

**DOMINION COMMAND
MINUTES OF THE RITUAL AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
LEGION HOUSE
Via ZOOM Conferencing, 29 February at 10:00HRS**

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

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 10:10hrs 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 welcoming all member to this year first meeting. He spoked on the upcoming DEC meeting that will include all PEDs which should provide a great avenue for information sharing to benefit the RCL agenda.

5. CORRESPONDENCES

All general queries received in the first two months of the years have been resolved.

6. ADMINISTRATION

Nil.

7. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 30 November 2023, were reviewed.

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of 30 November 2023.

CARRIED

8. AWARD ELIGIBILITY

The Chair addressed this point as information only. He reiterated again that all RCL members, regardless of type of membership, are eligible to be nominated and receive any award listed in the RAP manual. This also includes paid RCL employees although extensive supporting documentation must be provided on the work done above and beyond their paid duties and done as volunteers representing the RCL.

9. Centenary Commemorative Medal

The Centenary Ceremonies Committee has put forward the plan to produce a Commemorative medal for this event and will ask the Ritual and Award Committee for input. The Chair stated that our committee should be fully supportive of this initiative and that our involvement will be in confirming the rules for wearing this medal as part of Legion dress stated in the RAP Manual, once made available.

10. RAP Manual Review

The Chair stated that the ADI Committee has issue a request for all RCL Manual to be reviewed to be in line with proper wording in addressing gender issues. The Committee Coordinator will seek clarity on the exact wording to be review and the one to be used for the RAP Manual.

Action: Committee Coordinator

11. CHAPLAIN MANUAL

The Chair informed the Committee that a new approach has been presented to the Chaplain Manual Reviewing Committee that would see a reference to the CF Chaplain Manual for any directions to be used by the RCL regarding religious ceremonies with the current RCL Manual in its present version being terminated. Clergy conducting religious services would, in consultation with family members, alter religious wording to respect their culture and religious background. The task of reviewing and rewriting is has proved to require too many resources while the CF Manual has just been updated and addresses all the question any RCL event would have on this topic.

Once this approach finalized, information will be disseminated thru all Branches thru the Legion Dispatch.

Action: Committee Coordinator

12. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

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13. NEW or GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

14. FUTURE MEETING

The next virtual Committee meeting will take place on March 29th, 2024.

16. CLOSING COMMENTS

The Chair concluded in thanking everyone and stated that with this year Convention on the Horizon, we may see some Resolutions submission coming our way. If the case, they will be sent along to all Committee members electronically for review.

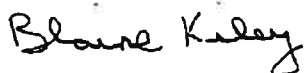
17. MOTION TO ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

18. CLOSING CEREMONY

The business being concluded; the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM.



Blaine Kiley

Committee Chair



Charls Gendron

Committee Secretary