

**DOMINION COMMAND
MINUTES OF THE RITUAL AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
LEGION HOUSE
Via ZOOM Conferencing, October 28th, 2021 at 10:00HRS**

File: 51-2

In Attendance: Blaine Kiley – Chair
 Mary Ann Latimer – Vice Chair
 John Cher – Member
 Jack Porter – Member
 Charls Gendron – Coordinator

Absent: Sylvain Hamel – Member
 Kyle Scott – Member

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 10:05hrs and the opening ritual was observed.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved that the agenda of the committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. MOTION TO DEVIATE

MOTION: It was moved to deviate from the agenda if so required.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

Comrade Blaine welcome all and confirmed that two members will not be able, but a quorum is present for decision. He mentioned that there will be a special DEC meeting this coming weekend following the announced departure of the RCL National Treasurer.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report

6. ADMINISTRATION

Nothing to report

Service bars are generally awarded to members of executive committees and added to the Branch Past Officer Medal. Section 270 does allow bars to be added to the Branch Service Medal if they were awarded and not a member of the Branch executive committee.

11. NEW or GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

14. FUTURE MEETING

The next Committee meeting via zoom is scheduled for November 25th, 2021.

15. CLOSING COMMENTS

The Chair thanked everyone and apologized for the IT issues experienced and appreciate the strong and detailed feedback received for this meeting review of applications.

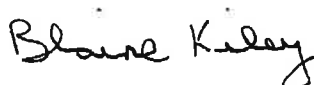
16. MOTION TO ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

17. CLOSING CEREMONY

The business being concluded; the meeting was adjourned at 11:35hrs.



Committee Chair



Committee Secretary

7. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on Oct 1st, 2021 were reviewed.

MOTION: It was moved that the minutes of the committee meeting, Oct 1st, 2021 be adopted as written.

CARRIED

8. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Command	MSM	MSA	Palm to MSM	Palm to MSA
B.C./Yukon	1		2	
ONT.	3	1		1
N.S./NUNAVUT	1			
AB-NWT	1			

9. SIGNING AUTHORITY

The Chair lead the discussion on the issue of award submission not being signed by some Provincial Command but just rubber stamped. The Committee is clear that this is required as a point of accountability and responsibility by all level involved in this process as indicated in the R&A Manual and must be enforced.

The Chair will draft a letter to be sent to all Provincial Command R&A Chairman's and for publication in an up-coming All-Branch newsletter.

He will also speak to this matter at the next DEC meeting.

10. BRANCH SERVICE MEDAL

This topic was brought in following to an inquiry as the ability to wear two Branch Service medals on the Legion uniform.

Section 270 of the RAP manual refers to the Branch Service Medal. There is no provision allowing the awarding of a second medal.

Branch Service Medal is intended to be awarded to a member providing outstanding service and not a member of the executive committee. Although this is the intent it may also be awarded to members previously in receipt of awards for additional exemplary service. Should a member continue to provide outstanding service additional awards identified in the RAP manual can be considered.