

**Claddagh Association of Adult Irish Dance**  
**Annual General Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**minutes**

	<b><u>Agenda Item</u></b>	<b><u>Who</u></b>
<b>1</b>	<b><u>Welcome</u></b> Introductions made to all members.	Chair
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b> Tom Rogers, Pat Fallon, Val Morgan, Louise Mc Mahon, Teresa Mc Carthy, Anita Seddon , Sophie Hallworth, Aine Madden, Jessica O’ Toole, Ceri ferguson, Ashlee Harris, Lizzie Evans, Jemma Martin, Christine Morrish, Julie Carrs, Christine Matthewson, Laura Cashin, Michael, Katie Mc Grane Cunningham, Jade, Margaret Evans  <b><u>Apologies</u></b> Brenda Cox, Asad, Dominic, Ann-Marie Yarwood, Sarah, Sarah, Kirsty, Pat Shine	All
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Minutes – 2019 AGM / Review of constitution</u></b> Handed out around class to discuss and amendments made as follows Chris explained the update to Claddagh Constitution. Available on the website. Constitution passed around the class for review Following amendments made and agreed by all members- Changes to be implemented on the website by Val Morgan and to the constitution by Laura Cashin  Minimum aged of 18 years proposed - agreed by all. Welcome newcomers on a monthly basis on the first Monday of the each month and weekly thereafter.	Chair / Secretary
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Chairs Report</u></b>  Teresa thanked Chris for all your support and made her feel at ease in the role of chair. Thanks to all the rest of the committee for their help in running things smoothly. Thanks to all the new dancers who have joined class over the last 12 months, danced out, taught in class and made the class a fun place.  Special thanks to Anita, Chris, Laura, Sarah, Katie and those who supported at the dancing out and competitions. Thanks to Val and Dave for keeping the website updated.  Thanks for all the support in organising the 60th wedding anniversary for Teresa's mum and dad. Also, thanks to all the donations for Elf Day for Alzheimer's UK £157.30 raised.  A Lovely night out for the Christmas social at Banyan, special thanks to Laura for suggesting and Margaret for organising it and all the problems that came with it – especially our free prosecco and desserts !  Well done and thanks to those dancers who competed this year. Bolton - first and second for 8 hand and 4hand respectively in at the North West Fleadh in Bolton and two first places at the All Britains in Kirkby Lonsdale. Qualified for all Ireland. Came first place at North West Regional.  Congratulations to Michelle and Josh who had their Baby Eryn. Congratulations to Jemma & Mike in April, Ashley & James in May for their upcoming weddings.	Chair

5	<p><b><u>Treasurers Report</u></b></p> <p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Balance £7,455.00 Funds increasing as we did not need to book rooms for any competitions. Planning for celebrating the 25th Wedding Anniversary with a gift of T Shirt &amp; hoodie for every member.</p> <p>Annual subs are now due, cut off date end of March. £5.00 subscription for the year to keep to the mailing list and benefit from the kitty.</p>	Treasurer
6	<p><b><u>Social Secretary Report</u></b></p> <p>Fleadh at Bolton university and Kirby Lonsdale competitions and social events. Competed in the regional qualifier's at local competition in Oldham.</p> <p>Dancing out: covered a variety of events. Ceri's charity night for Its good to give at her fundraising ceili Dancing at the Culture week at the Irish Centre Danced at the writer's events Wedding at the Irish centre Teresa's mum and dad's wedding anniversary Care home twice - Rose's birthday and Renoirs got talent Ceili's at St Gabriel's And dancing out in the ward at NMGH.</p> <p>It's lovely to see a number of people supporting dancing out events!</p> <p>Ceili for St Patricks Christmas do Elf night</p> <p>Coming up this year – celebration night for the 25th anniversary 25th April, going to Riverdance in 14th March, St Patrick's Parade on 15th March. Would like to have suggestions for a summer event. Margaret has been organising the hoodies and t-shirts. Black T Shirts and black hoodies with silver 25 on the back. Can take orders for this, the sooner the better.</p>	Social Secretary
7	<p><b><u>Election</u></b></p> <p>Existing committee stand down – new committee elected Teresa – thank you to all of the committee for this year's organisation. Each year we elect a new committee with the existing committee standing down and new members elected.</p> <p><b><u>Chair</u></b> – Teresa Mc Carthy happy to continue – seconded <b><u>Vice Chair</u></b> - Christine Mathewson – Stood down – Katie Mc Grane Cunningham - seconded <b><u>Secretary</u></b> - Laura Cashin happy to continue with vice secretary – seconded <b><u>Vice Secretary</u></b> – Ashlee Harris – stood Down- Sophie Hallworth with help from Jemma Martin seconded <b><u>Treasurer</u></b> - Julie Carss – Happy to continue - seconded <b><u>Vice Treasurer</u></b> - Christine Morrish - happy to carry on - seconded <b><u>Social Secretaries</u></b> –</p>	All

