

DOMINION SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

18 May 2023

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MEETING MINUTES

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DOMINION SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

PARTICIPANTS:

Brian Weaver	-	Chair
Jerry Lava	-	Vice Chair
Nathan Lehr	-	Member
Keith Andrews	-	Member
Serge Thibaudeau	-	Member
Steven Van Muyen	-	Committee Coordinator
Kelly Therien	-	Assistant Committee Coordinator

Attachments

Annex A	-	2023 Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships Spring Site Visit Summary
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1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 13:30 hours on 18 May 2023 via Zoom videoconferencing. The chair conducted the opening ritual.

2. SPORTS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REMARKS.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes Approval – The 12 January 2023 Dominion Sports Meeting Minutes were distributed as an attachment to the agenda. The minutes were reviewed by the committee with no observations.

MOTION: It was moved that the Sports Committee approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented.

CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS

The chair entertained new items for inclusion in the agenda. No new items for inclusion were presented.

5. DOMINION MEMBER SPORTS

The sports coordinator outlined that the 2023 Dominion Member Sports Championships had either been completed or will be completed shortly. A brief summary of each Dominion Championship was provided as per below:

Cribbage: 21 – 24 April 2023

Host: Branch #02-015 Men of Vision

PO Box 183 Stn Main, Cochrane, AB T4C 1A5

Dominion Sports Representative: Comrade Brian Weaver

The 2023 Dominion Cribbage Championships were reported to be a great success and all competitors enjoyed a weekend of comradery and competition. Thanks goes to Branch 15 Cochrane, Alberta for hosting such a fantastic event. The results of the championships were communicated with the Provincial Commands. 1st and 2nd place teams were the following:

Team Event

First Place: Team AB/NWT, Branch #166 Standard

Second Place: Team NB, Branch # 76 Norton

Doubles Event

First Place: Team BC/Yukon, Branch #91 Prince Edward

Second Place: Team PEI, Branch #3 Souris

Singles Event

First Place: Team BC/Yukon, Branch #24 Cranbrook

Second Place: Team SK, Branch #206 Elrose

Darts: 28 April – 1 May 2023

Host: Branch #01-265, Aldergrove, BC

26607 Fraser Hwy, Aldergrove, BC V4W 3L1

Dominion Sports Representative: Comrade Norm Scott

The 2023 Dominion Darts Championships were also reported to be a great success and all competitors enjoyed a weekend of comradery and competition. Thanks goes to Branch #265 Aldergrove, British Columbia for hosting such a fantastic event. The results of the championships were communicated with the Provincial Commands. 1st and 2nd place teams were the following:

Team Event

First Place: Team QC, Branch #245 Dorval Air Services

Second Place: Team NB, Branch #54 Sunny Brae Moncton

Doubles Event

First Place: Team NS/NU Branch #156 McDonald Memorial Legion

Second Place: Team NL/LAB Branch #3 Deer Lake

Singles Event

First Place: Team ON Branch #583 Newbury Legion

Second Place: Team NL/LAB Branch #3 Deer Lake

Eight ball: 26 – 29 May 2023

Host: Branch #02-104 Innisfail

1-5108 49 Ave, Innisfail, AB T4G 1R1

Dominion Sports Representative: Comrade Keith Andrews

It was outlined that all teams were registered for the 2023 Dominion Eight Ball Championships and Branch #104, Innisfail Alberta, look forward to welcoming all competitors for an exciting and enjoyable weekend.

Dominion Member Sports Proposed Change

The sports coordinator outlined that reports and feedback from both the 2023 Cribbage and Darts Championships recommended that the second-place winners should be presented with something as a result of their success. Currently, they are only mentioned by name but do not receive an award. Therefore, it was suggested that the second-place winners for all three events (team, doubles, and single) be awarded a plaque for their success. In other words, the first-place winners would receive a plaque and have their names placed on the first-place trophies while the second-place winners will receive a plaque only. This small addition will not have a significant impact on the Dominion Sports Committee Budget as the plaques are relatively inexpensive to produce (estimated at \$40 per plaque for a total of \$360). In other words, the costs associated with making this change will be captured within the current budget.

MOTION: It was moved that second-place winners in the team, doubles, and single categories, of each Dominion Championships (Cribbage, Darts, and Eight-Ball), be provided with a plaque as a result of their success. This motion will be implemented for the 2024 Dominion Championships.

