



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Ripley Summer Sports – General Meeting Minutes

Ripley Huron Community Centre

Wednesday, September 18, 2025

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

Others Present:

Call to Order
6:02pm

Adoption of Minutes

That the Ripley Summer Sports Committee hereby approves the August 27, 2025 meeting minutes.

Motion No: 18/09/25 – 1

Moved by: Leeah Caslic

Seconded by: Darryl Zettler

Ripley Reunion Application

- The Ripley Reunion is accepting applications from community organizations for projects or community improvements. Ripley Summer Sports committee discussed ideas on what to apply for. No decision was made on the application.

Fall Fair Parade

Ripley Summer Sports Committee will not be putting a float in the Ripley Fall Fair parade due to lack of available members.

Ripley U15 OBA or Select Team

- Darryl made a presentation to the committee on Ripley Summer Sports U15 Selection Team.
The presentation will be emailed out to all committee members to review. The proposal included a "evaluation" process next week to gauge interested if there is a need or enough players for a U15 selection team.
This team will not move forward unless there is support and approval from the Ripley Summer Sports Committee.
A team of 3 coaches Darryl Zettler, Geoff Small and Matt Murphy have already agreed to coach this team.
Darryl confirmed at least 9 players from Ripley, Kincardine, Goderich and surrounding areas have indicated their interested, before this was advertised. Confident that there will be enough players to field this team.
Darryl confirmed there will not offer select team if after the evaluation, the coaches feel there is not enough skill or strength to host a team at a competitive level. They will not set up kids for failure. Just trying to develop players.
Equipment for this select team would be shared with the Ripley U15 WOBA team. – This would have to be approved by the committee.
The select team would be added to the baseball diamond schedule.

Comments/Concerns/Questions

- Who is taking the lead on this team? Concern being the committee is already small and they don't want to add more teams.
- Concerns about the coach selection – the committee has a process in place for selecting coaches and not being self appointed.
- Concerns that there isn't a definite WOBA U15 Ripley team, so why add a Select Team.

- Should Ripley Minor Baseball focus on the WOBA teams and support the development of these local league teams that they have instead of adding a competitive team?
- Question – why would the committee work to develop a select team instead of focusing on key programming and development of the local league WOBA teams?
- Comment – if a child is cut from OBA tryouts, then they still have a team to play WOBA ball and develop from there. Does committee have to go make a select or OBA team because local kids are cut from a higher level of baseball?
- Why is there a push for Ripley Minor Baseball to host this select team? Why not have Kincardine host this select team?
- Will the extra fee be a problem with parents?
- Concerns about advertising the team before the committee had a chance to discuss.
- Concerns there are limited coaching applications for the WOBA teams as it is. Would hosting a select team reduce the amount of qualified coaches?
- Question – why the push for U15 select team only? If kids are cut from other OBA teams and parents want to do a select team for other divisions, would the committee support that? Example, if a U13 Ripley player was cut from Kincardine OBA, and the parent wanted to put together a select team under Ripley Minor Ball, would that be supported or would the organization have the capacity to offer that?
- Support was given by one member to host the “evaluation” to see if there is interest before moving forward.
- Concern raised that Ripley Minor Baseball numbers decreased this year and through parent comments this season, some may not return.
- Will Ripley players who made the Kincardine OBA team be forced by WOBA to return to their home centre to play OBA or select?
- Concerns about jerseys. The committee doesn’t have enough jerseys for the teams they have. Would this select team purchase their own jerseys or use the old Ripley Minor Baseball jerseys or would the committee have to purchase new ones?
- Upon asking for a vote and approval, the committee had some questions. One committee member was in favour; one member was absent; two members requested 24 hours to review and ask questions; one member hesitant and not entirely in favour of supporting a select team; one member supported the select team evaluation to seek interest and go from there.

That the Ripley Summer Sports Committee offer 3 evaluations to seek interest for a U15 Select Team.

Motion No: 18/09/25 – 2

Moved by: Darryl Zettler

Seconded by:

Deferred.

Darryl will circulate the presentation and answer questions via email. The committee will vote via email by 3pm on Friday, Sept. 19.

Adjournment

The Ripley Summer Sports Committee hereby adjourns the Sept. 18, 2025 meeting and meet again on October 15 for the AGM followed by a regular committee meeting at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Action Items

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