

Towers Ravens Rapper – Constitution

1. Name of club:

Tower Ravens Rapper

2. Aims and objectives of organisation:

Tower Ravens Rapper is a London-based predominantly female dance team.

We aim to learn, teach and perform folk dances, in particular dances from the rapper sword dance tradition.

3. Powers:

- To recruit new members;
- To buy or rent premises/equipment/kit;
- To meet regularly for dance practices;
- To perform publically;
- To raise money;
- To receive contributions through a membership fee;
- To conduct PR and communications;
- To work in partnership with different organisations;
- To carry out anything else within the law necessary to reach the club's objectives.

4. Membership:

Members will consist of dancers, characters and musicians.

All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution, and by joining Tower Ravens will be deemed to accept the regulations and codes of conduct that the club has adopted.

Members are asked to pay a discretionary monthly membership fee, to cover rental costs of practice premises.

5. Officers:

Officers of the club will be:

- Foreperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Officers will be elected annually by club members at the Annual General Meeting. All officers will retire each year, but will be eligible for re-election.

6. Management Committee:

The management committee will consist of all members. Club decisions will be made by democratic vote: one person – one vote.

The Management Committee will be convened by the Secretary of the club and held no less than once a year.

A majority of one vote will be sufficient for adopting new policy, codes of conduct and rules that affect the organisation of the club.

The Management Committee will have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary and appoint advisers to the officers as necessary to fulfil its business.

The Management Committee will be responsible for deciding how to deal with any member who infringes the club rules/regulations/constitution.

7. Finance:

All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.

The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club.

The financial year of the club will end on: 31 October.

A statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signatures of the Treasurer plus one other.

8. Annual General Meetings:

Notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be given by the Club Secretary. Not less than 21 clear days' notice to be given to all members.

The AGM will receive a report from officers of the Management Committee and a statement of the accounts.

Election of officers is to take place at the AGM.

All members have the right to vote at the AGM.

If there is no majority decision, the Chairperson has the right to a casting vote.

The quorum for AGMs will be usually 20% of regular members (defined as those who have attended 50% to 100% of practices in the previous month).

The Management Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) outside the AGM. Procedures for EGMs will be the same as for the AGM, except for the election of officers.

9. Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.

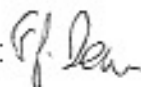
In the event of dissolution, any assets of the club that remain will become the property of another London rapper team – in the first instance Thrales Rapper and in the second instance Hawksword Rapper.

10. Amendments to the constitution

The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.

11. Declaration

Tower Ravens hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

Signed: 

Date: 24/11/14

Name: FFION DEAN

Foreperson

Signed: 

Date: 24/11/14

Name: REBECCA SUCH

Secretary