



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Ripley Summer Sports – General Meeting Minutes

Ripley Huron Community Centre

Monday, January 30, 2025

Darryl Zettler	Chair/Baseball Contact/Webmaster	Present
Meg Fry	Deputy Chair/Equipment Manager	Present
Crystal Burt	Equipment Manager/Webmaster	Present
	Soccer Coordinator	
Leeah Caslick	Fundraising Coordinator	Present
Jean Breton	Communication Coordinator	Absent
Kelsey McDonald	Member at Large	Present
Cayley MacDonald	Member at Large	Present
Jeff Johnston	Member at Large	Present
Elyse Dewar	Secretary & Registrar (non-voting)	Present
Mike Fair	Director of Community Services (non-voting)	Absent

Others Present:

Call to Order
6:30pm

Adoption of Minutes

That the Ripley Summer Sports Committee hereby approves the October 23, 2024 meeting minutes.

Motion No: 30/01/25 – 01

Moved by: Meg Fry

Seconded by: Cayley MacDonald

Budget 2025/Finance

a) Township of Huron-Kinloss budget has not been passed by Council. RSSC budget will be presented at the next meeting, following the Council Budget Meeting.

Registration

a) As of January 30, the registration numbers are below:

Ripley Minor Baseball

- Tball – 10
- U7 – 12
- U9 – 10
- U11 – 4
- U13 – 3
- U15 – 0

Ripley Minor Soccer

- Blastball – 18
- U6 – 9
- U8 – 1
- U10 - 1

Ripley Minor Baseball

a) Indoor Practices – Confirmed dates below.

Players will be put into groups when they arrive

Committee members needed during indoor practices

Reach out to the U13/U15 players and ask if they would help

Add indoor practices to the Township's website and the RMB website.

b) Batting Cage

The batting cage netting is still up. It needs to be tightened and a piece added.

c) WOBA Year End Tournament

RSSC was approved to host the WOBA Year End U9 Tournament August 8-10, 2025. The committee agreed they cannot host as many teams as they did last year and agreed to hosting small amount of teams.

Mount Forrest will also be hosting part of the tournament.

d) Team Selection Process

The committee will follow the RSS Team Selection Policy. Will review this policy at the February meeting.

Ripley Minor Soccer Program

- a) Will continue to be part of the Kincardine Minor Soccer Loop again in 2025. Elyse will reach out to Kincardine and request the same process for the 2025 season.
- b) Ordering Timbit Jerseys
The equipment manager will let Elyse know if more Timbit Jerseys are need for this season and how many to order.
- c) Cayley will speak with a local resident, asking if he is interested in joining the RSSC as Soccer Contact.

Equipment

- a) Equipment that needs to be purchased or updated
Committee members/equipment manager will sort ball and soccer equipment to determine what needs to be ordered.
What is needed:
 - Air pump for pitching machine in Point Clark
 - Baseballs
 - New passcode door handle for the Ripley equipment storage shed
- b) Account for Uniforms/jerseys
The equipment manager will go through returned jerseys, account for what has been returned and create a process to distribute this season.
- c) Pitching Mound
Hoping to have a U15 team. If there is no U15 team, the committee will discuss the option for renting out the mound or allowing teams to use book the PC ball diamond and pitching mound.
Crystal will develop a draft equipment rental agreement and bring it forward to the next meeting.
- d) Hats with new Ripley Minor Ball logo
Darryl is still working with the graphic designer for a final logo. Once it is approved by the committee, we will look at local companies that print the new logo on minimal apparel – hats, t-shirts, hoodies, etc.
- e) Broken pitching machine
Darryl welded the leg of a pitching machine but needs to order a pitching machine part for the wheel.

Coaching

- a) VSC are good for 3 years. Coaches/volunteers will sign a Declaration of Negative Police Record

New coaches will receive the VSC letter from the Township of Huron-Kinloss Human Resources Generalist, complete the online OPP check, include the letter and have it returned to the Township.

A list of current coaches who will need a new VSC or sign a declaration will be provided at the meeting

- b) Coach Selection Process

Coaches will apply following the same process as 2024 by submitting an application.

Coaching application will be accepted once the application form is completed.

- c) Township of Huron-Kinloss Clerk Jennifer White will attend the coaches meeting in April to discuss the Township of Huron-Kinloss RZone Policy.
- d) Darryl will review the Coach's Handbook and work with Elyse to update.
- e) WOBA has asked Ripley Summer Sports Committee chair/members to review the WOBA Disciplinary Policy and provide feedback.

Referees/Umpires

- a) Braden Novak has agreed to be the RSSC Referee in Chief.
- b) Schedule a social media post - call out for soccer referees

Fundraising

- a) No fundraisers scheduled at this time.
- b) The committee will stock the Ripley Ball Diamond Pavilion with snacks for a Concession Stand for all RMB home games. Parents/coaches will be responsible to open the Concession Stand for their game. It will be stocked with freezies, chips, treats, pop/juice, etc.

Planning

- Develop a schedule of events for the 2025 season including:
 - o Registration Timeline – **January 6 to March 31, 2025**
 - o Picture Day – TBD – Cayley is looking into a local photographer instead of Picture Day.
 - o Indoor practices – **April 14, 21, 28**
- Team Evaluations – **April 30 & May 5**
 - o Summer Sports Banquet – **September 5**
 - o Coaches Meeting – **April 7**
 - o Coaches Appreciation Night – **cancelled**
 - o Ripley Baseball Day – **Cancelled**

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