

DOMINION SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

19 November 2021

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Participants:

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

Absentee

Angela Keeling Colkitt - Assistant Committee Coordinator

Attachment: 2022 Legion Nationals Fall Site Visit Summary Report

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 13:00 hours on Friday, 19 November 2021 via Zoom videoconferencing. The chair conducted the opening ritual.

2. SPORTS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REMARKS.

The chair welcomed the committee members and relayed his appreciation for the participants attendance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes Approval – The 13 October 2021 Dominion Sports Meeting Minutes were distributed as an attachment to the agenda on 3 November 2021. 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

There were no new business items to add to the agenda.

5. 2022 MEMBER SPORTS

The Sports Committee briefly discussed some of the changes that have occurred to the hosting locations of the 2022 Dominion Member Sports Championships. The Committee was reminded that all approved host locations have received a hosting instruction package and were beginning preparations. The hosting locations for the 2022 Dominion Member Sports Championships are as follows:

Cribbage: 22 to 25 April 2022

Host: Branch #02-015 Men of Vision
PO Box 183 Stn Main, Cochrane, AB T4C 1A5

Darts: 29 April to 2 May 2022

Host: Branch #01-265, Aldergrove, BC
26607 Fraser Hwy, Aldergrove, BC V4W 3L1

Eight ball: 27 to 30 May 2022

Host: Branch #02-104 Innisfail
1-5108 49 Ave, Innisfail, AB T4G 1R1

6. 2023 MEMBER SPORTS BID APPLICATIONS

In July 2021, the Sports Committee received Host Bid Applications from Branches across Canada who had a desire to host the 2023 Dominion Cribbage and Dominion Darts Championships. The 2023 Dominion Eight Ball Championship was not bid on as the host location had already been chosen to take place at the following branch:

Eight Ball: 26 – 29 May 2023

Host: Branch #10-051 Happy Valley-Goose Bay
PO Box 335 Stn B, Hpy-Vly-Goose, NL A0P 1E0

Dominion Command received 10 different bids to host the 2023 Cribbage Championships and 9 bids to host the Darts Championships. The Sports Committee reviewed each bid application and considered several factors in determining the host locations for the 2023 Cribbage and Darts Championships. For example, the Sports Committee considered distance to a major airport, costs of transport and accommodations, and available facilities and equipment when analysing the bid applications. Additionally, the Sports Committee considered historical Dominion Member Sports Championship hosting locations in an attempt to ensure that the winning bid was not a Legion Branch or Provincial Command that had recently hosted a Dominion Championship. After considering all these factors, the Sports Committee approved the following locations to host the 2023 Dominion Cribbage and Darts Championships:

Cribbage: 21 – 24 April 2023

Host: Branch #07-033, Shediac, NB

386 Main Street, Shediac, NB, E4P 2G1

Darts: 28 April – 1 May 2023

Host: Branch #06-251, Laval, QC

2000 Boul Cure-Labelle, Laval, QC, H7T 1L3

MOTION: It was moved that the Sports Committee select and approve the above hosting locations for the 2023 Dominion Cribbage and Darts Championships as outlined above.

CARRIED

The committee coordinator will inform the selected hosts and thank all those who applied.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

7. LEGION NATIONALS UPDATE

The Sports Committee was provided with a brief update on the 2022 Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships. Specifically, the sports coordinator briefly outlined the success of the 2022 Legion Nationals Fall Site Visit that occurred in Sherbrooke, QC from 12 - 13 November 2021. This update included the information outlined in the summary report from the site visit which is attached to the end of these minutes. Importantly, and as outlined in the Fall Site Visit Summary Report, the Sports Committee was required to decide on whether to allow the closing banquet of the 2022 Legion Nationals to be held on Sunday (7 August) instead of Monday (8 August). This change in event schedule was requested by the Local Organizing Committee so that they could arrange a special event for the Legion Athletes on the Monday evening.

MOTION: It was moved that the Sports Committee approve the request of the Local Organizing Committee to hold the closing banquet of the 2022 Legion Nationals on Sunday (7 August). This was moved so that the Legion Athletes may attend a special event at Parc de la Gorge on the Monday evening.

CARRIED

The committee coordinator will inform the Local Organizing Committee that the request has been approved and the closing banquet of the 2022 Legion Nationals will be held on Sunday, 7 August 2022.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

8. SPORTS GUIDE REVIEW

The Sports Committee briefly discussed the Royal Canadian Legion – Dominion Command Sports Guide and the requirement to continually review the document for potential updates. The Sports Committee Coordinator will continue to engage with Provincial Command Sport Representatives to ensure the Sports Guide remains relevant.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Sports Committee meeting will be scheduled for January 2022 at a date and time TBD.

