

# **DOMINION SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **Minutes**

### **30 March 2022**

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**PARTICIPANTS:**

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

**ABSENT**

Angela Colkitt	-	Assistant Committee Coordinator
Nathan Lehr	-	Member

**1. OPENING RITUAL**

The meeting commenced at 13:05 hours on Wednesday, 30 March 2022 via Zoom videoconferencing. The chair conducted the opening ritual.

**2. SPORTS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REMARKS.**

The chair welcomed all participants and thanked them for taking time out of their busy schedule to attend.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Minutes Approval** – The 10 February 2022 Dominion Sports Meeting Minutes were presented and reviewed.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

No new items were presented for inclusion in the agenda.

**5. DOMINION MEMBER SPORTS**

The Sports Coordinator summarized that, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Dominion Sports Committee moved to cancel the 2022 Dominion Member Sports Championships. The motion was submitted to DEC for consideration and decision. On 18 January 2022, the motion to cancel the 2022 Dominion Championships was carried unanimously by DEC via the Electronic Motion and Voting Procedure. The Sports Coordinator further explained that given the early timeframe of the decision, there were no significant financial

consequences as funds had not yet been expended on the 2022 Dominion Member Sports Championships. Additionally, it was explained that all host locations of the 2022 and 2023 Dominion Championships had accepted the offer to host the 2023 and 2024 Dominion Championships respectively. Therefore, the 2023 and 2024 Dominion Championships will take place at the following locations

### **2023 Dominion Member Sports Championships**

**Cribbage:** 21 – 24 April 2023

**Host:** Branch #02-015 Men of Vision  
PO Box 183 Stn Main, Cochrane, AB T4C 1A5

**Darts:** 28 April – 1 May 2023

**Host:** Branch #01-265, Aldergrove, BC  
26607 Fraser Hwy, Aldergrove, BC V4W 3L1

**Eight ball:** 26 – 29 May 2023

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

### **2024 Dominion Member Sports Championships**

**Eight Ball:** 24 – 27 May 2024

**Host:** Branch #10-051 Happy Valley-Goose Bay  
PO Box 335 Stn B, Hpy-Vly-Goose, NL A0P 1E0

**Cribbage:** 26 – 29 April 2024

**Host:** Branch #07-033, Shediac, NB  
386 Main Street, Shediac, NB, E4P 2G1

**Darts:** 3 – 6 May 2024

**Host:** Branch #06-251, Laval, QC  
2000 Boul Cure-Labelle, Laval, QC, H7T 1L3

Following the update by the Sports Coordinator, the Chair explained that they would work on selecting, and confirming, the Dominion Representatives for the 2023 Dominion Sports Championships.

**ACTION:** Sports Chair

## **6. LEGION NATIONAL YOUTH TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

A detailed update on the current state of the 2022 Legion Nationals (3 – 9 August 2022 in Sherbrooke, QC) was provided. The update included the following:

- a. Spring Site Visit. It was outlined that Dominion Command would be conducting a spring site visit in Sherbrooke, QC from 5 – 8 May 2022 in order to conduct the final planning and coordination required to ensure the success of the 2022 Legion Nationals. Participants of the site visit will include the Dominion Sports Chair, Sports Coordinator, and outgoing/incoming head chaperones. A report following the site visit will be completed and distributed by the Sports Coordinator.

**ACTION:** Sports Coordinator

- b. Participants. Recently, the Dominion Sports Committee was informed that ON Provincial Command would not be sending a team to the 2022 Legion Nationals due to an inability to run their Provincial Track and Field program. Therefore, 8 of the 10 Provincial Commands will be sending a team with both ON and NL Provincial Commands opting out of participating. Given this reality, it is important that Dominion Command ensures athletes from ON and NL are aware that they can still participate in the 2022 Legion Nationals as an open category athlete. To this end, the Sports Coordinator will seek to set up a booth at the OFSAA Championships in June of 2022 to create awareness of the 2022 Legion Nationals among ON athletes.

**ACTION:** Sports Coordinator

- c. Transport. It was explained that transportation for the participating teams has been confirmed. Air travel has been booked for BC/YT, AB/NT, SK, and MB/NWO, and ground transportation (buses) has been reserved for PE, NS/NU, and NB Provincial Commands. QC Provincial Command will arrange for the transportation of their own team given the event is held in QC.
- d. Remembrance Theme. It was re-iterated that the remembrance theme for the 2022 Legion Nationals is the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dieppe Raid. The theme logo has been created and has been placed on all souvenir items (shoe bags, hats, medals, program booklet) and applicable clothing. An article on the Dieppe Raid has been chosen to be included in the program booklet and the Sport's Coordinator will work an ensuring the theme is woven throughout the event.

