



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Ripley Summer Sports – Annual General Meeting Minutes

Ripley Huron Community Centre

Monday, October 15, 2025

Darryl Zettler	Chair/Baseball Contact/Webmaster	Present
	Deputy Chair	
Crystal Burt	Equipment Manager	Present
Kathleen Scott	Soccer Coordinator	Present
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)	Present

Others Present: JP Greenwood, Sheridan Conley – interested in being Member at Large

1. Call to Order

6:31pm

2. Adoption of Minutes

That the Ripley Summer Sports Committee hereby approves the October 24, 2024 Annual General Meeting minutes.

Motion No: 15/10/25 – 1

Moved by: Darryl Zettler

Seconded by: Leeah Caslick

Carried

3. Ripley Minor Baseball Report

Submitted by Darryl Zettler – RSSC Chair/Baseball Contact

Registration & Team Composition

While registration numbers saw a slight dip this year, Ripley Baseball continued to thrive with strong participation across all age groups:

- U7: 2 teams
- U9: 18 players
- U11: 14 players (1 withdrawal)
- U13: 12 players

Each division demonstrated enthusiasm and growth, contributing to a successful season overall.

Team Performance & Resilience

The U13 team faced challenges with player commitment, as half the roster also played OBA baseball. Inconsistent attendance was mitigated by calling up U11 players when needed. Despite these hurdles, the team showcased determination and skill, earning silver in their WOBA year-end group — a commendable achievement given the circumstances.

OBA Representation & Development

Ripley Baseball continues to make a positive impact on player development:

- 11 athletes represented Ripley in OBA baseball through Kincardine.
- For the upcoming 2026 season, 7 players have already secured spots on OBA teams, and 3 have joined a Kincardine select team.
- The high level of interest and success in OBA tryouts reflects the strength of our grassroots program and the dedication of our athletes.

Tournament Hosting & Community Engagement

This year, Ripley opted to forego its traditional Baseball Day to focus on hosting the 9U WOBA Year-End Tournament — marking our fourth consecutive year as host. The event was a resounding success:

- 16 teams competed across our three diamonds.
- Minor issues (a team dispute and a complaint regarding injury claims) were addressed swiftly and professionally.
- WOBA introduced a \$400 hosting incentive, encouraging continued community involvement.
- The tournament generated approximately \$6,000 in revenue, excluding expenses — a strong financial outcome that supports future programming.

Umpire Development

We welcomed 4 new umpires to our program this season. Their performance was commendable, with no reported issues. All are expected to return next year, and their growth and professionalism were evident throughout the

season. As a parent, coach, and committee member, I'm proud of the maturity and dedication these young officials displayed.

Facilities & Equipment

Significant improvements were made to the Point Clark diamond, including brush clearing by the township — a much-needed enhancement that improved playability and safety. The batting cage was well-maintained and heavily utilized. For future upgrades, we recommend installing artificial batter's boxes to help teach proper stance and technique.

No major equipment issues were reported this season, allowing for smooth operations across all teams and events.

Discussion/Comments:

- At the U9 Tournament in Ripley, two coaches from the same team had a physical altercation at home plate after the game. The incident was not formally reported to WOBA. Next year, all coaches will be required to sign/acknowledge the Township's RZone Policy before participating in the tournament.
- Staff will review the RZone policy...
- The committee will meet at the Point Clark Ball Diamond on Saturday, Oct. 18 to winterize the batting cage netting.

4. Ripley Minor Soccer Report

Submitted by Kathleen Scott – Soccer Contact

In 2025, we had 53 children play Blastball and 23 children playing U6 soccer. Unfortunately, we only had 7 children register for U8 soccer and 5 register for U10. Both U8 and U10 players were refunded their registration and given the opportunity to register in Kincardine with no late fees. We are hopeful to run a U8 soccer team next year. If so, Brody Lyndon was suggested as someone who could possibly be a referee if needed. Otherwise U6 and Blastball do not need referees. Soccer balls for the U8 team (if we have one) and U6 teams will need to be purchased.

Blastball ran on Monday nights from 5:30-6:30 pm. We divided up the players into six teams and had six parent volunteers. This ratio of players to coaches helped create a controlled atmosphere with 53 kids ages 2, 3 and 4 years old. The coaches noted that it's a challenging age group to hold their attention and that parent participation is needed for the program to be successful. We did have one parent complain part-way through the season that there wasn't enough core soccer and baseball skills being taught. This was addressed with the coaches, and examples of drills were sent to them, but maybe more could

be done at the Coaches Meeting to emphasize that 30 minutes of soccer and 30 minutes of baseball is the goal. Also, we could add a note when parents register for Blastball that parent participation is part of the program.

Soccer also ran on Monday nights from 5:30-6:30 pm. We divided up the players into three teams again this year and had three parent volunteer coaches. This worked well. The first 30 minutes were made up of three drills that the kids cycled through. The last half was a game.

The Blastball and Soccer fans appreciated having garbage cans and a port-a-potty at the soccer fields. Bleachers would also be a great addition with the number of parents and grandparents that come to watch.

