# Tower Ravens EGM – 20th April 2015

In attendance: Laura S, Ffion D, Sinead B, Laura W, Jo S, Hannorah L, Katherine R, Katherine C, Rhona F

Apologies: Becky, Nicky, Reesha, Janet

Chair: Katherine R

Minutes: Laura S

## Reports from TR Officers about progress since AGM

### Foreperson – Ffion

* Everyone amazing.
* Achieved goals from AGM
* Placed in DERT and did trad. dance
* We're all better dancers and team growing overall
* Many thanks to all esp. Sinead for assisting with the teaching

### Secretary - Becky

* Very pleased with our progress.
* Everyone should ensure that they sign up to the sign-up sheet re availability, and pay attention to business on Mondays.

### Treasurer - Sue

* Business bank account not quite sorted, but we have a healthy account.
* We currently have £683.43 in account, £850 owed in subs, more owed for kit, some still owe for DERT Leeds(!), so we expect to have over 1000k credit in bank!

### Publicity officer - Laura

* Hoodies made
* Events posted to facebook, but admits could do it further in advance

### Crawl organiser – post vacant

* Hannorah offers to be crawl coordinator along with Janet
* Laura nom., Hannorah elected
* Hanrroah reports crawls are being organised
* More members getting better at organising crawls
* Perhaps crawl organising should be more structured so that more variety of areas. Ascertain where members are based and plan ahead.

### Kit monitor – Katherine C

* We all had kit for DERT - huzzah!
* Everyone's responsibility to let Katherine know what kit they need prior to crawls

Hannorah asks why is Sue still doing all the sewing?

Sue says she is quite happy sewing but struggling to find the time

Hannorah – can we pay someone to do this?

Sue – we don’t have a pattern to give them

## Electing new Foreperson

Ffion stepping down as Foreperson

Vote for new foreperson

Laura nominates Becky

Becky declines

Becky nominates Katherine

Ffion seconded

All in agreement

## Dert

What want well and what could be done better - everything

Laura - makes comparison to Sheffield Steel, and suggests TR not far behind.

Nicky - very proud of achievements. Generated good buzz.

Becky - good impression and exciting.

Prefers having a main set of 5 and thinks this would help the success of the team

Hannorah - thinks this would be stressful for main set

Laura - thinks not in team spirit, and thinks other premier teams do it successfully, so why can't we?

## Dances

### New Dance

Ffion suggests that if we want to, this is the time to decide if we want to learn a new dance.

All in favour to keep the same, but with tweaks

### Main dance

Which should be our main dance?

Ffion - Jubilee more accessible to newbies, but Westerhope is also an option.

Sinead - doesn’t want to learn the Circle dance and suggests it may be beyond others too.

Sue - jubilee has potential for double dance

All in agreement that Jubilee stays as TR’s main dance

### Circle Dance

Katherine - add double tumble

Nicky - step in 8s more

Ffion - step in jaunty

Laura – potential for other stepping, toe clicks, etc. Think about inviting Ru again for stepping practice?

### Westerhope

Sinead - very pleased with achievements but potential to learn other figures and introduce tumble and chain

Nicky - need to improve the judges!

### Music

All agree that the music was absolutely fantastic! Everyone in awe of Nicky and Ozzy's ability.

Nicky - invite contra band?

Laura - not keen

Katherine - points out this seems popular at the moment.

Ffion - need to hear the dancing over the instruments.

Katherine – perhaps we should experiment?

All agree to allow experimentation with music.

Ffion - ask Nicky to choose easy tunes in TR house style for others to learn so that less pressure on her

### Teaching priorities

Learn dances from new position?

Ffion -prioritise everyone learning dance who wants to first before new positions

### Beadnell

Keep beadnell?

Keep for festivals only?

Nicky – not necessary to keep and Westerhope should be focus

Sinead - Good for beginners

Laura - Also looks stylistically different from other rapper dances

Hannorah – if some remember it and want to do it, then we should continue to do it

All agree to keep but not a focus

## Hall

Everyone happy with the hall

## Team leader

Should this position have a time limit?

All agree should not be forced out

## Crawls

Should these be on Friday or Thursday?

Becky - what makes more money? We should go with that.

Ffion - harder to get crawls on Friday

Jo – is it more difficult for members to attend on a Friday?

Vote on which day suits each member best:

Thursday - 4

Friday - 1

Don't care - 4

Keep to Thursdays for now

## Characters

Would we like to develop any new ones?

Hannorah - don’t think it's necessary

Sinead - offer the option out to members and newbies

Laura - like idea of developing new characters but perhaps we don’t need them at the same time – could be used on different dances

Hannorah – happy to express herself through developing her character!

## Funds

Can't decide on any changes to subs, etc., until banking is sorted.

## Festivals

### Ability to form scratch sides?

Everyone should write on sign-up sheet which festivals they are going to, e.g.

Sidmouth - Laura, Sue

Sue - what happened to Broadstairs? No one knows.

### How to fill 20 mins slot?

Janet to do Broom dance.

Laura – hihglights the similarities of dances to non-experts.

Sinead - Make dances more distinctive? Different calling on songs, kit, characters, instruments, etc?

## Misc.

Constitution - was not agreed...

Sashes do not wash!

FB likes - like as yourself, not as TR!

Action - Laura to update “about us” to include list of forthcoming events

Elect someone to target festivals for festival bookings?

## AOB

Laura wants to make enamel badges or bag patches

Hannorah - Worth the cost? Not only financial return, but happiness return, etc.

Katherine R – What would we do with them all?

Laura – will send round details of costing and designs

Sue - suggests range of cheap badges to help us identify our hoodies would be good!