

DOMINION SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Meeting Minutes

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MEETING MINUTES**

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DOMINION SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS MEETING MINUTES

PARTICIPANTS:

Sports Committee

Brian Weaver	-	Chair
Nathan Lehr	-	Member
Keith Andrews	-	Member
Serge Thibaudeau	-	Member
Steven Van Muyen	-	Committee Coordinator
Angela Keeling Colkitt	-	Assistant Committee Coordinator

Provincial Command Representatives

Norm Scott	-	BC/YT
Gordon Morrison	-	AB/NT
Roberta Taylor	-	SK
Walter Stevens, Lisa Dinsmore, John Crook, Juanita Kemp	-	ON
Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte	-	NS/NU
Theresa Gallant	-	PE
Nathan Lehr	-	NL

Absent

Jerry Lava	-	Sports Committee Vice Chair
Gary McDade	-	NB Member Sports Rep
Don Lemon	-	MB/NWO Sports Rep
Norman Shelton	-	QC Sports Rep

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 13:05 Hours, 11 January 2022, via Zoom videoconferencing. The chair conducted the opening ritual.

2. SPORTS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REMARKS.

3. 2022 MEMBER SPORTS

It was reiterated that the 2022 Dominion Member Sports Championships were scheduled to take place in accordance with the below details:

Cribbage: 22 to 25 April 2022

Host: Branch #02-015 Men of Vision

PO Box 183 Stn Main, Cochrane, AB T4C 1A5

Darts: 29 April to 2 May 2022
Host: Branch #01-265, Aldergrove, BC
26607 Fraser Hwy, Aldergrove, BC V4W 3L1

Eight Ball: 27 to 30 May 2022
Host: Branch @02-104 Innisfail
1-5108 49 Ave, Innisfail, AB T4G 1R1

However, it was explained that the situation has changed given the COVID-19 pandemic having taken a drastic turn with the arrival of the Omicron variant in Canada. Presently, many Provincial health and government authorities have imposed significant restrictions to curb the spread of COVID-19. Further, many Provinces have again imposed strict restrictions on indoor sports or cancelled them altogether.

Of course, these new developments impact our Member Sports programs and the ability of Provincial Commands to participate in Member Sports. Specifically, the restrictions have made it very difficult, if not impossible, to run Member Sports. Therefore, the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the way forward for 2022 Dominion Member Sports Championships and gather feedback from the Provincial Commands on whether they wanted to proceed with Dominion Championships in 2022.

Each Provincial Command was provided an opportunity to speak at the meeting. It should be noted that QC, MB/NWO, and NB Provincial Commands were not in attendance. However, summaries of the feedback from the remaining Provincial Commands can be read below:

- A. BC/YT Provincial Command. They expressed their hope that Member Sports could continue in 2022 but they had mixed feelings as to whether it would be possible or not. Further, they also expressed that once Member Sports continues, we need to increase promotion to regain members who we may have lost because of the absence of Member Sports.
- B. AB/NT Provincial Command. It was communicated that currently all sports are shut down due to COVID-19 restrictions. Further, there is no indication as to when indoor sports would be allowed to proceed in the future. Therefore, though it is believed there may be time to still run Dominion Championships, their ability to participate remains uncertain.
- C. SK Provincial Command. The SK Provincial Command Sports Committee had recently met and there were many concerns brought up about proceeding with the Member Sports program. However, though there is much concern, if the Dominion Championships were to occur, they believe they would find a way to participate.
- D. ON Provincial Command. In accordance with their previous response in October 2021, ON Provincial Command will not be participating in 2022 indoor

Member Sports. Further, they emphasized that they believed the Dominion Championships should be cancelled in 2022.

- E. NS/NU Provincial Command. It was communicated that NS/NU Provincial Command would not be participating in Dominion Championships unless it was pushed to the right by several months. Presently, their Member Sports program is unable to be run given the pandemic.
- F. PE Provincial Command. They explained that the decision had been made to cancel all 2022 Member Sports for PE Provincial Command. Therefore, they will not be participating in Dominion Championships.
- G. NL Provincial Command. In accordance with their previous response in October 2021, NL Provincial Command will not be participating in Member Sports in 2022. Further, they emphasized that they believed the Dominion Championships should be cancelled in 2022.

In accordance with the above responses, it was noted that four of the 10 Provincial Commands would not be participating in the 2022 Dominion Championships. Further, all Provincial Commands had significant concerns with running their own Provincial Championships and communicated the requirement to protect the health and safety of our members.

A number of potential solutions were discussed, including: tabling any decision until a later date, delaying the Dominion Championships by a short timeframe, or potentially running the Dominion Championships in Fall 2022. However, it was noted that delaying a decision would increase the likelihood of experiencing additional negative consequences for the planning committees of the Dominion Championships. Further, conducting the Dominion Championships during Fall 2022 was deemed as unsuitable given the busy calendar for all Branches during that time. Therefore, cancelling the 2022 Dominion Championships was discussed for the following reasons:

- Four of the 10 Provincial Commands have confirmed that they will not participate in Dominion Championships for 2022 as scheduled;
- All Provincial Commands are concerned about being able to run Provincial Championships given the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. Therefore, they may not have teams to send to Dominion Championships;
- All Provincial Commands are concerned about the potential health risks associated with conducting indoor sports;
- The Dominion Championships require interprovincial travel; and
- Given not all Provincial Commands want to participate, the Dominion Championships would not be a national event if they were to proceed. All Provincial Commands are more comfortable waiting until all can once again participate in a National Championship.

Based on the discussion outlined above, a motion was moved.

MOTION. It was moved that the 2022 Dominion Member Sports Championships be cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As part of this motion, host locations of the 2022 and 2023 Dominion Championships will be offered to host the 2023 and 2024 Dominion Championships respectively.

CARRIED

As a result of this motion, a recommendation will be forwarded to DEC to cancel the 2022 Dominion Member Sports Championships.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

POST MEETING UPDATE

Following the meeting, the motion to cancel the 2022 Dominion Championships was submitted to DEC for consideration and decision. The Electronic Motion and Voting Procedure was initiated and concluded on 18 January 2022. As a result, the motion to cancel the 2022 Dominion Championships was carried unanimously. The host branches for the 2022 Dominion Championships will be offered the opportunity to host in 2023 and the 2023 host branches will be offered to host in 2024.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

4. 2022 NATIONAL YOUTH TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Since the purpose of the meeting was focused on Member Sports and the Dominion Championships, the 2022 Legion Nationals was only briefly discussed. However, two Provincial Commands did bring up significant concerns with the upcoming Legion Nationals.

- A. NL Provincial Command. The NL Provincial Command communicated that, due to concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, they would not be sending a team to the 2022 Legion Nationals.
- B. ON Provincial Command. Concerns about the ability to run the required Provincial meets were brought up given the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, there are two potential locations identified for hosting the ON Provincial Legion Nationals, however, those locations will not commit to hosting in early summer until closer to the date. Additionally, the district meets have confirmed locations but are susceptible to COVID-19 restrictions.

Although these concerns exist, the Sports Committee and participating Provincial

Commands will do everything possible to ensure the execution and success of the 2022 Legion Nationals. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, there are many reasons to be extremely optimistic (outdoor event, summer timeframe, established health mitigation measures, etc.) that the 2022 Legion Nationals will be executed as planned in Sherbrooke, QC.

5. CLOSING RITUAL AND ADJOURNMENT

The chair concluded the meeting by thanking the participants for attending. The meeting adjourned 11 January 2022 at 14:05 Hours EST and the chair conducted the closing ritual.



Brian Weaver
Chair



Steven Van Muyen
Coordinator

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