Tower Ravens 2016 AGM Agenda

Present and apologies   
(5-10 minutes) Ratify last years’ minutes: what achieved what not?

Officer Reports: (Couple of minutes per report!)  
Foreperson –Katherine  
Secretary- Becky  
Treasurer- Sue  
Tour Organisers-one or all to speak?  
Kit Keeper – Kate  
Publicity Officer – Laura S

Just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Tower Ravens social media sites over the last year via facebook and twitter. It helps to raise the profile of the Ravens and shows that we are an active and vibrant team. I’m afraid I haven’t achieved much as Publicity Officer over the last year, and in fact have probably been detrimental by not posting things in a timely manner. I apologise for this negligence, and in light of this feel it would probably be a good thing if someone else wanted to take over the post (I don’t mind helping out with design based things, but not good at social media). I realise, however, that other people have more time-consuming and important roles already. If there are no other offers I can continue and will endeavour to improve.

(5 minutes) Are people happy with these posts, are there any that want adding/changing?  
Nominations and votes for these positions for the following year

1. (5 minutes) Tours when and where and frequency- happy? Happy

* reminder to give as much notice as possible
* Happy to do alternate Thursdays and Fridays in run up to DERT again?

2. (15 minutes) DERT

* enter competitively again? Happy for this to be Picadilly inc. any modifications? Yes
* enter Trad again? Who would like to lead- Laura? Happy to do the same tradition, possibility of modifications, or a different tradition? Am happy to lead, unless someone else wants to. Not given it much thought as to whether stick with the same. I suppose we’ve just learnt it and bought the kit, so would be a shame to change it (but then the kit wasn’t marker anyway so what does it matter!). We can’t do much in the way of modifications because the only other figures available are more curlys, or the figure where EVERYONE tumbles. So it would probably be the same (sans Chain? Or perhaps we can aim to master Chain this time…)  
  --> anything people want different to last year?
* Who would like to be considered for dancing/ going to Kendal (see options). I would like to go, but don’t mind if I dance or not.
* Are we happy with 5 main dancers on the day? Were people ok doing spotlight and trad for example? If we want to win, then needs to be a set of main dancers. I’m happy to do what is required.
* Public liability insurance etc. up to date?
* Showcase plans?
* How to do better? We’re already awesome. Just need the judges to realise it. Also, maybe some more interesting stepping?

3. (15 minutes) Dances

* happy with Jubilee as main dance? Yes
* Are there any changes we want to make to Jubilee/Picadilly that haven't already been suggested? Is everyone happy for the dances to evolve as seems suitable to the teams' needs?
* Do we want a Betty? (Simon and Clive still happy to help with this if we want it).
* Other Tommy chararacters? I think the Beefeater character is great. Not sure about the “Rosie-Lee” character, I’m afraid (sorry Hannorah!), but don’t have a better alternative. Do we actually need one? I’m not convinced we do.

4. (10-15 minutes)Bank/Funds - What to do with the funds:

* Having subsidised more what are our funds like - how much money have we actually paid out? Happy to consider subsidising?
* Transport subsidised still?
* Charity- This year we did a Christmas charity crawl which went down well, are people happy for this to happen again - do people have any other ideas? I think this was a really good deed and would love to do it again. Depending on the financial situation, is it time to reconsider whether half of all our crawl money goes to charity?
* We hosted a day of dance, do we want to do this again? Do we want to invite more than one team? Would we have people stay over?

5. (5-10 minutes) Kit

* Who has kit which they keep at home? Should more of it go back to the kit keeper? Are there any kits we can recall from Zone 9ers? I have some ties I think…
* Is anyone missing kit? E.g. Hannah?
* Happy with Trad kit? Any other suggestions?

6. (5-10 minutes) Music – need to take action on plans

* Is anyone other than Kate interested in joining in with music? If so can explore options. I would do, but feel I don’t have time to hone my playing…
* Everyone still happy to use people from outside team to play when necessary- in particular DERT? Yes

7. (5-10 minutes) Festivals- want to do any? How long for?

* Visit a bigger festival and dance as more of a scratch side?
* Anyone know of other festivals we could approach? There are lists of festivals published in folk magazines every year. I can bring a back-copy in if you like and we can pick some.
* Other rapper sides also perform different styles at festivals (clog, morris, Appalachian etc.) what can we do? Is it worth learning a Longsword dance for this purpose? I feel like our priority is to perform rapper well. I was initially interested in giving longsword a go, but so limited for time that I don’t know if I’ll have time to learn I’m afraid.

8. (10 minutes) Team improvements

* what do people feel are our weak points/ what should we focus on improving?
* What are our goals for the coming year?

9. (5 minutes) Admin

* EGM as post Dert ok? AGM to return to standard date for post Thrales Day?
* Editing the email list

10. (any time left) Any further business?

a. definitely want to compete in one of the categories but don't mind which one (please say if you're only attending if you can compete)

b. only want to dance in DERT competition

c. only want to dance in the Trad

d. only want to dance if in both

e. only want to spectate

f. want to bring a spectator with you

g. do not want to/will be unable to attend

Name Option