# 2019-11-11 AGM Minutes

1934 meeting opens

**Present:** Becky Watson (BW), Ellie Lang (EL), Ellie Weston (EW), Emma Smith (ES), Fliss Greenwood (FG), Flora Hervin (FH), Hannah Norman (HN), Hannah Tse-Debenham (HTD), Hannorah Lee (HL), Katherine Richardson (KR), Laura Wigzell (LW), Oak, Martin Clarke (MC), Miriam Snowball (MS), Paul McGarrity (PMcG), Rachel-Anne Smith (RAS), Sue Connolly (SC), Tori Hair (TH), Will Allen (WA),

**Apologies:** Clare Watters (CW), Emma Hope (EH), Emma Ranger (ER), Joanna Smee (JS), Rachel Sheriden (RS)

Chair – MC

All read minutes from last year as circulated. HN read summary of action points from 2018 AGM and 2019 EGM. Summary of these in Appendix A

Officer reports

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

* Foreperson – BW
  + Excellent year raised the profile of the team. Very proud of the stepping prize. Separate crawls worked well, but could be improved, thanks to MC and SC for extra work. Packed summer, did most of our invites, helped by having a bigger team and committing to thing. Whitby was better than Sidmouth in terms of sharing responsibility – so thanks for sharing that. We have a reputation for dancing hard and raising lots of money. New members are picking dance sup quickly. Going forward some concerns on the number of people and managing the practice on own.
* Secretary – HN
  + Done a lot of events and had even more invites. 14 crawls; 17 other events. Declined a total of 10 not enough people; 3 clashed with other bookings; 4 too close to other bookings; 12 didn’t want to do; 2 Other.
  + Thanks for signing up to things, with so many coming through there’s often a lot to get through some with urgent responses, so appreciate more for everyone to consider.
  + If any suggestions for improving how we get responses, let HN know.
* Treasurer – EH (BW read out)
  + Full report in appendix
  + Tour collection is down on previous years, but we have had lots of performance fees.
  + All enjoyed EH pictures and in-depth analysis!
* Tour Organisers – RAS
  + Done loads of crawls including 2 new crawls.
  + LW – thanks for taking it on, hopes to come back in a few months.
* Kit Keeper – HN
  + Please ask in advance if you need kit for an event – ideally before the practice before an event.
  + Reminder that if borrowing kit, please return asap so we know where it is.
  + Full list of kit items in appendix – including some shoes…
* Publicity Officer – KR
  + Thanks to BW for posting as well when out and about. If a crawl is organised late, it is better to just post about it rather than creating an event as we get more interaction.
  + Could put all crawls for next few months up as events now, then boost with a post nearer the time.
* Archivist – RAS
  + In the same state as last year, not much done. Plans for photo gathering and documenting past events and documenting dances in a structured way.
* Musician – MC
  + Full report in appendix. Good year for music, now have specific routines for each dance to help add excitement. WA very glad we asked him to join. Ideally need one more back-up musician too.

MC thanks to the committee, BW and HN especially.

# Additional positions

Foreperson role now require a lot of work as there are a lot of us. Need assistance with teaching in particular, will require communication outside of practice.

Decided to have a Deputy Foreperson role to assist the foreperson – communicate outside of practice and assist with the teaching.

Crawl organisers to ensure that they are getting people to leave at the correct time.

Additionally, secretary to delegate some of the admin if need be when there is a lot on – e.g. train bookings.

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

Foreperson – BW (KR nominated, HL seconded). BW happy to continue but would like to pass this one. Notes no one currently ready and willing to take this on.

Secretary – HN (HL nominated, FG seconded)

Treasurer – EH (BW nominated, RAS seconded)

Tour Organisers – RAS as chief organisers. EW, LW (post-Christmas), HL happy to help. FG could do Friday crawls as a back-up

Kit – HN

Publicity – KR & EL. RAS continue with Instagram

Archivist – RAS

Musician – MC

Deputy Foreperson – KR interim (nominated FG, HL seconded). Intention that KR and BW work out how the Deputy Foreperson role will work over the next few weeks. Decide on Deputy Foreperson before Christmas.

EH / HN happy to assist with teaching during practices as well.

Note FG happy to assist with secretary duties as and when.