	<p>Áine Madden – Happy to continue - Seconded  Louise McMahon – happy to continue - seconded  Margaret Evans – Happy to continue – seconded  <b>Class Teacher</b> - Christine Matthewson (permanent role)  <b>Website</b> - Val Morgan (permanent role)</p> <p>New Committee:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair</b> – Teresa Mc Carthy</li> <li>• <b>Vice Chair</b> – Katie Mc Grane Cunningham</li> <li>• <b>Secretary</b> – Laura Cashin</li> <li>• <b>Vice Secretary</b> – Sophie Hallworth – With Jemma Martin to assist</li> <li>• <b>Treasurer</b> – Julie Carss</li> <li>• <b>Vice Treasurer</b> – Christine Morrish</li> <li>• <b>Social Secretaries</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aine Madden</li> <li>2. Louise McMahon</li> <li>3. Margaret Evans</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Class Teacher</b> - Christine Matthewson (permanent role)</li> <li>• <b>Website</b> - Val Morgan (permanent role)</li> </ul>	
8	Close AGM	All
9	<p><b>Quarterly Class Meeting</b></p> <p>Matters arising from minutes from last class meeting 23/9/19  <b>Minutes reviewed /Outstanding actions</b>  Masterclass with Jess Hindley on one of our Monday night classes. Lizzie can message her on Facebook for a quote.</p> <p>Ceri could teach some Highland and possibly Asad could teach some Latin/Ballroom. We could ask Jade if she can help us develop some stretches for a warm up/cooldown routine</p> <p><b>Agenda</b></p> <p>Annual subscriptions and contact list  2020 annual subs due after the AGM. £5 per year with deadline of end of 31st March. If not paid, removed from the list. No one joining after 31st March pays subs until the next year to pay.</p> <p>Dancing competitions for 2020:  Fleadh - Chris is unable to commit to leading on this but will help teach the dance. Needs a volunteer to organise and bring the dance together and submit the applications. NW qualifiers in December, Fleadh in April/May. Could be a mix of 4 hands and 8 hands.  Sean Nos dancing suggestion</p> <p>In Mullengar, West Meath 2nd - 9th August, Dancing on the last weekend 8th and 9th</p> <p>Location/date of the All Britains may decide it</p> <p>We will send out a form to gain interest in who wants to dance at the fleadh when we have some dates.</p> <p><b>Teaching</b></p> <p>Katie suggested we need more structure for the teaching regime for the step section of class</p>	All

The people who teach should co-ordinate and video it all and plan when people can teach on a rota to bring more consistency and easier for learning new dances.

Chris agreed and reflected on previous practice. To do reel 1, 2 and 3 each week. To have more volunteers to take ownership in helping to teach.

Katie is happy to lead this and Laura suggested an anonymous feedback form on this to get feedback what the dancers and members would like from the class as we don't seem to be retaining new dancers.

Margaret suggested we do reel around the sun earlier in the evening after ceili to help prepare for the dancing out and anniversary celebrations.

#### **The website contact details**

Issue with Kev getting his name removed from the website and not able to take his name and number off Google.

**Social media** - not been updated in a long time. There is also a twitter and instagram. This will encourage new dancers to class.

#### **Anniversary ceili preparations**

Everyone welcome to sub committee

Will appreciate if people can send lots of photographs from claddagh over the year to be sent to Laura who will coordinate this.

Meeting every week before class to organise this

#### **Riverdance**

14:30 Saturday afternoon 14th March. Tickets and plans to be arranged closer to the time, Teresa is safeholding them

#### **Parade**

Silver and black theme for the parade Sunday 15th March

#### **Any Other Business**

The first Monday of the month is a free taster and we will encourage feedback via a paper form to be kept with the music as Michael a new dancer advised that he wasn't asked to provide any feedback on facebook

Sophie to create a feedback form and a membership form with emergency contact details form / possibly a contact address book to keep with the music so we are complying with insurance for clrg registration. All members to refer to the privacy policy on the website due to gdpr rules.

Irlam Catholic club

Invited to dance on St Patricks night Tuesday 17th March 21:30 to 22:00

Qualifying plaque

Jemma will get a price from Timpson's ,Email Rose Fitzgibbons with what needs to be placed on plaque

Close of meeting

Next meeting 2nd March 2020