Present and apologies

(5-10mins) Ratify last years’ minutes: what achieved and what not? Outstanding items included below

Officer reports (2 mins each):

* Foreperson – Becky
* Treasurer – Emma
* Optional if wish to provide a report:
  + Zoom Coordinator (2020/21 special) – Miriam Snowball
  + Secretary – Hannah N
  + Tour Organisers – Rachel-Anne, Ellie, Laura
  + Kit Keeper – Hannah N
  + Publicity Officer – Katherine
  + Archivist – Rachel-Anne
  + Musician – Martin

Are people happy with these posts, any that need adding / changing? Did have KR as Deputy Foreperson for a few months pre-pandemic

Nominations and votes for these positions for the coming year.

1. Practice / Crawls / Invites
   1. Covid – what would indicate us needing to pause practices again
   2. Covid – dancing out practicalities. Thoughts on how to organise a crawl/first crawl?
   3. Invites to events – any concerns? What do people need in place to feel comfortable accepting whilst still some Covid risk
   4. New membership - are we happy to accept members? When could they join?
   5. Do we need a bigger hall?
   6. Do we need a different way of running practice to ensure we get the most out of the time? (Both during current Covid situation and in general sans Covid)
2. DERT currently very uncertain what is happening but very likely won’t be a big event this year or need as much preparation etc.
   1. Different format this year – potentially just three venues
   2. Picadilly as the DERT dance?
3. Dances / dance development – in light of DERT not being as normal and, as yet, no festival invites, what do people want to work on?
   1. Any changes we want to make to any of the three? (including other Westerhope figures) Not including chain.
   2. Clog
4. Bank / Funds
   1. Subs / anything additional to treasurer update
5. Insurance
   1. Open Morris or switch to Morris Fed – see info below
6. Kit
   1. Any current kit issues? Otherwise discuss once return to dancing out
   2. Anyone missing kit? Any kit we need returned?
7. DART - 2022
8. AOB

**Action points from previous AGMs:**

**2020:**

* Send any videos of TR to RAS (All)
* HN to share link to GDrive photos (emailed) - done
* RAS to look into archive material storage options and report back
* HTD to create a list of options including pros/cons for web hosting
* MS to be Zoom Coordinator - done
* MS & RAS to coordinate Christmas party zoom - all to complete doodle poll
* All to let HN know if have any non-standard kit items (thanks to those that have already)
* HN to re-compile list of all kit items
* EH to contact Ravens still paying subs
* RAS to coordinate Christmas fundraiser

**2019:**

* Crawl organisers to ensure people leave pub at correct time
* KR & BW to work out how Deputy Foreperson role will work (by Christmas)
* Nominate Deputy Foreperson before Christmas
* EW to investigate new practice location
* RAS/EW to create crawl plan for next few months, share with Thrales. To complete by Christmas
* Tour Organisers to let RAS know what areas they can cover
* HTD share petticoat links
* WA & MC to find new braces
* HN to create updated official kit list
* EW to look up cost of team umbrellas

**Carried forward:**

* HN to take stock of women's rapper emails
* RAS pub federation idea to be developed / tested
* Disk with dances, and notation received from Phil at Mabel day. To be reviewed/ensure stored appropriately
* BW to send video and letter to Pearsons of Earsdon stepping
* HTD to coordinate DoD /100th crawl idea
* HL to return outstanding necker
* EH review maximum spending on account

**Open Morris / Morris Fed**

Very quick one on this. If you want to look more for yourself, the websites are as follows (Includes things like constitution which will have their aims and objectives)

<https://open-morris.org/>

<https://www.morrisfed.org.uk/>

There is also the Morris Ring, but they have a history of not allowing women (they now do albeit perhaps slightly begrudgingly)

There is also the Sword Dance Union, but they do not offer Public Liability Insurance, so whilst we could join, they would be an additional rather than a replacement.

So, the comparison:

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| **Open Morris** | **Morris Fed** |
| £35 for team, Individual £7 | £35 for team, Individual £22 |
| Newsletter:  Dancing On | Newsletter:  FedEtxra |
| PLI | PLI |
| Personal Accident Insurance - optional | Personal Accident Insurance - optional |
| Advice and guidance incl H&S | Advice and guidance incl H&S |
| As part of JMO, standing against blackface | As part of JMO, standing against blackface |
| Sue Dyke Award/Douglas Pickering Memorial Fund | Sponsorship, grants and bursaries |
|  | Access to music/dance notation at privileged rate |
|  | Other resources |
|  | Events/Workshops etc |

Effectively similar offering, but with more additional resources from the Morris Fed, they also seem to be better organised and have a much better website. Mostly depends on how much we care about the extra stuff given we mostly joined for the PLI and generally have not otherwise participated. We originally joined the Open Morris as some members of Tower Ravens at the time were already members with another side, I don't think there was any other reason than that. Most other rapper teams are part of Morris Fed.