

	<p>Nominations: Chief Judge - Tony Somerfield proposed Alan Gribble. Alan to be asked if he wishes to take the position.</p> <p>F.Weight rep - nominations received from James Baker, James Cooper & Alan Young. A vote was held and Alan Young appointed.</p> <p>European liason officer - Babeth has been acting in this position for some time and is a most welcome help to our organisation.</p> <p>Event Organisers rep - Ed Hoppitt was appointed by the event organisers.</p> <p>It was agreed that job descriptions should be available for the Gov. Body, and that we would start with the new posts above.</p>	<p>K Scott</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>A Kane G Smith</p>
7	<p><u>Rule Changes and Proposals</u></p> <p>a) The power light proposal was agreed as per agenda.</p> <p>b) New 6kg class. Justification was well received and included the point that these robots are more easily built (than FW's) from readily available parts and fitted well with radio controlled car technology. A rule set needs to be worked up in conjunction with DRG & GRA and circulated to Gov.Body for more detailed review.</p> <p>c) Increase F.Weights class from 12kg to 13.6kg. General discussion (incl. specific interest from S.East region) concluded that more weight will raise the 'potential for destruction' no conclusion was reached.</p> <p>d) New Entry Heavyweight Level class - Mike Lambert lead a discussion based on limits to some or all :- Cost / Armour / Weapons / Motors / Batteries. We saw this as a Club or Rookie class without Total Destruction as the objective. Everybody fully supports the concept. Proposed rule set to be prepared (see e)</p> <p>e) 8ack format - Terry Carlin presented a concept for robot Clans operating in a combined 'football' and 'rough' format. The proposal was considered too complex (as it stands) and is to be reworked without 'the rough', possibly in conjunction with d).</p> <p>Terry also requires an event at which he can 'trial' the format.</p> <p>f)) The weight of pneumatic weaponed robots with multiple gas bottles is giving rise for concern as an unfair advantage against other types of machines. It is proposed that the existing norm of 2kg of gas is still to be allowed. Therefore a pneumatic powered robot can be allowed up to102 kg when being put into an arena for a fight, coming out of the arena at approx 100kg. Gas and bottle weight for any additional bottles would be part of the initial 100kg weight limit for heavy weights.</p> <p>Proposed rule change to be prepared and discussed on the forum</p>	<p>K Scott</p> <p>J Baker</p> <p>M Lambert</p> <p>T Carlin</p> <p>EO's</p> <p>A Kane</p>

	Featherweights at this time only have one gas bottle, should featherweights appear in the future with two gas bottles it would be envisaged that the FRA would consider applying the same criteria as heavyweights should the need arise.																																																																																												
8	<u>Publication of Rule Changes</u> IT issues mean KRS is unable to edit the .PDF files where our Rules & Event Safety documents currently reside. Copies are to be made in word to facilitate updates. KRS will then arrange publication (after confirmation by the Gov.Body) via Stu on the website.	E Hoppitt																																																																																											
9	<u>Event Reports</u> Reports have not been carried out for a number of recent events. It was agreed that these still form a valuable part of FRA business, but that their compilation is the responsibility of Gov.Body (not EO's). Copies of all past reports are to be supplied to KRS (for FRA records). An FRA volunteer (nominee) is required to complete an event report at all future events.	EO's Members GS / AK																																																																																											
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11	<u>Elections</u> An Official Announcement is required to take nominations for the following National Officers :- Secretary & Safety Officer Elections to be arranged before the AGM at Easter Nominations are also invited for Regional Reps. Most existing reps are willing to continue in post and their appointment may be extended by regional election or by members of the Gov.Body. Adam Emmett (North and N.West) has indicated he would like to step down.	A Kane Members																																																																																											
12	<u>AGM</u> Subject to agreement from Geoff Thorpe, it was agreed that we would aim to hold our first AGM at 9.30 on Sun 27 th March at Robot Rumble, Debenham. Confirmation and Official Announcement required	K Scott A Kane																																																																																											

13	<p><u>Publication of Minutes</u></p> <p>The procedure for approval of minutes was agreed as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be written by secretary (or nominee) & checked by the Exec. - To be circulated to attendees (only) for prelim approval. - If agreed, they may be posted on the website. - Final approval shall be sought by the chairman of subsequent mtg. 	K Scott
14	<p><u>Communications</u></p> <p>Membership of the Fightingrobots@yahoo email group was reviewed and the following changes agreed :-</p> <p>Remove :- Arthur Chilcott, Craig Danby, Dave Young, Paul Hunt, James Cooper</p> <p>Add :- Marien van der Meer, Geoff Thorpe</p> <p>Those affected are to be advised.</p>	<p>J Findlay</p> <p>K Scott</p>
15	<p><u>Website Membership Page</u></p> <p>It was agreed that we should prepare a page for publication of the membership. This page is to be password protected, and details only made available as agreed on the membership application forms.</p> <p>A volunteer is requested to help set-up this page. email addresses are to be 'disguised' The page will not be published without further review by the Gov.Body.</p>	<p>K Scott</p> <p>All</p>
16	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Jon Reason asked if we plan set up the FRA League / Ladder - There are no current plans to do this because last years proposals were too complex, and it is believed that the arrangements are not compatible with EO's desire to run shows to 'their' format.</p> <p>Jon Reason asked for an update how we are integrating our sport with Education - This is currently being done by groups such as UK Robotic Games and individuals promoting their robots at schools and colleges. The FRA wish to encourage this at all levels, and plan to be more active in this area through schemes such as the Entry Level class and 8ack format discussed in section 7.</p>	

Prepared by :- **Kevin Scott** FRA Secretary

Approved by :-

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