## DERT 2021 Comments

* DERT Steering group got back to us on the 0 box – this should have been 11, got missed as judge submitted quite late
* We consider the “Americanised” comment as inappropriate, as it is expressing an opinion on a style of rapper as being lesser than another
* It isn’t helpful to receive no commentary, particularly when given a lower score – not helpful if we clearly need to improve
* HN/BW to provide a summing up email
* Overall some useful comments, ignore sheet 2

## DERT meeting (Sunday)

* Full minutes from the meeting will be provided.
* In summary:
  + Judges know it is frustrating to not always have fuller comments, it isn’t always possible to put all their thoughts into words. Hard to avoid personal opinion completely, so long as the judge does the right thing
  + Ideally mark against the criteria with no unrelated personal opinions
  + DERT 2020 – review of the finances complete, some items had to be bought outright, so not everything can be refunded. There will be an email to all teams setting this out and providing following 3 options: 50% refund; 25% refund; or “donate to DERT fund”. The latter would help increase the lump sum loaned to teams to help get DERT going (they pay it back if they make money). DERT willing to enable refunds to specific teams/people if financial issue. TR to discuss when this email arrives. EH noted that we have funds and can afford whichever option we choose.
  + DERT 2022 – Stone Monkey hosting in Derby, early April. Made amendments to format to reduce (Covid) risk. Likely to be 2 or 3 venues rather than pubs for easier damage control. To be finalised in the next few months
  + DERT 2023 – no volunteers yet (offered to Whip the Cat and Mons Meg, both declined)
  + Suggestion of video entry category, voted down. Very different to live
  + If judges have comments/issues on criteria, contact DERT steering group
  + Anonymising judging is not possible as pub included on mark sheet and only 2 judges
  + Use of tech for judging – if organising team can make this work, then the DERT App side works for this, but not feasible for all DERTs. Stick to paper score sheets and photographing afterwards as default
  + Analysis of scores post DERT 2021 – nothing particularly helpful to be gleaned unless there are any very obvious outliers
  + Keeping the three tiers (Premier, Championship, Open)
  + Point of whether solo musician gets “extra kudos” voted down. Easier to stay in time on your own!

## Getting back dancing

* Need to keep an eye on the rules for when this can safely happen – i.e. end of social distancing – so likely to be July at the earliest
* Outside stepping practice encouraged if people want to (obeying rules in place at the time and ensuring social distancing maintained)
* When we get closer to being able to, we can think more about how we might be able to practice
* Bookings – events after a crawl. Process is return to practice, go on a crawl, go to event. Want all to feel happy about being able to dance
* Noted that first crawl may be likely to be on tarmac/outside depending on how pubs feel about the idea! Though pubs will have opened up before we are back dancing
* Bath Time! Halloween weekend, potentially a good event to aim for
* If anyone is concerned at any point about anything please let BW/HN know (be this returning too quickly/too slowly/anything else)

## Socialising

* Plan to all meet up outside somewhere when we’re allowed up to 30 people
* Now rule of 6 is in place – please do meet up if you would like to
* Brighton Day of Dance (declined due to timing) could be an option for socialising with folky stuff happening if anyone would like to attend / it goes ahead.
* When legally allowed to meet, will hold anonymous poll to check in on how people feel about it all

## DERT 2024

* Simon Vaughn keen to hold DERT in London and asked if we would like to host with Thrales
* Likely to be a core team of Thrales and Ravens but would all likely have a part to play
* Not clear how much this has been discussed in Thrales and what level of support there is. How many Thrales are there?
* Suggest meet Thrales when we can so we can discuss in person
* Not clear what teams will look like post DERT
* Need to work out how much effort would be involved
* In principle interest in organising a DERT at some point
* May need to consider how this aligns with plan to go to DART 2022
* KR to check when we would need to decide whether we want to or not

## AOB

* Will hold an EGM once we return to practice