

DOLPHIN MORRIS
AGM 20th September 2018
Kingston village Hall 20:30



1. Apologies

Emma Melville, Jon Melville, Brian Elliott, Steve Parker, Steve Manning.

Present

Ian Stewart (Chair - initially), Ian Ambrose, Chris Gigg, Clive Cowx, Ray Dawson, Dave Gough, Bob Hine, Martin Morley, Nick Murphy (Joint Chair – after election), Jo Oskiewicz, Andy Padmore, Dave Walters (Joint Chair – after election), Michael Wilkinson, Wil Walker

Meeting started at 20:30.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

Minutes accepted as a true record with no matters arising.

Proposed: IA Seconded: NM Passed by meeting.

3. Written Reports of Officers

Written reports from Squire, Bagman & Swagman were circulated before the meeting.

Selected points were talked through by the reporter. Only additional points recorded below.

Squire:

There were no additional points/comments raised or discussed.

Ian S was thanked for serving as Squire once again and for his sage review of Dolphin's 50 years in his report.

Bagman:

The Bagman re-iterated the point made in the report of his concern that the availability of members to attend practises and tours was reducing for a number of reasons. Given that many of us have to travel long distances to attend, it was considered important that we have an improved method of recording our intention to attend so if necessary meeting could be cancelled in good time. To this end it was proposed that we change from Where's Wally (Who's There) to an App called TeamStuff and consider cancelling practise / tours if not quorate.

The meeting agreed to discuss this later in the meeting once club officers elections completed. The discussions are recorded here to maintain context:

- Use of new App / Software to record "Intention to Attend"
 - In general there was no objection to trying out the new App / Software.
 - DW proposed to use App without the decisions.
 - MM to provide Guidance Notes to support consistent use of the App.
- Decisions based on availability of members: Not to meet if we do not have 6 + music.
 - IS: Not in favour of cancelling. Concerned it gives wrong impression that we are worried about numbers. Default is that we run practises.
 - MW: We can have enjoyable practises with 5 or 6, followed by the pub.
 - IA: Those at work may not be able to predict availability till the night.
- It was concluded that the TeamStuff would be trialled, without any decisions to cancel meeting to be made.
 - To facilitate use of the App, regular meetings, eg practices and tours will be entered into the system with a default response of "Haven't Replied Yet" (Amber). It will be for individuals to respond "I'll be there" (Green), or "Can't Make It" (Red) in the obvious way.
 - To facilitate use of the App, occasional events or gigs would be entered into the system with a default response of "Can't Make It" (Red). It will be for individuals to respond "I'll be there" (Green) if they can definitely commit to attend, or "Haven't Replied Yet" (Amber) if they are interested in attending but can't yet commit.

Swagman:

It was stated that the total Bag collections were £448.69p
Thanks were given for the clarity of the accounts presented

All reports voted on as a composite motion.

Proposed: IA, Seconded: MW. Passed by meeting

4. Election of Officers:

Ian S stood down as Squire, as he said he would when accepting he role for the Anniversary year. Due to laggardly planning by the Bagman, an engraved glass whiskey tumbler was presented to Ian S a week or two later to thank him for his service as Squire.

The Bagman reported that as no one had offered to stand as Squire he had approach long standing and well respected members of the side who had not previously served as Squire. There were some expressions of interest, but these were accompanied by concerns that they would not be able to serve the side as well as it deserved, due to lack of consistent availability. The concept of a "job share" evolved. The Bagman reported that he could see that this could work. Consequently the Bagman proposed Nick Murphy and Dave Walters as Joint Squires.

The assembled side accepted the proposal Nem Com.

Therefore as it was wittily suggested the "Squiremese Twins" were elected.

It was suggested that "Squire " badge be provided and worn by the "on duty" Squire to prevent any risk of confusion.

David Gough offered to remain in post as Swagman, and Martin Morley offered to remain in post as Bagman. WW proposed, IA seconded, and the meeting agreed Nem Com these offers.

5. Subs

The Swagman stated that the Subs income the majority of the fixed expenditure (Hall hire, Ring Fee, Website costs). it was considered unnecessary to raise subs from current £30.

