

Minutes of 9th FRA General Meeting - Sat 11th July 2004

Those Present :-

Andy Kane, Geoff Smith, Tony Somerfield, Kevin Scott, Steve Woolsey, John Findlay, Steve ? (RR Tech Checks), Mike Lambert, Stu Barnwell, James Coper, James Baker, Mike & Alan Young, Ed Hoppit, Craig Danby, John Reason, Kane Aston, Patrick Houston

Patric Houston accepted as the Official FRA Historian - and will record all World Championship fights on his website <http://www.btinternet.com/~patrick.web/robots/>

- Ian Lewis has resigned as rep for the South and West area.
- John Heatlie has resigned as Scottish area rep
- Paul, Cooper has resigned as Pneumatics adviser.
- Kev was voted as Secretary, and stood down from the East Mids area rep

- The SW area will be split and Andy Kane is to approach Belinda / Mark Hamilton to see if they will take the position for Wales and West UK
- No current proposal to cover Scotland.
- Mike Lambert was voted to take the position of Pneumatics advisor
- Kev has two suggestions for East Mids - Steve Woolsey and Trev Wright. Vote or Decision to be decided.

7th & 8th mtg minutes approved.

Craig Danby to proceed with getting a quote for printing FRA promotional leaflets (really need these in time for the World Championship)

Member No's and Financial position reported

Newark and Portsmouth event reports discussed - Liverpool not available (was one done ?)

Procedure was discussed for EO's to follow if they experience robot(s) with Loss of Control. Some advisory comments are required, but the FRA will state that EO remains responsible (not the man with loudest voice !)

Events list reviewed - Steel City at Magna is cancelled.

At future mtgs, secretary will be responsible for bringing the published list from website to check and amend the official listing.

Arena Classification - after much debate, we agreed that there should be Dual Classification allowing a higher class for Feathers than for Heavies. Rewrite of the guidelines will be required, Andrew Marchant is to be consulted (action KRS)

No more rule changes before World Champs. Americans are allowed their switches, but will be made to disconnect batteries between battles.

Tech check school successful at Liverpool. No further opportunity / need identified before the World Champs.

Website

- a proposal to moderate and/or separate gossip from formal stuff was rejected.
- Stu to arrange the download items listed in section 10 of last minutes.
- Request made for an email advising the group of any website changes
- During Discussion of World Champs - it was stated that the TV company involved wanted to Re-Vamp the website professionally. This was welcomed, although we must obviously keep control of content.

Some discomfort over sensitive information leaking outside of the committee group. Jonno agreed to remind us who is on the fightingrobot@yahoo group and assist anybody who's lost login details.

World Championship was discussed - all info was to be kept confidential. Judging rules are being written, and will most likely include a rule stating robots have 20sec of immobility before starting a 10sec countdown for elimination.

The existing Ant Weight group are not interested in the FRA, but a sub section is to be formed by Craig and Kane for people involved in Ants as well as Feathers and/or Heavies.

Education - Various people have projects running with schools - this is fully supported and to be promoted by the Association.

Much interest in the new 6kg class

New Debenham owners would like to get involved with the FRA

Kevin Scott
FRA General Secretary