10. CLOSING RITUAL AND ADJOURNMENT

The chair concluded the meeting by thanking the committee members for their insight and valued input. The meeting adjourned 19 November 2021 at 13:48 hours EST and the chair conducted the closing ritual.



Brian Weaver
Chair



Steven Van Muyen
Coordinator

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**2022 LEGION NATIONALS FALL SITE VISIT
SUMMARY REPORT
12 – 13 November 2021**

1. AIM

The aim of this report is to provide a brief summary of the 2022 Legion Nationals fall site visit that was conducted from 12 – 13 November 2021.

2. BACKGROUND

From 12 – 13 November 2021, members of the Dominion Command (DC) Sports Committee visited the site of the 2022 Legion Nationals in Sherbrooke, QC. The main purpose was to visit the facilities being used at the Université de Sherbrooke and to conduct technical and coordination meetings with members of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).

3. DISCUSSION

The 2022 Legion Nationals fall site visit provided an excellent opportunity for members of DC and the LOC to build a relationship and coordinate the important planning details for the upcoming nationals. The LOC was extremely well organized and were well prepared to discuss every aspect of the meet. Further, the facilities proved to be exceptional, and no major concerns were identified with any of the facilities being used at the Université de Sherbrooke. In general, the site visit was very successful and the 2022 Legion Nationals will be a special event that promotes the Royal Canadian Legion's values of remembrance and youth development. Specifically, the following topics were discussed during the site visit:

- A. Accommodations. The residences provided by the Université de Sherbrooke provided adequate accommodations for the Legion teams. The residences are a mix of 1 person and 3 person rooms. All bathrooms within the residences are single person bathrooms, with each bathroom being shared between 2 – 3 rooms. Additionally, there are no concerns from a security perspective for the legion teams as access is restricted at all times.

For the open athletes, the LOC have set aside rooms at Bishop University and will secure hotel block bookings within the city of Sherbrooke.

- B. Food Services. The cafeteria at the Université de Sherbrooke will provide excellent food services for the Legion teams. The Royal Canadian Legion will be charged on a cost per meal basis and each Legion athlete will be provided with a ration card that is attached with their accreditation. The cafeteria is equipped to prepare boxed meals and able to accommodate food allergies and dietary restrictions.

C. Facilities and Technical Meeting. The track and field facilities were exceptional and there are no concerns from a technical perspective for the 2022 Legion Nationals. The Meet Director and DC Technical Representative will work on the meet schedule and technical manual with the goal of publishing both by January 2022. The following photos display the track and field facilities:





- D. Coordination Meeting. A coordination meeting between DC and the LOC was conducted throughout the entire day on 13 November 2021. Every aspect of the 2022 Legion Nationals was discussed and responsibilities were clearly outlined. Following the meeting, DC members were confident that the LOC understands their responsibilities and are well equipped to host the 2022 Legion Nationals. However, the LOC has requested to conduct the closing banquet on the Sunday evening following competition rather than on Monday evening. The Sports Committee will be required to reach a decision on this schedule change at their upcoming meeting.
- E. Legion Host Branch. Members of the local host Legion Branch #06-010 met with the LOC and DC representatives on 12 November 2021. Thankfully, they have agreed to take a very active role in the 2022 Legion Nationals. They will be active in both the opening ceremonies and the medal presentations. Additionally, they have graciously agreed to host the chaperones reception and potentially the coaches reception at the Legion branch. Their involvement in the 2022 Legion Nationals will be essential to ensuring the promotion of the Royal Canadian Legion values.
- F. Host Hotel. The host hotel for the event is the Delta Hotels Sherbrooke. The

hotel provides excellent rooms for the Royal Canadian Legion staff and VIPs and is a short 10-minute drive from the Université de Sherbrooke.

4. WAY AHEAD

- A. Closing Banquet. The LOC has requested to hold the closing banquet for the 2022 Legion Nationals on the Sunday evening following competition. This has been requested so that they may take the athletes to a special event at Park de la Gorge on Monday evening. The Sports Committee will be required to reach a decision on this schedule change.

- B. Next Meeting. The 2022 Legion Nationals Spring Site Visit will occur from 15 – 17 May 2022.

5. CONCLUSION

The 2022 Legion Nationals Fall 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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