

DOMINION SPORTS MEETING

Minutes

10 February 2022

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MEETING MINUTES**

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DOMINION SPORTS MEETING MINUTES

PARTICIPANTS:

Sports Committee

Brian Weaver	-	Chair
Jerry Lava	-	Vice Chair
Keith Andrews	-	Member
Serge Thibaudeau	-	Member
Steven Van Muyen	-	Committee Coordinator
Angela Keeling Colkitt	-	Assistant Committee Coordinator

Provincial Command Representatives

Norm Scott & Linda Candelaria	-	BC/YT
Gordon Morrison	-	AB/NT
Roberta Taylor and Patti Paul	-	SK
Don Lemon	-	MB/NWO
Walter Stevens, Lisa Dinsmore, John Crook, & Juanita Kemp	-	ON
Norman Shelton	-	QC
Geraldine Lefebvre	-	NB
Theresa Gallant	-	PE
Robert Hoeg	-	NS/NU

Additions

Duncan Chan	-	Sports Assistant
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Absent

Nathan Lehr	-	Sports Committee Member
Mary Burt	-	NL

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced on 10 February 2022 at 12:00 Hours Eastern via Zoom videoconferencing. The chair conducted the opening ritual.

2. SPORTS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REMARKS.

The chair welcomed all the participants and thanked them for attending. Additionally, the Dominion Command Sports Assistant, Duncan Chan, was introduced to the group.

3. 2022 LEGION NATIONALS

It was briefly explained that the 2022 Legion Nationals were scheduled to take place in Sherbrooke, QC from 5 – 7 August 2022 and that planning for the event had reached a point where funds were now being expended. As part of the planning, it was identified that an effective Covid-19 Safety Plan for the Legion Nationals would have to be developed. It was further explained that the Covid-19 Safety Plan would include two main sections: prevention measures and Covid-19 protocols. Given that any Covid-19 policies and procedures would directly impact all participating Provincial Commands, the main purpose of the meeting was to gather input on their development. Before input was gathered from the Provincial Command Sports Representatives, the Sports Coordinator gave a brief overview on the current situation regarding the Covid-19 Safety Plan. As outlined below, the overview included planned policies and options in terms of how to approach Covid-19 during the Legion Nationals:

- A. Prevention. Participants were informed that the Legion Nationals Covid-19 Safety Plan would outline all prevention measures against Covid-19. This will include the process for proof of vaccination and daily screening. Proof of vaccination will be completed as part of both the online and on-site registration. Spectators will provide proof of vaccination upon payment of entry fees. Daily screening procedures may be part of each participants information package attached to their accreditation through a QR code. It was relayed that the Quebec Public Health guidelines at the time of the Legion Nationals will be the driving force behind any prevention measures put in place during the Legion Nationals. The proof of vaccination policies will be developed in accordance with Athletics Canada direction.

- B. Covid-19 Protocols. The importance of developing Covid-19 protocols that reduce health and safety risks to all members of any Legion team at the Nationals was emphasized. Therefore, the participants agreed that the worst-case scenario should be planned for when it comes to the process for dealing with members of a Legion team who display symptoms of Covid-19 or test positive through any testing mechanism. The participants of the meeting considered options that assumed a requirement for members with Covid-19 or symptoms of Covid-19 to isolate for a period of five days or until their symptoms improved (whichever is longer). In other words, it is assumed that any member of a Legion team who suffers the above, will need to quarantine for the duration outlined by local public health authorities at the time. It was further explained that the National Coordinator would ensure rooms in a separate residence wing were booked and set aside for potential quarantined personnel. However, these members would still require 2 x adult personnel (male and female) dedicated to ensuring the daily needs of isolated individuals are met (delivering their meals, regular check ups, etc). It was also noted that any quarantined personnel were unlikely to be able to return to their home province with their team as planned. Therefore, any quarantined personnel would either have their flight changed, or a new flight booked, for when they were released from quarantine. Three different options for how to meet the requirement to isolate

members, provide basic supervision and care (deliver meals), and provide escort to province of residence were reviewed and discussed. The three options that were discussed are briefly summarized below:

- i. Option 1. Current Chaperones Absorb Task. This option would see team chaperones conduct the task of ensuring quarantined personnel are taken care of during quarantine. During the event, this could be rotated among teams to limit the impact on the main group of Legion athletes. Following the event dates, teams would be required to provide the appropriate chaperones for any members that must stay behind in quarantine. The chaperones would then travel back with those members once they are released from quarantine.
- ii. Option 2. Additional Chaperones. This option would see the acquisition of four additional chaperones (male, female, bilingual) who would be dedicated to taking care of the needs of quarantined personnel on a full-time basis. Their task would continue until all members have completed quarantine and have travelled back to their place of residence. Having four additional chaperones ensures individuals can be escorted to the airport while others remain with isolated individuals.
- iii. Option 3. Hybrid. Option 3 is a mixture of option 1 and 2. First, two personnel (male, female, bilingual) would be assigned the task of providing supervision and meeting the needs of any isolated Legion team members during the event (3 – 9 August). These personnel will be provided by the Local Organizing Committee in consultation with Dominion Command. Following the event dates, any Provincial Command that has members of their team still in isolation will be required to leave behind an appropriate chaperone (male, female) to provide supervision of the member(s) and an escort home to their province of residence. Therefore, Provincial Commands would need to ensure that their chaperones are aware that they may be required to conduct this task.

During the discussion it was determined that option 2 should be eliminated given the fact that under this option any legion team athletes that had to remain in isolation would be required to conduct air travel back to their place of residence with no escort on the flight. The resulting risk was deemed too high to accept. Additionally, it was determined that option 1 was not feasible as the burden on chaperones to supervise isolated personnel during the event itself was too great and the risk too high for any teams that would lose chaperones for this task during the event. However, after much discussion, it was agreed that option 3 provided a good balance of risk management and organizational responsibility. Therefore, all agreed that option 3 should be implemented within the Legion Nationals. Upon this agreement, it was determined that direction from Dominion Command on the details of the process should be provided to the Provincial Commands as soon as possible as any potential Provincial Command chaperones will need to be

aware of the plan.

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

MOTION. It was moved that option 3, as outlined above, be accepted as part of the 2022 Legion Nationals Covid-19 Safety Plan.

CARRIED

As a result of this motion, it was determined that direction outlining the details of the policy should be developed and distributed to the Provincial Commands before they begin their recruitment of chaperones. Therefore, Dominion Command will issue interim direction outlining the protocols for suspected or confirmed cases of Covid-19 during the 2022 Legion Nationals.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

4. MEMBER SPORTS

Member sports and the cancellation of the 2022 Dominion Championships were discussed. Specifically, it was reiterated that cancelling the Dominion Championships was an unfortunate necessity that has negative impacts on the lives of RCL members. Most importantly, the intent of the Legion Sports Program to enhance comradeship, sportsmanship, and membership has been negatively impacted. As a result, the participants discussed the possibility of the Dominion Sports Committee hosting a new National sporting event in lieu of the cancelled championships during the September 2022 timeframe. However, after much discussion, it was agreed that any new development of events within the Legion Sports Program should be withheld until the year 2023 given the amount of health safety, timing, resources, and fiscal limitations. Therefore, it was decided that new development within the Legion Sports Program would be revisited in the Fall of 2022 at which time options for additional National events should be considered.

5. CLOSING RITUAL AND ADJOURNMENT

The chair concluded the meeting by thanking the participants for attending. The meeting adjourned 10 February 2022 at 13:26 Hours EST and the chair conducted the closing ritual.



Brian Weaver
Chair



Steven Van Muyen
Coordinator

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