

**DOMINION COMMAND
MINUTES OF THE RITUAL AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
LEGION HOUSE
Via ZOOM Conferencing, 30 November 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 10:03hrs 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 opened the meeting by congratulating Comrade Mary-Ann on her recent appointment on the Dominion Public Relations committee. He also acknowledged the other members that he recently met in person at the DEC meeting last week.

5. CORRESPONDENCES

Nil.

6. ADMINISTRATION

Nil.

7. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 26 October 2023, were reviewed.

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of 26 October 2023.

CARRIED

8. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Chair addressed this point as information only. He reiterated again that this award is no longer required as a prerequisite for the MSM, MSA or the Palm to them. The RAP manual is clear on this issue. He also stated, following a query made to him, that reading thru the application criteria for the Life Membership, there is absolutely no requirement for a member to be or have been part of any Executive level position to be considered or be awarded a Life Membership.

9. King's Coronation Pin

Following on a query made on this subject, research shows that there is a multitude of available pin commemorating this event issued but numerous groups for direct sale. The Chair reminded the Committee that there is no approval issued by DEC to wear any such pin on Legion Dress. This also include the one issued by Canadian Member of Parliament to their constituents. The only pin approved to wear on Legion Dess for any occasions as of this date is the Support our Troop pin.

Only thru the proper RCL Resolution process all the way to DEC for approval is any other pin commemorating any type of event is to be worn on Legion dress.

10. DEC REPORT

The Chair made a broad review of the topics addressed at the last DEC meeting including the ADI Action plan in which the Committee has a few deliverables to meet. The plan was provided electronically to each member prior to the meeting. The Committee Coordinator will provide clarification on some specific points before discussion of policy are to take place.

He thanked the other members of the Committee that attended the DEC meeting in their position as Provincial Command Executive.

Action: Committee Coordinator

11. CHAPLAIN MANUAL

The Chair informed the Committee that unfortunately, no concrete action has been taken yet by the sub-committee on reviewing this manual and that the initial timetable for completion will not be met. He had discussions with one member you agree to initiate on his own some documents to spearhead the process and will provide an update to this at the next meeting in January 2024.

12. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Command	MSM	MSA	Palm to MSM	Palm to MSA
PEI	1			
BC/YUKON			2	
ONT	3	1		

13. NEW or GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chair addressed a query from the NFLD Command President regarding saluting by the Canadian Armed Forces during the playing of the Ode to NLFD that follows the National Anthem during the 100th Anniversary Ceremony of the Revitalization of the National War Memorial next year.

There are presently no RCL rules and regulation regarding saluting by Legion Members during the playing of any Provincial anthem in our regulations. The Chair will contact the NFLD Command President to discuss the submission of a motion to DEC for approval consideration to include saluting during the playing of approved provincial anthems and additionally to seek approval from DEC to request the Canadian Forces to salute during the playing of approved provincial anthems.

14. FUTURE MEETING

The next virtual Committee meeting will take place on January 25th, 2024. Award submissions received up to December 15th, 2023, will be reviewed by members and their decisions submitted to the Chair NLT 12st December 2023.

16. CLOSING COMMENTS

The Chair concluded in thanking everyone and wishing all a very happy and safe Holiday Season.

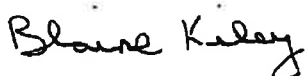
17. MOTION TO ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

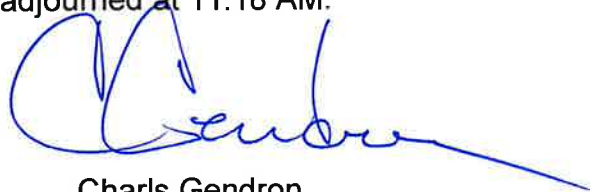
18. CLOSING CEREMONY

The business being concluded; the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 AM.



Blaine Kiley

Committee Chair



Charls Gendron

Committee Secretary