

**DOMINION COMMAND  
MINUTES OF THE RITUAL AND AWARDS COMMITTEE  
LEGION HOUSE  
Via ZOOM Conferencing, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 10:00HRS**

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In Attendance:           Blaine Kiley – Chair  
                              Mary Ann Latimer – Vice Chair  
                              John Cher – Member  
                              Kyle Scott – Member  
                              Jack Porter – Member  
                              Charls Gendron – Coordinator

Absent:                    Sylvain Hamel – Member

**1.     OPENING RITUAL**

The meeting commenced at 10:050hrs 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**

Comrade Blaine welcomed all new appointed members to the first Committee meeting since the August 2021 National Convention. He confirmed that we will continue to meet monthly via zoom on the last Thursday of each month, unless directed otherwise. He thanked Comrade Mary Ann for accepting the position of Vice Chair. The Committee work is one of teamwork and a learning experience to which he is looking forward working with all.

**5.     CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing to report

**6.     ADMINISTRATION**

Nothing to report

## 7. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on July 29th, 2021 were reviewed.

**MOTION:** It was moved that the minutes of the committee meeting, July 29th, 2021 be adopted as written.

**CARRIED**

## 8. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Command	MSM	MSA	Palm to MSM	Palm to MSA
B.C./Yukon	1			
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N.S./NUNAVUT			1	

## 9. CONTACT INFORMATION

The Chair provided his contact information along with confirming with all members for theirs. He reiterated that all information from and for the committee should always include everyone in the list of addressees.

## 10. MEDIA AWARD

This topic was brought as information only. The Ritual & Award manual is clear that the approving authority for this award is a provincial Command responsibility and stop at that level. The only involvement of the Dominion Command level was to produce a standard form and for the Supply Dept to provide the plaque when requested by the Provincial Command or the Branch. The Chair will remind of this process at the next DEC.

## 11. NATIONAL REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Also, for information only, the Ritual and Award Manual is only a guide for all Provincial Command about holding ceremonies on November 11<sup>th</sup> and is based on what is followed by the Dominion Command for the National ceremonies. Nothing prevents any Provincial Command to modify or adjust that process as they see fit and according to their need and available resources and no approving authority is needed to do so.

## 12. LEGION INFORMAL DRESS

The Chair reiterated that this new dress and policies associated with it are a DEC responsibility and that the Ritual & Award Committee only has an advisory role in this matter which has been debated for two years and now in effect. An amendment was presented regarding when this dress can be worn and will be brought to DEC for their decision.

**13. NEW or GENERAL BUSINESS**

For the benefit of the new members, the Chair reminded all that any query on Ritual and Award that are outside the Legion authority, or which regards items (Military medals) or causes (Creating new military award or campaign related to) that are not initiated by the National Headquarter are not of this Committee responsibility. Only if DEC request an opinion on such will this be brought up for discussion at these meetings.

**14. FUTURE MEETING**

The next Committee meeting via zoom is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**15. CLOSING COMMENTS**

Again, the Chair thanked everyone and amplified that this Committee work is a team effort. Finally, the meetings will follow the same format as it did under the previous Chair.

**16. MOTION TO ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: It was moved to adjourn the meeting.

**CARRIED**

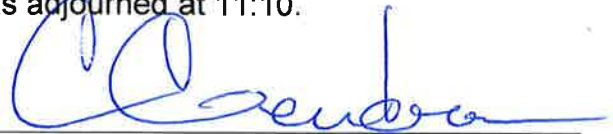
**17. CLOSING CEREMONY**

The business being concluded; the meeting was adjourned at 11:10.

Blaine Kiley

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Committee Chair



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Committee Secretary