Proposed: BH, Seconded: DW Passed by meeting

6. Reports on Other Vital Side Tasks / Activities

a. Foreman's Report

Incorporated in the Squire's report. No further questions or points were raised.

b. Archives

AP holds the Archive, and will continue to accept material. There is a need to decide its long term future and allow AP to reclaim the space it uses.

MM will hold the side's books, joining the John Baxter Library.

MM supported suggestion that scanning the scrap books would be a way of maintaining the record without the physical bulk, although concerns were voiced about the longevity of digital media.

DW suggested the scanning could be shared around the club. 1 folder each would share the burden.

The question of what to do in the event of Dolphin's demise remained open.

CG suggested that further discussion be taken outside the meeting.

c. Sticks

It was added that Wocco had donated sticks to the side at the Leicester Feast.

IA suggested that a spare short stick should be carried.

The meeting was asked if MW should continue experimental stripping the bark from sticks.

WW considered that bark on the sticks was not a problem.

d. Publicity

Web Site

CC expressed his concern that costs of web site provision would not be covered by the overall sponsorship income.

MM considered that the web site was good and the apps used on it were good, and that currently the side could afford cover the costs in the foreseeable future.

Social Media

No questions or points were raised.

Paper Media

No questions or points were raised.

The meeting thanked authors for all the excellent reports and for the work carried out through the year.

7. Sponsorship:

CC noted that obtaining sponsorship is becoming more difficult and will reduce, meaning that publicity costs may not be covered.

8. Recruitment

It was concluded that the side's view re: recruitment has not changed since discussions at the 2014 AGM, so the topic did not require further detailed discussion.

Interest has been expressed by an ex Ripley dancer, currently dancing with Uttoxeter joining Dolphin.

9. Dances and Traditions Meeting.

To held during last 30 minutes of the practise of 27th Sept.

10. Tours Planning Meeting

Bagman to publish a Doodle Poll, to establish the best date for maximum involvement / attendance.

11. Review of Practise Times

BH proposed moving current start times ½ hour earlier, to increase the length of the post practice session. This recognises that this is an important part of the Dolphin craic.

A longer session may have the benefit of encouraging, those on the injury bench, ex Dolphins and friends to come along and join in the sessions.

MW considered this to be a good objective.

MW would prefer to use the earlier start to have ½ hour more set dancing.

NM asked who could not make it at 8pm. Majority considered that they could make it, although IA said it could be challenging for him, and also he did not go to the pub very often.

DW said that there could be a risk of the start time slipping to 8-30 pm, and there was a risk of drinking more at the pub.

MW suggested that if set dancing started late, we stayed later.

CG suggested we start next week and review the situation / decision at Christmas.

MM said he would record attendance at 8pm to identify any difficulties.

The motion was proposed by BH, seconded by MW and passed by the meeting.

12. Proposed 2019 Events

List of events currently known in Bagman's Report

CG suggested that the side concentrate on one big event.

13. Practice Season Pub(s)

No change to current practise was proposed.

13 Awards

SPIRACLE: Gill Ambrose for her hard work preparing for and in the kitchen at the 50th Weekend.

An acceptance speech on You Tube was requested..

WANKA: Joe, nominated himself as the most frequent recipient. However the award went to Bob Hine for "Bringing the Church into disrepute in some small way in the Bradmore Play" The side unanimously agreed.

MEDIAS TRAY: Ian Stewart for very carefully fitting the Dolphin 50th Anniversary Baldrick Badge central and levelto the INSIDE of his baldrick!!

14. AOB

The possibility of Dolphin joining in with the revival of the Nottingham Dancing Butchers at the 2019 Dancing England was raised. There appeared to be sufficient interest from individual members of the side to make this practical. It was agreed that Ray Dawson, as one of the original Butchers from the 1986 Dancing England, would lead and co-ordinate Dolphins' contribution.

15: Date of Next AGM

Thursday 17th September 2018 at Kingston Village Hall, 8:00 pm.

Meeting ended at 21hrs 59mins & 40 seconds.