CARRIED

ACTION: Sports Coordinator

6. LEGION NATIONAL YOUTH TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2023 Legion Nationals will take place in Sherbrooke, Quebec from 9 – 15 August 2023. Recently, members of the Sports Committee and the head chaperones conducted a site visit in Sherbrooke. The sports chair and coordinator presented a summary of the visit as attached at Annex A.

Dominion Executive Council Track and Field Discussion

On 28 April 2023, the Sports Committee presented an information brief on the Legion Nationals Youth Track and Field Championships to the Dominion Executive Council with the intent of generating discussion. Overall, the presentation was well received and generated great discussion. The sports committee was encouraged that much of the discussion revolved around how important the Legion Nationals are and how valuable the program (including all of the Legion's involvement in track and field across the country) is to the Royal Canadian Legion. Although the discussion generated many ideas that the sports committee will explore further, three of the suggestions should specifically be noted:

- a. The Sports Committee will send out the presentation to all Provincial Commands so that the same information brief can be delivered to all levels of the RCL. The sports coordinator has completed this request and is available to provide further assistance with communicating the message if required.
- b. The sports committee will liaise with the centenary committee to explore further how best to align the Legion Nationals with this major event in 2026.
- c. The sports committee will explore the potential to help build and solidify relationships between the Provincial Commands and Provincial Sport Organizations.

ACTION: Sports Coordinator

7. PROPOSED SPORTS GUIDE AMENDMENT

The following sports guide amendments have been approved by DEC and the sports guide is in the process of being amended to reflect the changes:

- A. **Section 205.** *To be eligible to participate in any Senior Championship, the member must be 50 years of age prior to January 1st of the year in which the championships is being held.*

Section 205 has been deleted as the sports program no longer runs any Senior Championships. Therefore, section 205 has become irrelevant and has been removed from the Dominion Sports Manual.

- B. **Section 709** *All athletes must attend the Championships for the duration of the event. Early departure is not permitted. Athletes must adhere to this rule upon*

*signing their registration form or forfeit their position on their Provincial Command team. **Parents of athletes who withdraw from the Championships without authorization from the Sports Committee Chair will be liable for all transport, room and board, and registration costs incurred for the athlete to attend the Championships from the first day of the event to the last day of the event.***

Section 709 has been updated to the above language to ensure that it is clear that athletes who decide to withdraw from the championships without authorization will be liable for all costs incurred.

Following the completion of the updates, the sports coordinator will work with marketing and communications to deliver the message that the Dominion Sports Guide has been updated.

ACTION: Sports Coordinator

8. CLOSING RITUAL AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 13:57 hours. The chair concluded the meeting by thanking the participants for attending and by conducting the closing ritual. The next meeting will be held in July 2023.



Brian Weaver
Chair



Steven Van Muyen
Coordinator

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2023 LEGION NATIONALS

Spring Site Visit Summary Report

May 2023

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2023 LEGION NATIONALS SPRING SITE VISIT
SUMMARY REPORT

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**2023 LEGION NATIONALS SPRING SITE VISIT
SUMMARY REPORT
4 – 6 MAY 2023**

1. AIM

The aim of this report is to provide a brief summary of the 2023 Legion Nationals spring site visit that was conducted from 4 - 6 May 2023.

2. BACKGROUND.

From 4 - 6 May 2023, members of the Dominion Command (DC) Sports Committee and the Legion Nationals Head Chaperones visited the site of the 2023 Legion Nationals in Sherbrooke, QC. The main purpose was to visit the facilities being used at Bishops University. A major change from the 2022 Legion Nationals is moving the Legion Teams from the Université de Sherbrooke to Bishops University. This includes moving all activities and sub-events outside of the competition to the facilities at Bishops. Only the practice and competition will continue to take place in the stadium at UdeS.

3. DISCUSSION

The 2023 Legion Nationals spring site visit provided an opportunity for members of DC and the LOC to coordinate and confirm the final planning details for the 2023 Legion Nationals. Additionally, the spring site visit provided an opportunity for the head chaperones of the event to tour the facilities and provide important input into the conduct of the event. Though not all topics are captured in this summary report, major points of discussion are summarized below.

