# 2018-11-19 AGM Minutes

1931 meeting opens

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

Apologies: Ffion (FD), Tori (TH)

All assumed to have read minutes from last year as circulated. HN read summary of action points from 2017 AGM and 2018 EGM. Summary of these in Appendix A

Chair – RS

Officer reports

Full reports for Foreperson, Treasurer and Musician in Appendix B:

* Foreperson – Becky
	+ Been a good year – lots of work and did so well both main and trad
	+ Made big improvements lots of good feedback. Following DERT got invites to Sidmouth, Bromyard, Broadstairs, made an excellent impression, so invited to Whitby and Warwick because of it
	+ As a team we know more positions/dances, stronger position at all dance outs. Ran a workshop! Grown loads, multiple sets
	+ Having done Sidmouth, would now change how we do week long festivals so that the foreperson can hand over the running of each day as they wish
	+ Applause for BS
* Secretary – Hannah N
	+ Done 15 crawls, a further 12 non-crawl events including Sidmouth and Bromyard which is awesome. Declined a further 12 with 2 more cancelled. Getting loads of invites to things following our success at DERT. Possibly need to come up with a more efficient way of selecting which we go to, as we are already getting loads of invites (including Whitby!)
* Treasurer – Sue
	+ Sent report via email. BS – Sue didn’t embezzle us. Collected more on crawls than last year. Subsidised half of travel. Currently have £1341.86 in the bank.
* Tour Organisers – Laura
	+ 14/15 tours. Last year we had many tour organisers, then LW only, now HTD, EW and RAS all done one, all happy to go. Not really managed to keep the map up to date.
* Kit Keeper – Hannah N
	+ Listed current kit. (See Appendix)
	+ Hettie has some rapper shoes, large 5/small 6 if anyone interested.
* Publicity Officer – Ffion
	+ Not done much since going to Rome. Facebook and twitter up to date, website ok doesn’t need any radical changes. BS done some twitter too, RAS done Instagram. HTD didn’t really manage to do any “chat” social media stuff.
* Archivist – Rachel-Anne
	+ Made use of archives to produce scrapbook (Vote of “was fab!”). Not yet done the naming /logical decisions.
* Musician – Martin
	+ Good year for music development, did well at DERT (4th overall), four points off 1st place. Room to improve, taken on board comments from judges and others. Been trying to re-establish and build on having specific sets for dances, choreographed to fit with the figures, feel they are shaping up well. Comments/questions/suggestions welcome. Healthy pool of dep musicians, want to continue to offer opportunities to each of them as equally as possible in future

# Nominations and votes for these positions for the coming year:

Foreperson – Becky

Secretary – Hannah

Treasurer – Emma

Tour Organisers – Laura, Rachel-Anne, Ellie, Hannorah

Kit – Hannah N

Publicity – Katherine (RAS will continue Instagram), all to put photos on WhatsApp as and when.

Archivist – Rachel-Anne

Musician – Martin

# Agenda Items

1. All happy with alternate Thursdays and Fridays in the run up to DERT
FD – consider the split of main/trad. Possibly consider a mix of dedicated crawls and ones with everyone. Would benefit both dances.
2. DERT
	1. Piccadilly as the DERT dance
	2. Westerz is besterz – keep as the DERT trad dance. FD happy to lead trad when she returns – voted in absentia. FD will lead the trad.
	2011 – HL enters
	3. HTD – could enter the trad in the open? HTD would happily tommy
	tend to do better with 5 (BS)
	MC – worthwhile idealistic long-term aspiration to be able to swap in and out. But agree for now that we should stick with 5
	FD – same 5 to aim to win the spotlight? – leave this decision for now.
	4. Music
	Patrick will be with Thrales – so 1 or 2 musicians? BS liked 2 – more noise.
	Invite Will to come, even if he didn’t end up coming to DERT he will know all the tunes.
	5. Public liability is up to date, renewal in January
	6. Double Piccadilly for showcase? Realised that we technically already have all the people.
	7. Go back and do what we did before, carry on enjoying it. Double tommy routine (Paul and Sue). Paul happy to come again, depending on how the dates fall, if we are all happy.
3. Dances / dance development
* Possibly try new Westerz figures (chain?) – Anna could help do the figure. Make Westerz flashier. Willing to learn stuff, but hold off making changes until Ffion is back. Handover all the info to FD. RS to hand doc to EH
* KR has a diff moving fixy (jubilee)
SC like birdcage, some boos
Mary-Ann, double guard
Chorus/called dance – could try out new figures
If see something you like send a video to BS

Tumblefest at some point (19th Nov)

1. Clog

TH keen to do more if people interested, happy to help/work with EW. All happy with the one EW taught us, MC suggests adding a couple of figures to make it a bit longer.
EW happy to teach stuff
Reassess at EGM
EW – nice to use the 1900-1930 slot, give EW spare key. If interested email EW.
Probably better to do any new dances in rapper shoes as easier for all
Existing clog – ready in shoes by 1925 each week for quick run through.

1. Bank / Funds

Subsidy – 50% works. If anyone is bankrupting themselves, please talk to EH – would rather have you than have you broke.
New swords – perhaps to keep for best? Same length or shorter ones (if got shorter ones, maybe buy 2 sets). Try out Thrales short ones KR to speak to Tom.

Yes, buy some, find Jimmy Kilner contact details.

1. Kit

Any issues noted on paper that went to BS
SC to have a new costume
Emily kit to be returned.
General recall on any neckers, pins and ties please
RAS and SC wonderful sewing raves
HN and SC to discuss priorities once list compiled
Shiny kit for main DERT set
Petticoats – need to work out what the problem actually is.

1. Festivals/Bookings

Edinburgh Fringe – postpone another year (plan in advance to get accommodation – 2020 might be a good year as unlikely to have Whitby/Sidmouth)
DART – if wanted to do it, would have to commit in advance. Consider 2020 DART at 2019 EGM – decision in principle.
At festivals – representing the team, so please wear Ravens stash (rather than other dance teams) More experienced festival teams seem to always be wearing stash. SC could offer a cheeky discount on stash – EH to think about this.

1. Day of Dance

Let’s try again! Post DERT, pre-festivals. Mini-steering group (EH, EW, RAS, BS, HTD) to investigate dates and ideas
SC – when was that women’s dance on film – is it nearly 100 years ago? If so, could celebrate 100 years of women in rapper? Check date – could be a future event?

1. Practice Hall

KR -not found the right place yet.
Current hall, we have priority, even if it is sometimes tight on space/a bit noisy.
For now, stay in hall. KR and EW to keep an eye out. A pub would be nice.

1. Team improvements

Sword break routine. Tommy plus set needed. Different by dance. HTD happy to lead a disaster recovery session!
Called dance with new figures
Ru to come help with stepping – probably this side of Christmas (10th Dec)

1. Admin

EGM – fine post DERT

Welcome pack – Fliss and Miriam both said it was fine and had useful info. Review done.

1. AOB

SC – man called Mark (ooo!) happy to organise a crawl in Chiswick, he is also a photographer. Coming 19 Nov
New places for crawls – LW to discuss with the organisers. Proposed day trip somewhere – e.g. Cambridge/Brighton for a day crawl.
Hannorah to also organise crawls

Suggest 17th December as a Christmas party.
If anyone has suggestions of a charity for our Christmas crawl suggest them at practice (not one that anyone works for)

House(s) for Whitby – EW to investigate. Let her know asap if you would like to join Likely to be about £150 each for the week.

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