



Minutes of 12th FRA General Meeting - 25 June 2005

Present :- Geoff Smith, Jon Reason, Belinda and Mark Hamilton, Trevor Wight, Ed Hoppitt, Alan Young

1	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Kevin Scott, Kane Aston, Tony Somerfield, Stu Barnwell</p>	
2	<p><u>Approval of Last Minutes</u></p> <p>Minutes of the meeting on 12th Feb were read and approved as a true and correct record of the last meeting</p>	G Smith
3	<p><u>AGM Minutes</u></p> <p>The Minutes from the AGM are outstanding and Kevin Scott has been requested to get these written up as quickly as possible.</p>	K Scott
4	<p><u>Membership & Finances</u></p> <p>Kevin Scott couldn't attend the meeting however provided us with the following update on the FRA's membership and finances.</p> <p>2005 membership stands at 85 :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 - East Mids & Yorks 16 - Europe 10 - East Anglia 10 - North & N.West 8 - Midlands 8 - South Midlands 8 - South and S. East 7 - S.Wales and West <p>Represents 73 Teams, with more than 47 Heavies & 30 Feathers.</p> <p>Income (to date) £590 includes £75 from DRG (& some may go back) Outgoings (to date) £665 £35.25 for website domain & £630 for PI insurance Balance £393 (starting bal was £468)</p>	
5	<p><u>Need for President</u></p> <p>Following the 2005 AGM Andy Kane stepped down as his role as president which he has been carrying out for the past couple of years. Andy's role as president was to preside over the growth of the FRA and nurture its development. As the FRA is now established Andy's wish is to return to his roboting as a member of the FRA. The FRA would like to thank Andy for the solid foundations that he has laid, and his resolve in dealing with difficult times in our past.</p>	G Smith
6	<p><u>Constitution Proposal</u></p>	

	<p>The ongoing need for a president was discussed and it was agreed that a proposal to amend the constitution will be put through meaning that the executive shall be formed of 3 national officers, Chairman, Secretary and a third officer – fulfilling the role of Safety. This will be have to be put to the membership as it requires a change to the constitution.</p>	K Scott
7	<p><u>Build Rules Proposal</u></p> <p>The proposal to change the rules for gas allowances was discussed and the following agreement was voted on by all attending members following the consultation process with FRA members detailed in the mins of the last FRA meeting.</p> <p>The concern is that the gas rules are open to abuse. A robot could be built with 10Kg of gas on board (weighing 110Kg) which would offer it a significant advantage over non-pneumatic robots. It was decided that any rule changes should not exclude robots which have been running for several years as this does nothing to support the development of our sport. It was therefore decided that as 4Kg is currently the maximum weight of gas carried by any running robot, that the maximum weight a gas filled robot may weigh is 104Kg carrying 4Kg of consumable gas. Totally vented the robot must weigh 100Kg. This rule change will be implemented and reflected in 3 months time from the publishing of these notes.</p>	K Scott
8	<p><u>Event Reports</u></p> <p>The event report for the XFM event in Ipswich was presented, there were no issues with safety raised. Ed Hoppitt did however raise a concern regarding the increasing strength of spinners in the featherweight category and that all event organisers should keep a careful eye on the strength of their arena (particularly roof) when running powerful featherweight spinners.</p>	
9	<p><u>Future Events</u></p> <p>A concern was raised regarding the DRG European Event and the fact that whilst the Dutch organisers were sending out messages that all was well, that there were underlying concerns about how the event was being financially managed. The committee agreed that FRA members should be kept up to date of any changes or news regarding the event.</p>	
10	<p><u>Outstanding Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Event Reports b) Promotional Leaflets c) Job Descriptions d) Publish rule change on Power Lights e) 6kg rules 	

	f) Entry level rules (Jeremy Cuss words ?) g) 8ack rules h) Word Doc for rules (to allow publication) i) updates to website events list j) website membership list	
11	<u>AOB</u>	