

**DOMINION COMMAND
MINUTES OF THE RITUAL AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
LEGION HOUSE
Via ZOOM Conferencing, 26 October 2023 at 10:00HRS**

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

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 10:00hrs 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

The Chair welcomed everyone, noting that the last month was fairly quiet for the Committee but will likely change rapidly with the ramping up of Poppy Campaign and the Remembrance period. Some inquiries that came in are on the agenda as info points.

5. CORRESPONDENCES

Nil.

6. ADMINISTRATION

The Committee Coordinator confirmed that the Committee report for the November DEC meeting has been filed.

7. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 28 September 2023, were reviewed.

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of 28 September 2023.

CARRIED

8. MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

A query was made regarding the Lady Auxiliary process for this award. As the organizational structure of the L.A. differs across all Provincial Commands, the Chair responded that each specific one will be respected through the Provincial Command structure in place. The RAP manual will not be amended to that specific level of details in the submission process, but the Committee will adjust accordingly in the review of applications.

9. FLAGS

With the Poppy campaign upon us, the Chair received queries regarding flying the Poppy banner. He reiterated that the RAP Manual Chapter 9 has all the pertinent details on this topic for all Branches and Command queries and process to follow.

10. INDEGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair reiterated that the RAP manual has been fully updated on that topic and all pertinent details can be read at Section 304.

11. NATIONAL REMEMBERANCE DAY CEREMONY- RAP Section 603)

The Chair brought the topic if the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement should be listed as a time in the sequence detailed at Section 603. The coordinator confirmed with the National Executive that this sequence take place well into the overall ceremony and that the Land Acknowledgement portion would have been already done as part of the opening speaking portion of that ceremony that takes place before the 10:30 timings. As such, no amended of Section 603 is needed.

12. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Command	MSM	MSA	Palm to MSM	Palm to MSA
MB	1			
BC/YUKON			1	
ONT	1			
PEI			1	

13. NEW or GENERAL BUSINESS

Nothing was brought up for action. The Chair reiterated that that names of all attendees of in-camera meetings should be included on the Minutes submitted in support of any award submission to the Committee, but this is not required for General Meetings, the minutes are required to be signed by the Branch's President and the Secretary (or their official representatives at that meeting).

14. FUTURE MEETING

The next virtual Committee meeting will take place on November 30th, 2023.

16. CLOSING COMMENTS

The Chair concluded in thanking everyone and wishing all a very good Poppy Campaign period and looking forward to meeting some members in person at the November DEC meeting.

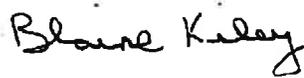
17. MOTION TO ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

18. CLOSING CEREMONY

The business being concluded; the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.



Blaine Kiley

Committee Chair



Charls Gendron

Committee Secretary