

DOMINION SPORTS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

6 July 2023

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DOMINION SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

PARTICIPANTS:

Sports Committee

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

Absent

Nathan Lehr	-	Member
Kelly Therien	-	Assistant Committee Coordinator

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 13:37 Hours, 6 July 2023, via Zoom video-conferencing. The chair conducted the opening ritual.

2. SPORTS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REMARKS.

3. 2023 NATIONAL YOUTH TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

A brief update regarding the 2023 Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships was provided. The sports coordinator informed the committee that all logistical planning had been completed and the focus was now on coordinating the final administrative details. It was explained that all participating teams will be providing their team nominal rolls no later than 24 July 2023 and that the opening ceremony, receptions, closing banquet, and event day have all been confirmed and final preparation will include sending invitations and specific on-site set up requirements. Additionally, it was explained that registration will continue to be open online until 31 July 2023. Following the closure of registration, remaining technical requirements will be completed including bib production and accreditation assignment.

- A. Air Transport. It was explained that the largest risk to the success of the 2023 Legion Nationals remains air transport. This risk exists due to the uncontrollable nature of air transport and the requirement to react quickly upon unforeseen changes to flights. Air Canada has already changed some of the original flights that were secured back in August 2022. The changes include flight times and direct flights becoming connection flights. The sports coordinator emphasized the requirement for all to remain flexible to flight changes.

4. 2024 SPORTS BUDGETS

Projections for the 2024 sports budgets have been completed and changes from 2023 were presented to the committee. The 2024 budgets presented outlined the following:

- A. 2024 Track and Field Budget. The track and field budget will see some decreases due to cheaper administrative costs associated with hosting the event in Calgary, AB. Specifically, there will be a decrease in accommodation costs. However, some increase in costs, especially those associated with event specific supplies, will off-set the significant decreases. It was also explained that we hope to carry over large sponsorships into 2024 that are yet to be confirmed. Without factoring in sponsorships, the overall decrease to the budget is \$15,817.
- B. Sports Committee Budget. Since there will be no Fall Site Visit in 2024, the Sports Committee Budget projects a slight decrease. It should be noted that this decrease assumes the committee will continue to host all meetings virtually. Currently, there is a decrease of \$1,450 in the projected budget.
- C. Dominion Member Sports Championships. It was explained that the 2024 Dominion Member Sports Championships budget will need to increase by \$7,300 based on re-calculated travel costs. Transportation (flights and mileage) have increased over the last year which has created the necessity to increase the projected 2024 budget for member sports championships. In other words, the proposed budget is based on approved subsidies as outlined in the Sports Guide (\$700 maximum per authorized competitor). Additionally, it was explained that the 2024 Dominion Eight Ball Championships are scheduled to occur in Happy Valley Goose Bay. Given the remote nature of this location, every participant travelling to the Championships will require the maximum (\$700) travel subsidy.
 - a. 2024 Dominion Eight Ball Championships. The Sports Coordinator outlined concerns regarding the location for the 2024 Dominion Eight Ball Championships. Currently, the championships are set to be hosted at Branch #10-051 in Happy Valley Goose Bay, NL. The location was approved by the Sports Committee in 2019, prior to the Covid-19 pandemic. This is important to note as flight costs were significantly cheaper prior to 2020. With Goose Bay being located near a small airport, in a relatively remote location, flight costs will be extremely high. Current flights to Goose Bay are over \$1000 from any other airport in Canada. Additionally, all competitors will likely need to fly given the inability to drive to Goose Bay. This significantly increases the costs for competitors as they are required to cover travel costs above \$700. For some, those extra costs will likely be in the thousands.

It is also important to note that travelling to Goose Bay from Western Canada is an extremely long process. Therefore, those travelling from Western Canada would need to travel a day early, further increasing their costs (hotel rooms, food, etc).

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Sports Committee gather input from the Provincial Commands on the feasibility of hosting the 2024 Dominion Eight Ball Championships in Goose Bay. Following the gathering of feedback, the Sports Committee will re-evaluate the feasibility of hosting the championships in Goose Bay.

ACTION: Sports Coordinator

- D. Sports Budget. Overall, the Sports Coordinator outlined that there is a recommended decrease in the Sports Committee Budget(s) of \$9,967. If the sports committee is able to secure the same sponsorships as 2023, we will see much larger savings in the 2024 Sports Committee Budgets.

MOTION. A motion was moved that the Sports Committee accept the projected 2024 Sports Committee budget(s) as presented.

CARRIED

5. CLOSING RITUAL AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 14:05 hours. The chair concluded the meeting by thanking the participants for attending and by conducting the closing ritual. The next meeting will occur in the September timeframe.



Brian Weaver
Chair



Steven Van Muyen
Coordinator

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