- A. Accommodations. The residences at Bishops University provide above average accommodations for the Legion teams. The Legion Teams will be housed within three different buildings on campus. The athletes and chaperones will be housed within 2 buildings which are right next to each other while the coaches will be housed in a third building within a short walking distance from the other 2 residences. All rooms are 2 person rooms and spread out between floors within each building. There is a shared bathroom and shower between two rooms (two rooms share one bathroom/shower). There is no air conditioning in the buildings. There is a large kitchen in each residence and the basement floor provides a very large hang out location with pool tables and other games. There is also a large laundry room for each residence that are free to use (soap is NOT provided). Check in time for the residences is 1600 hours. For those teams arriving earlier, they will attempt to provide their room earlier but no guarantees are given.
- B. Food Services. The majority of meals for the Legion Teams will be provided

at the on-site cafeteria at Bishops. During competition, the Legion Teams will be provided with a box meal for lunch which will be delivered to their tentage in the athlete village. Outside of competition, the cafeteria is a very short walking distance from the residence and can easily accommodate all the teams. Teams will be reminded to attempt to stagger their arrival at the cafeteria to make it easier for the kitchen staff to move individuals through the line. The kitchen uses a swipe card per meal and each meal at the cafeteria is all you can eat. The cafeteria will accommodate all major allergies and dietary restrictions. However, if special diets exist outside of the major dietary restrictions (vegetarian, gluten free, etc) advanced warning is required.

The first available meal at the cafeteria will be Wednesday evening after the teams conduct on-site registration. The cafeteria will remain open for those teams that are arriving late on Wednesday evening. There will be NO lunch subsidy for teams travelling on Wednesday. In other words, teams are responsible for providing meals during travel. Meals will not be provided until the teams arrive at Bishops University.

During the competition the stadium will be operating a small canteen where participants and spectators can purchase food, including sandwiches, snacks, drinks, etc.

- C. Transportation. All flights and buses have been booked for the Legion Teams travelling to Sherbrooke, QC. The Quebec Legion Team will arrange their own transportation to the event and should arrive no earlier than 16:00 hours (when the rooms are ready). Those teams travelling by bus will be provided with the bus company contact 30 days prior to the event and will coordinate their own travel to and from Sherbrooke, QC. The 2023 Legion Nationals Information Package will be distributed the last week of May.
- D. Facilities and Technical. The track and field facilities at UdeS are exceptional and there are no concerns from a technical perspective for the 2023 Legion Nationals. The Technical Manual has been posted on the Legion Nationals website and the draft competition schedule is also posted. Entry standards have been updated for 2023 (for open athletes) and all open registrants will be required to meet entry standard.

For the Legion Teams, the coaches technical meeting will occur via zoom on the Monday prior to arrival (7 August). The technical meeting will occur immediately following the chaperones meeting (same zoom meeting).

- E. Athletes Clinic / Coaches Clinic. The athlete clinic will occur the afternoon of 10 August (Thursday) in a large auditorium at Bishops University. All teams will attend the athlete clinic together and a sports focused presentation will be presented. Additionally, Mike Trauner – Legion Nationals Ambassador will share his inspirational story with the Legion Teams.

- F. Legion Host Branch. Members of the local host Legion Branch #06-010 met with the LOC and DC representatives on both 5 and 6 May 23. They have agreed to take a very active role in the 2023 Legion Nationals and their hospitality was very much appreciated. They will be active in both the opening ceremonies and the medal presentations. Additionally, they have graciously agreed to host the chaperones reception and the coaches reception at the Legion branch. Their involvement in the 2023 Legion Nationals will be essential to ensuring the promotion of the Royal Canadian Legion values.

4. WAY AHEAD

- A. Regular Coordination Meeting. The Dominion Sports Committee Coordinator and the LOC Chair / President will conduct regular coordination meetings via videoconferencing until the event begins. These coordination meetings will be used to ensure all coordination details are effectively addressed.
- B. Online Registration. Online registration for the 2023 Legion Nationals will open on Trackie on 29 May 2023.
- C. Legion Nationals Information Package. Provincial Command Sports Reps will be provided with a Legion Nationals Information Package at the end of May 2023. This information package will include specific instructions for the Legion Nationals as well as applicable rules and regulations.

5. CONCLUSION

The 2023 Legion Nationals Spring Site Visit has provided confidence among all concerned parties that the competition will be a success.



Brian Weaver
Sports Chair



Steven Van Muyen
Sports Coordinator

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