, and an in preparation page be posted asap.

4 Mailing lists

All contributors have sent their lists to John Findlay. John to collate and mail new complete list to all.

5 Insurance

Difficulties with insurance were highlighted to all, it was agreed to await the outcome of the Robot Rumble event insurance before proceeding further.

New Items

6 Logo and roboteer support

It was unanimous that the logo presented by Sam Jones be accepted. An agreement was reached that roboteer support would be canvassed at the Robot Rumble.

A board would be placed so that all roboteers could be guided to various members of your committee for further information. So far no one has volunteered to make this advertising board.

7 Proposed Structure

It was put to the meeting that the following structure be adopted and was agreed. The association would have a governing body that would be split into an executive and an elected body. This structure should provide the checks and balance's to keep common sense prevailing at all times.

Please find attached document for your comments.

It was agreed that your president and chairman would endeavour to find potential regional chairmen and invite more event organisers to the next meeting.

Date of next meeting 17/5/2003