

Meeting Commenced at 7:30pm.

1. Discussed next year activities including speakers, competitions.
2. Discussed overall competition good and bad points.
3. General group issues.

1. Next Year

- More competitions to raise PR of group.
- Possible Sites
 - RNA showgrounds
 - Rotary
 - PC shows
 - Shopping Centres
 - Myer Center – **Michael to phone.**
 - Indooroopilly – **Michael to phone.**
 - Hypermarket – **Michael to phone.**
 - Garden City – **Aaron to phone.**
 - Hyperdome – **Aaron to phone.**
 - Carindale – **Tracy to phone.**
 - Chermside Myer – **Bruce to phone.**

Most likely scenario will be :

1st Comp. Shopping center. Held on the 14th of March.

2nd and 3rd Comp. Uni or Rotary. Held in June and September.

4th Comp. Final for the year. Held in November. Venue yet to decide.

- Aim to increase PR of group throughout the community.
- ACS willing to take over the administrative tasks of the group (within limits).
- Need to get an ACS representative along to one or more meetings to include ACS in the decision making process.
- ACS banner or sign required for show at competitions so that due credit is given. **Action yet to be decided.**
- Overall Robotics Sig flyer – **Aaron to action.**
- Look into bulk purchases of standard components needed for the group through an educational source – **Michael to action.**
- Next meeting will be 3rd Tuesday in January (20th).
 - Map out year more clearly and outline presenters for upcoming meetings.

- Discuss first competition.
- Show Michael's video.
- Show edited version of 1997 competition and micromouse.
- Feb Meeting – Bruce/Cameron to present their stockcar.
- April Meeting – Michael to present his efforts overseas.

2. Competition Roundup

Stockcar

- Track was acceptable, however slight modifications might have to be done to straighten edges of joins in the track.
- Track could possibly be numbered on the underside of the track to facilitate simple and easy assembly.
- During assembly, gaffa tape should be placed under the corner joins to give a flat side to the track.
- Rules to be refined and signed off on next meeting – **Cameron to action.**
- Rope to section off spectators from the track.
- No more standing on the track.

Sumo

- Rules to be refined and signed off on next meeting – **Cameron to action.**
- Stockcar track seemed to be enough of a barrier for the spectators with the sumo ring inside it.
- Sumo to start with IR beacon.

General

After comps are over, then have the round up of results with the winners and second then presented with awards in some orderly fashion, in direct view of video camera.

More care needs to be taken to have video footage not interfered with. Hence the need for spectators and entrants not to be in the way of the camera. For stockcar, the entrants need only stand all to one side, and if their robot requires attention, then they may move out onto the track.

A brief commentary about the Robot Sig, who is hosting the event and who is commentating and judging the events would be good. This might spark some interest in gathering new members.

3. Group Issues

Harry Shortt has relinquished his role of the past two years as president of the group, and Tracy Engwirda has stepped forward to take his place.

There will be an annual general meeting to formalize the group's structure for the upcoming year. The list below will be discussed and finalized at the next meeting.

Person	Responsibility
Tracy Engwirda	President
Unknown	Vice - President
Aaron Dwyer	Secretary
Bruce McNaught	Treasurer

Meeting Ended at 9:30pm.