General Meeting Minutes 28/01/2011

Attendance was not taken. Andrew Chen chaired the meeting.

Meeting opened 4:04pm

1. Announcement of new appointments to the executive, Chris Stanton as Build and Rules Officer and Scott Goodhew as Programming Officer.

2. New Team Structure proposed and adopted (Bravo-Zulu-Sierra), and the role of the two teams was explained and accepted.

3. Plans for the next two weeks were discussed. It was decided that we will be rebuilding Bravo until our second parts order arrives, and Scott will be running more programming sessions to help anyone who wants to learn RobotC.

4. Discussion about a potential social event with aMess (Massey Albany), and recognition that our next deadline is the NZ Vex Nationals (March 4-6), where we will be playing a 3-round exhibition match against aMess.

5. Announcement that the team would be competing at the World Champs, flying out of Auckland on April 12 and returning April 24/25. The draft itinerary was shown, and accepted by the members of the club. A rough estimate of \$4000 was provided for the total cost of the trip per person. Currently our contingent will include 11 people.

6. Every person who is intending to compete at a competition is required to purchase an AURA t-shirt, which are priced at \$23 per person, to be paid to the robotics banking account.

7. Ryan will be in charge of fundraising for the World Champs, but it was noted that if any person wanted subsidised travel to the World Champs then they will have to assist with the fundraising. Current projects include a laserforce evening later in February, and the AURA O-Weeek Challenge. We will also be approaching the Mechanical Department and other departments in the University.

8. Publicity materials have been prepared, with a banner, sticker, and stamp ordered and on being delivered. CAD work is currently in progress, and the fundraising team is preparing to visit businesses again with the robots.

9. Discussion about the overall competitive strategy of our team and two robots. A draft strategy plan adopted. Bravo is focusing on scoring high goals and ladder climbing, Zulu is focusing on low goals and descoring.

Meeting closed 4:58pm