# 2019-04-08 EGM Minutes

Present: Becky (BS), Clare (CW), Ellie (EW), Emma (EH), Fliss (FG), Hannah N (HN), Hannah TD (HTD), Hannorah (HL), Katherine (KR), Laura (LW), Martin (MC), Miriam (MH), Rachel-Anne (RAS), Sue (SC)

Apologies: Ffion (FD), Joanna (JS), Paul (PM), Rachel (RS), Tori (TH), Will (WA)

Chair – HTD

Minutes from 2018 AGM agreed. Action points from 2018:

* RS to pass Westerhope notes to EH to add to, and give to FD – done
* Invite Will Allen to come to practice for DERT – done
* Try new Westerhope figures – Worked on Chain
* If have figures that you would like to try send to Becky, none received, but not specifically required. Noted that if any that anyone would like to try out as always let BS know. To be removed from future action points lists.
* Tumble practice – done one, have another one sometime – will always need tumblers
* Clog – pre-practice practice with EW and maintained existing clog
* Try out some short Thrales swords – not done due to Thrales needing their swords. To borrow 15th April
* Buy some new swords – Received at DERT
* SC new costume – not done, however repairs are sufficient
* Kit recall on neckers, pins, ties – was done, HN to recall again now DERT is over
* HN and SC to discuss kit priorities – done, good progress made on creating new kit, still some to go.
* Consider DART 2020 and Edinburgh Fringe at 2019 EGM – on Agenda
* Day of Dance between DERT & festivals (EH, EW, RAS, BS, HTD) – on Agenda
* Check when the first women's rapper dance video was from – not done. Think this was Winlaton? HN to ask Simon Vaughan/Laura Smyth when this was.
* Keep eye out for suitable practice pubs – nothing suitable found, to be continued.
* Disaster Recovery (HTD / BS) – sort of practiced on a crawl!
* Called dance with new figures – not done, no longer relevant, will teach Jubilee
* Ru Rose to help with stepping – done
* LW to liaise with crawl organisers about new places/day trip – New crawl locations have been tried out. Consider a day crawl somewhere at some point in the future.
* 17th Dec Xmas party - done
* EW to investigate houses for Whitby – done (there will be a Ravens House!)

Officer updates

* Foreperson – BS
  + We’ve done well, new people have learnt jubilee/westerhope and done a sterling job. Will get more time for this now DERT is over.
  + So many dance outs – special thanks to MC for going to them all! Thanks to all for committing to it all.
  + Special thanks to
    - MH for all the photos/videos/enthusiasm throughout DERT. You are amazing!
    - RAS for coming to everything, standing in/organising crawls/social media despite not being able to come
  + Thanks to:
    - FG – for joining in and helping out;
    - FD/JS Westerhope organisation;
    - Musicians
    - Tommies
    - Everyone that helped make kit, especially Sue
    - Secretary for organising things as we become more popular
    - Treasurer for the little bags on crawls
* Vote of thanks for BS
* Secretary – HN
  + Thanks for signing up to things, even though often asking for commitment quickly for events that may be far in the future. Getting so many invites over the last year, just shows how well we are doing.
* Treasurer – EH
  + Apologies not fully handed over yet
  + EH to organise a session to discuss data – suggestions welcome!
  + Card reader has been purchased will test on a crawl soon.
* Tour Organisers – LW (LW/EW/RAS/HL)
  + LW – thanks so much to the crawl organisers over the last few months. You’ve organised some absolutely brilliant ones including great new routes and pubs. Come August-ish time will need a replacement for LW for the foreseeable.
  + Reminder that there is a map online. Crawl organisers need access?
  + RAS lot of No’s in pubs, even one’s we’ve done before. Perhaps some kind of standard email to send out ahead of time? RAS to flesh out her Pub Federation idea and someone to test on a crawl.
  + No volunteers to join the crawl team at this point. EW happy to organise extra crawls if this helps
* Publicity Officer – KR/RAS
  + FB fab responses / Insta-fabulous. Thanks HL for daytime updates at DERT. Intending to put up nights we’ll be out crawling at Whitby/Warwick in advance. Did well at getting crawl events up ahead of DERT.
  + Insta – 294 followers, lots of engagement, please like TR if you join Instagram
* Musician – MC
  + All change since November, Patrick Dean moving and Nikki Osborne less keen to do lots of Ravens things for the time being. WA on board – super keen
  + Ali Barnes also keen, 2 deps who know the set and can fill in, could use any combination.