**ACTION:** Sports Coordinator

- e. Communications and Marketing. A communications plan has been developed by the Royal Canadian Legion – Dominion Command marketing team and online activities will mainly begin in April 2022. The technical manual and competition schedule are nearing completion and will be posted on the Legion Nationals website in early April. New banners have been ordered for the event and the Sport's Coordinator will ensure the continued promotion of 2022 Legion Nationals.

**ACTION:** Sports Coordinator

- f. Finance. It was explained that the 2022 Legion Nationals will likely finish slightly under budget. It was emphasized that this is only the case due to ON and NL Provincial Commands not participating this year. In fact, if they had participated, the current budget would have been insufficient in covering costs due to the rise of prices of all services (air and ground transport, food, accommodations, merchandise, etc.).
- g. Covid-19. An update was provided on the Covid-19 situation in relation to the 2022 Legion Nationals. Specifically, it was stated that the Covid-19 situation in Canada continues to improve, and the majority of government-imposed restrictions have been lifted. It is anticipated that all restrictions will be lifted by the end of April in the Province of Quebec. If the situation deteriorates, the 2022 Legion Nationals is prepared to adapt as outlined in the 2022 Legion Nationals Covid-19 Safety Plan Interim Direction. Therefore, it is recommended that the 2022 Legion Nationals adopt whatever the public health guidelines are at the time of the event. This includes both from the local government authorities and from Athletics Canada (as the governing body for track and field in Canada). In other words, it is recommended that the official policy of the Dominion Sports Committee is that the 2022 Legion Nationals will follow whatever public health guidelines are imposed at the time of the event.

**MOTION**. It was moved that the 2022 Legion Nationals will adopt whatever local Covid-19 public health guidelines, and current Athletics Canada Covid-19 guidelines, are at the time of the event.

**CARRIED**

**Future Legion Nationals**

The dates for all upcoming scheduled Legion Nationals were reviewed:

- a. August 9 – 15, 2023. Sherbrooke, QC.
- b. August 7 – 13, 2024. Calgary, AB
- c. August 6 – 12, 2025. Calgary, AB

**2026 & 2027 Legion Nationals Bid Process**

It was outlined that the bid process for selection of a host city for the 2026 & 2027 Legion Nationals will begin in 2023. In preparation, the Sports Coordinator will do a review of the bid process with the aim of developing standardized selection scoring criteria to ensure the selection process is both transparent and fair. Additionally, the Sports Coordinator will attend the Sport Events Congress (SEC) 2022 in Edmonton, AB

from 2 – 4 November 2022 in order to communicate that the Royal Canadian Legion will be holding a bid process for the 2026 & 2027 Legion Nationals. It was determined that the Sport Committee would hold a meeting following the SEC, and prior to the fall DEC, where the Sports Coordinator would present a report on the SEC and outline the updated and upcoming bid process for the Legion Nationals.

**ACTION:** Sports Coordinator

## **Finance**

It was outlined that the costs to execute the Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships will continue to increase in the future. Inflation has significantly increased the costs associated with running an event of this nature. The Sports Coordinator will ensure future budgets clearly outline these cost increases and the reason behind them so that the Sports Committee is able to make an informed recommendation regarding future proposed budgets.

**ACTION:** Sports Coordinator

## **7. GENERAL SPORTS PROGRAM**

It was acknowledged that the cancellation of the Dominion Member Sports Championships was difficult news for all RCL members. The Legion Sports Program has been developed to enhance comradeship, sportsmanship, and membership. With the cancellation of Dominion Championships for a third year in a row, the RCL loses a significant ability to impact all three categories. Therefore, it was outlined that every effort will be made to ensure the Legion Sports Program returns in 2023 and makes significant positive impacts in the lives of RCL members and the organization. To ensure the success of the Legion Sports Program in the future, the Sports Committee will work closely with the Provincial Commands in the future. Specifically, the Sports Coordinator will meet with the Provincial Command Sport Representatives in the fall of 2022 to discuss the future of the Legion Sports Program and how best to create awareness and participation among the Royal Canadian Legion.

**ACTION:** Sports Coordinator

## **8. SPORTS COMMITTEE TERMS**

A question was raised regarding the term period for members serving on the Sports Committee. Specifically, the Sports Chair was asked whether members continue to serve on the Sports Committee when other term positions come to an end. The Sports Chair stated that clarification on the term period for Sports Committee members would be brought to the next Sports Committee meeting.

**ACTION:** Sports Chair and Coordinator

**9. CLOSING RITUAL AND ADJOURNMENT**

The chair concluded the meeting by thanking the participants for attending. The meeting adjourned at 13:34 hours EST on 30 March 2022 and the chair conducted the closing ritual.



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Brian Weaver  
Chair



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Steven Van Muyen  
Coordinator

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