

DOMINION MEMBER SPORTS

Meeting Minutes

12 October 2021

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12 OCTOBER 1300 HRS EST - VIDEOCONFERENCE
MEETING MINUTES**

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ATTENDEES:

Sports Committee

Brian Weaver	-	Chair
Jerry Lava	-	Vice Chair
Nathan Lehr	-	Member
Keith Andrews	-	Member
Steven Van Muyen	-	Committee Coordinator

Sports Representatives

Norm Scott and Bryan Lutz	-	BC/YT
Roberta Taylor	-	SK
Rick Bennett	-	MB/NWO
Walter Stevens, Lisa Dinsmore, and Juanita Kemp	-	ON
Norman Shelton	-	QC
Gary McDade	-	NB
Theresa Gallant	-	PE
Mary Burt	-	NL/LAB

Absentee

Gordon Morrison	-	AB/NT
Robert Hoeg	-	NS/NU
Serge Thibaudeau	-	Committee
Angela Keeling Colkitt	-	Committee

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 13:00 hours on Tuesday, 12 October 2021 via Zoom videoconferencing. The chair conducted the opening ritual.

2. SPORTS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REMARKS.

The chair welcomed the committee members and relayed his appreciation for the participants attendance.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Roll call was taken and all participants had an opportunity to introduce themselves.

4. **2022 MEMBER SPORTS**

The main goal of the meeting was to discuss the upcoming 2022 Member Sports schedule and to determine the intentions of each Provincial Command regarding participating in Member Sports. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 and 2021 Dominion Member Sports Championships were cancelled. Currently, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to present difficult and unique challenges for each Provincial Command when it comes to running sports. However, given the positive vaccination rate across Canada, it is hoped that the Dominion Member Sports Championships can be held as planned in accordance with the following hosting locations:

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 #01-004 Chilliwack
9350 Mary St, Chilliwack, BC V2P 4H1

Eight ball: 27 to 30 May 2022

Host: Branch #02-104 Innisfail
1-5108 49 Ave, Innisfail, AB T4G 1R1

To confirm the possibility of running the 2022 Member Sports program, the sports chair asked the Provincial Commands to provide an update on their intentions for running Member Sports in 2022. The following updates were provided:

1. BC/YT Provincial Command: They have approved moving ahead, pending any public health changes, with the 2022 Member Sports program. Therefore, it is their intention to participate in all Dominion Member Sports Championships and to continue to host the Darts Dominion Championships in Chilliwack, B.C.
2. AB/NT Provincial Command: Although unable to participate in the meeting, the AB/NT Provincial Command provided an update via email that they plan on participating in all 2022 Member Sports Championships.
3. SK Provincial Command. They confirmed that they plan to participate in all 2022 Member Sports.
4. MB/NWO Provincial Command. They plan on participating in all 2022 Member Sports Championships. One unique challenge that they face is coordinating between MB and NWO branches but that will be coordinated at the Provincial Command level.
5. QC Provincial Command. Currently, they plan on participating in both Cribbage

and Dart Dominion Member Sports Championships. Historically, they do not participate in the Eight Ball Championships. Currently, they are operating at around 50 percent which creates some unique challenges when it comes to planning for sports.

6. NB Provincial Command. They confirmed that they plan to participate in all 2022 Member Sports.
7. PE Provincial Command. They confirmed that they plan to participate in all 2022 Member Sports.
8. ON Provincial Command. They reached out to their nine districts for feedback reference Member Sports in 2022. The decision was unanimous among all nine districts that indoor Member Sports should be cancelled for the 2022 season. They re-iterated the challenges that ON Provincial Command faces with having such a broad level of restrictions across their zones and districts. Therefore, given the COVID-19 pandemic, they will not be participating in the 2022 Dominion Member Sports Championships.
9. NL/LAB. At this time, it is unlikely that they will be participating in 2022 Member Sports Championships give the COVID-19 pandemic. They will be recommending at their PEC, on 13 October 2021, that 2022 Member Sports championships be cancelled for NL/LAB Provincial Command.
10. NS/NU. Although unable to participate in the meeting, the NS/NU Provincial Command provided an update via email that they plan to participate in all 2022 Member Sports Championships.

Therefore, 8 of the 10 Provincial Commands plan to participate in the 2022 Member Sports program and the Dominion Member Sports Championships as planned.

In addition to the above, the vaccination requirements for each Provincial Command were discussed. The majority of the Provincial Command Sports Representatives confirmed the requirement to be fully vaccinated for access into Legion branches. Though proof of vaccination does present some challenges when crossing Provincial borders, it can be achieved. Therefore, it is likely that participants of 2022 Member Sports will be required to be fully vaccinated.

OUTCOME: Given that the majority of the Provincial Commands plan to participate in 2022 Member Sports, the Sports Committee Chair decided that, barring any major public health guideline changes, the 2022 Dominion Member Sports Championships would continue as planned.

Host instruction packages for the 2022 Dominion Sports Championships will be prepared and delivered to the applicable host as soon as possible.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

5. 2022 NATIONAL YOUTH TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The sports coordinator provided an information update on the 44th National Youth Track and Field Championships, scheduled to be held from 5 – 7 August 2022 in Sherbrooke, Quebec. Specifically, it was outlined that the Championships will continue to consist of, for Legion athletes, instructional clinics, practice sessions, social activities, and the actual meet. Further, it was shared that the remembrance theme for the Championships would be the 80th Anniversary of the Dieppe Raid.

The sports coordinator informed the participants that a site visit of the facilities would occur from 12 – 13 November 2021. Further, it was shared that all participants of the 2022 National Youth Track and Field Championships will be required to be fully vaccinated. Given the Championships are being planned as normal, Provincial Command Sports Representatives can expect to be contacted about potential Provincial team sizes and attending representatives.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

6. CLOSING RITUAL AND ADJOURNMENT

The chair concluded the meeting by thanking the participants for attending. The meeting adjourned 12 October 2021 at 13:43 hours EST and the chair conducted the closing ritual.



Brian Weaver
Chair



Steven Van Muyen
Coordinator

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