All happy to continue in positions, noting LW will need to stop at some point.

* Other positions:
  + Second treasurer – SC elected
  + SC to circulate constitution to check that this is appropriate. If not, to be discussed 15/4

# Agenda Items

1. DERT Costs – EH email, no issues noted with proposal to cover hotel costs from team account and all to cover own train ticket costs. Those with costs outside the norm to discuss with EH. ~£1700 in the account so no issues in this arrangement at present.  
   Subsidy for major costs (train tickets / accommodation) in order to be at an event agreed in principle. If any issues regarding funds at any point, treasurer to raise this and extra crawls to be considered.
2. DERT  
   BS: 2nd in Steve Marris (amazing), 2nd in Premier, 3rd Buzz, Character 10th (4 points off placing) – BS has had an email convo on this, something to learn how to cope with. 1st time double tommy routine – worked well, though forgot to put Sue through needles. Watch Stone Monkey tommy for ideas on dance interaction.   
   Applause for the tommies  
   Music 3rd, 3rd in Spotlight, well done Northgate! Trad joint 5th with Medlock, if the lock had held might have got a little higher. Thanks to FD for stepping in as 6 and very well dealt with the lock falling apart all.   
   HN to ask Phil Heaton for the video he refers to in the trad marking.  
   Thanks to EW and HTD for the plaits! Many comments on them during the day.  
   Stuart from Sallyport said that they did their best dance of the day in the Brinkburn because they had to follow us.   
   Suggestion to incorporate the Earsdon stepping into Piccadilly. LW suggested sending a video of us doing it and a letter to the Pearsons.
3. Dance development

* Let’s try Chain again, nearly got there – can be a decision before each dance out as to whether it is done with the group of people chosen to dance.
* Piccadilly – will return to the pre-DERT version. Double tumble in, suggestion to leave out single tumble as per DERT – both versions could be useful for festivals to give knees a rest outside!
* Earsdon stepping
* Miriam you star
* TR award CW a point for Tommying for Warwick
* Another trad – All to consider options, propose by mid-May – please send videos

1. Crawls / Dancing out

Suggestions welcome for new areas / places people don’t want to go!

Feedback on DERT crawls – was a lot all round. Support from the rest of the team is nice, though weren’t always able to have this given often both crawls in the same week. Useful practice though. Balance of support/fun vs need for practice. Address at the AGM  
  
Day of Dance (DoD) HL to join the team organising this. Suggestion to have a London DoD in May with Thrales to nurture that relationship. Joint crawl in London.  
  
Day trip – Greenwich? Summer crawl on a Saturday instead of a Thursday. We also have the evening of our trip to Windsor. In the future, visit FD in Cardiff.

1. Members – additional musicians.

Formal decision to incorporate WA/Ali Barnes as “Semi-quaver Ravens”/Zone 9-ers   
New musicians to learn the tunes for dance outs and both to come to practice once in a while. If coming to a festival, need to come to a couple of practices beforehand and preferably a crawl too. Lead musician makes final decision about music/additional musicians but will liaise with Foreperson.

1. Clog

All happy! EW to tell HN when she is free for a day/evening practice in May. HN to organise a doodle poll.  
Extra steps for Sunderland? TH/EW to discuss this including showcase in the middle.

1. DART

US teams super keen to have UK teams to visit. Should know date by Nov.  
Consider crowdfunding/sponsorship? (Arts council/Beefeater Gin!) HL – any ideas?  
2020 likely to be quieter, no Sidmouth/Whitby. May need extra crawls in the run up.  
Agreed to go to DART 2020 in principle. MC will follow up with separate email.

Start getting the groundwork in place so we can decide when we know the dates etc.

1. AOB

EH to obtain Emily’s kit.

HN to email “Long distance members” and remove anyone not been in 6 months unless they ask to stay on the mailing list.  
RAS – would like to interview people for her archiving dissertation, auto-ethnographic study on Ravens. Likely to be May/June, all happy. HN to put RAS in touch with Coral Reid.

YouTube – KR to tidy up/check/organise.

Towersey invite for this year. BS to respond that would like to, but not this year due to Whitby, suggest next year.  
Proposal: Secretary / Treasurer to share booking accommodation/trains etc. Secretary to research, treasurer to book. In favour in principle, though noted need to investigate whether maximum payment can be increased. EH to review once signatory.  
Whitby – all to consider ideas for a skit. HN to check with Melanie at start of May in case ticket list has ended up in Spam…

Proposal to have another Party! HN offered to host.