Voting concludes 2033

# Agenda Items

1. Practice
   1. Will continue to accept new members, though may avoid the DERT run-up. If anyone becomes bored of doing the same thing due to helping teach new people, please let BW know.
   2. Enough active members for 3 sets, need for active investigation into a new venue in central London. EW to work on this, discuss costs with EH regarding affordability. Ideally similar to now but acknowledge have cheap hall hire.
   3. Hopefully covered by Deputy Foreperson / TA
2. Crawls
   1. Repeat areas a lot, even though we have 32 current active crawl locations, with potential to increase to 50.   
      RAS/EW to create a spreadsheet for next few months with back-up location and share with Thrales – to be sorted by Christmas. Feed into sign-up sheet  
      Tour organisers to say what areas they can cover.
   2. Crawl data – left for EH. EH shared some, please pass comments to her if you have any.
3. DERT
   1. Piccadilly as the DERT dance (Earsdon stepping). Consider a new one in future.
   2. Trad leader, EW / KR willing if not in main set. RS suggested in absentia.  
      Do Westerhope with triple jump / chain. If nailed the dance in early Jan, could begin learning another one for fun. Could consider Winlaton?
   3. Keep 5 dancers in the main competition, aim to one day be able to swap in and out (Want to win first!) Aim for separate 5 for the Spotlight.
   4. Music – keep the same for Piccadilly, with some modifications to the end. Both WA and MC for trad.
   5. Thurs/Fri crawls. Friday possibly awkward for WA. Include Weds in poll
   6. Plan to have separate crawls for dilly, trad early on and crawl together after. If not dancing, please support
   7. Showcase – double Piccadilly or triple Jubilee. Or the Whitby Jubilee.
4. Dances / dance development
   1. Aim to get chain into Westerhope.
   2. Short swords – nice to try, could try ES’s (fixed handles). ES to measure and let BW know. Could look at Frank Lees. BW to check Jimmy Kilner email about swords/breakages.

1. Clog

New clog is lovely. Camden liked it.

More people are interested in learning. HL, EL, ES.  
Split current clog time into learning the dances from scratch 1900-1915, run throughs for all 1915-1930.   
Day practice to be held post DERT.

TH – all better than we think we are, just need to learn to smile!

TH has other steps for Sunderland.

EW and TH to be in charge of organising clog.

1. Bank / Funds
   1. EH to arrange reimbursement for Bath Time.   
      50 % subsidy to continue
   2. WA and EH to discuss subs. As usual if money an issue please contact EH, we want people to come to stuff
   3. Gig fees – same as Thrales £150. Secretary / Foreperson to decide whether something requires a fee, secretary to say if applicable when discussing event.
   4. PLI up to date, to be renewed January. EH

1. Kit
   1. Any issues – either missing kit/kit needing replacement with BW. If not provided this info, please tell HN. HN/SC to coordinate. ES, TH, RAS, ER all willing and able to assist with sewing. Sewing day to be organised.  
      Petticoats – HL to bring in one she bought, HTD to share links to online ones for consideration.  
      KR to send original shoe place to HN. HN to investigate best place to buy all shoes. KR to share dance pants info with HN, HN to coordinate ordering some. (Poll for sizes)  
      WA and MC to find new braces. Sparkly ties considered.  
      HN to create new version of official kit list
2. DART

Details in MC email dated 8/11/19 19:45  
They are very keen for us to come, willing to adjust dates if that helps.   
HL has created a fundraising plan for up to £10K to cover absolutely all of it. All to think about a maximum that would be willing to pay. Will need volunteers for fundraising. If going, you need to be involved in this.  
Need 8 100% committed dancers ideally – to have decided by January.  
MC estimates flights may cost ~£550 return. We would be put up around the DART weekend by the host team.  
EL happy to help with fundraising.  
MC to organise meeting asap to discuss

1. Day of Dance

Suggestion to celebrate 100th crawl (ish). RAS to find out how many crawls we have done. HTD to take lead on this.

1. Team improvements

Covered in earlier discussions

1. Admin
2. AOB
   1. Llangollen – decided not to do this year, given possibility of DART. Focus on this another year.
   2. Towersey to be stalled, could go if not doing DART.
   3. EW to look up cost of team umbrellas
   4. Make use of google photos

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