

**DOMINION COMMAND
MINUTES OF THE RITUAL AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
LEGION HOUSE
Via ZOOM Conferencing, 24 February 2022 at 10:00HRS**

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

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 10:05hrs 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 for this first meeting in "zoomed person" of the new year. As not all members have been able to participate since the new nominations, a quick around-the-table introduction was completed.

5. CORRESPONDENCES

Nothing to report

7. ADMINISTRATION

Nothing to report

8. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on December 22nd, 2021, were reviewed.

MOTION/AMENDMENT: Comrade Tony motioned to have the minutes of the committee meeting, December 22nd, 2021, amended to reflect that he was not "absent" for the entire meeting, but only late in joining because of IT issues.

9. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Command	MSM	MSA	Palm to MSM	Palm to MSA
BC/Yukon	1			
NS/NU			1	

10. FLAGS and BANNERS

The Chair spoke following to a request to have a Branch flag half-masted following the death of one of their employees. A motion was tabled to address this in the RAP manual.

MOTION: To amend the RAP manual para 929 to read: At a Branch on the death of a member or employee of the Branch....

CARRIED

The carried motion will be included in the next round of the manual amendments but is effective as of the date of these minutes.

11. THE CANADIAN CADET MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE

The Chair introduced this topic as info only. The last round of the manual amendments included a reference to the selection criteria by the Government of Canada and to be followed with an web-link published in the latest Legion Dispatch issue.

Comrade Don spoke on his personal experience as part of the selection process in his Command and the lack of Legion involvement. The Chair cited the background and goal of the medal and reminded that any changes to the present level of limited Legion involvement within the actual selection approval would have to be initiated through the Legion resolution process.

12. MEDALS – NEW PARAGRAPH

The Chair confirmed that the latest RAP manual amendment issues thru the last Legion Dispatch now contained a clear statement as part of Para 121 that prohibit the re-sale of legion medals.

13. PAST OFFICE MEDALS

The Chair mentioned that because of the COVID implications on Branch management over the last two years, some provisions of Section 260 of the RAP manual may have been amended or difficult to implement specifically at some Command and Branch level, but this will not lead to any changes to this section now that most health restrictions have/or will be lifted throughout the country and that normal Legion operation will likely be back to normal.

14. NEW or GENERAL BUSINESS

Comrade John brought back the issue of missing basic information required as part of an award submission and clearly listed in the RAP manual. The suggestion of an additional checklist was discussed, along with the Chair stating that this issue was addressed at the last DEC with a written letter to all Commands asking to improve on their review process for missing information.

The Committee will formally monitor and track the applications over the next six months with the list of any missing information to be compiled. The Committee will then follow that report on what action would be necessary not mitigate this issue going forward.

ACTION: COORDINATOR

15. CLOSING COMMENTS

The Chair praised the healthy discussions from around the table that is very beneficial to the overall knowledge of the Committee and will only help in the way ahead in improving the Committee decisions. He also confirmed that despite the lift of health restrictions and impact on Legion work, future meetings will continue to be via Zoom at least until the end of summer 2022.

14. FUTURE MEETING

The next meeting is schedule to be held on March 31st, 2021, 10:00AM EST.

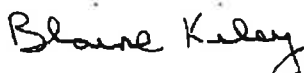
14. MOTION TO ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

15. CLOSING CEREMONY

The business being concluded; the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.



Blaine Kiley

Committee Chair



Charls Gendron

Committee Secretary