Blastball photos and Soccer photos were each done on separate nights during regular practice times. This worked well. Each child got two photos and a team photo for \$15. Lana Hunter was the photographer. Parents paid her in cash and she emailed them the photos. The Blastball team photo was done with all the kids together, whereas we did the soccer team photos with the three separate teams.

We had two cancellations this summer due to extreme heat.

Discussion/Comments:

- Staff will update the description of the Blastball program for clarity for parents. Some confusion on what the program is and need for parent involvement.
- A very high number of registrations this year. Next year will put maximum number enrollment to allow for 6 even teams.
- Prepare coaches better at the coach's meeting on the expectations for Blastball and the need for parent involvement.
- Staff to move bleachers to the soccer fields for the 2026 season.
- A thank you card will be sent to Ainsdale Golf Course for the donation to RSSC from the tournament.
- Ripley Minor Soccer will offer U8 and U10 mixed and girls only teams in 2026.

5. Equipment Report

Submitted by Crystal Burt – Equipment Contact

Pre-season an inventory was completed for all equipment for baseball and soccer.

Unfortunately, there was no record of inventory from previous season, identified a need to perform an inventory check, and list was created.

A reorder list was created and provided to Township for miscellaneous items and equipment required for the season. Not having the background of

brands/suppliers history relied on input from committee and township. Total value of POs to be included by township, to establish an annual budget for reorders going forward.

A primary part request, for pitching machine clamps needed for replace broken part on 1 machine and 1 spare. The spare clamp is staged in the Arena for future use.

The order amount was nominal to maintain the life of the machine.

Issue: Pitching machine is manufactured by JUGGS located in USA, the spare parts ordered from the only Canadian distributor as Juggs cannot ship direct. The ordering process took a longer than expected time due to the ordering lack of stock in house.

In future, recommend sourcing pitching machines from Canadian manufacture/distributors for ease of ordering spare parts.

Inventory

Post season inventory was established for the issued equipment to coaches at start of season. Bags shall be reviewed to identify any missing or required replacements. The inventory list for all equipment to be maintained post season.

Documentation

Committee created a One Drive Documents repository, where all information to be recorded. The equipment inventory lists will be saved in folder labeled "Equipment" for all to access.

Storage space:

The Ripley shed is nearing capacity with all baseball and soccer bags and equipment using up floor space. To allow moving bags off the floors as the space is needed for housing the pitching machine and stand, additional organized storage is recommended.

Arena storage cage has leftover clothing and past seasons medals, as well as non baseball/soccer gear (ie tennis balls and large soft balls).

Recommendation

A clean up and reorganization is required. An inventory list was provided to committee to identify all items, to consider disposal, relocating or turned over to township. Ideally the cage unit is dedicated to Summer Sports.

New Equipment request

Batting Swing Trainer (value approx \$160.00 CAD) qty 1 to remain in Ripley. If a success, recommend a second for PC.

- Bat catchers chest pad U7 x2ea
- Ball Bags for U 13 replacement - current bag has holes at bottom

Discussion/Comments:

- Unusable U7 baseballs will be given to the T-ball program

6. Fundraising Report

This past season we implemented a concession stand at the Ripley pavilion for teams to use for home games at their discretion- overall it was well received and helped to raise a few hundred dollars over the season. Overall, it was easy to keep stocked and maintain- little effort by committee, I think it was worthwhile and something to consider again for next season.

Thank you to Kathleens' creativity RSS also had success in raising funds through our croc jibbits sale. These were available to purchase at the concession stand as well as brought to soccer and available at the arena. There are still quite a few remaining which are located at the arena.

RSS also had their first Ripley Raiders apparel available for purchase this season. Overall, the hats were well received. I think we could have had a better system in place to ensure that they were distributed/made more available to teams and families. Suggestion for next year – purchase hats earlier preseason and make purchase of hats available on the registration portal.

U9 Tournament – significant funds raised through registration. In the past we have raised a few thousand dollars through the BBQ and concession. This year for sake of ease and lack of manpower we chose to trial pizza instead of a BBQ. It was not well received, and overall, the concession stand was not successful – maybe broke even. That weekend was incredibly hot- there were significantly less people around than in the past which may have contributed to the lack of sales.

This year RSS received significant donations from the Taylor family in honour of Bob Taylor as well as the Ainsdale Golf Classic, A thank you to any committee members that made themselves available to either volunteer or play in the tournament as this is an ask from Ainsdale to either put in a team or volunteer to be a recipient of funds.

At the end of the season, we hosted the RSS banquet. Again, this year we opted not to have milk donated so that we could do a concession stand with remaining inventory. Members attempted to sell off the remainder of the concession stand drinks and snacks with water given for free as well as pizza. Concession stand at the banquet was not well received and committee members ended up purchasing the majority of unsold items. At the banquet overall attendance was significantly down. There were barely any players from

the U11 and U13 teams. Potentially due to OBA Tryouts and hockey ramping up earlier this year.

7. Sponsorships and Donations

Ripley Summer Sports received a total of \$6,240 in sponsorships and donations this year.

A memorial donation of \$3,415 was received in memory of Bob Taylor, of Ripley.

Ainsdale Golf Course donated \$2,825 to Ripley Summer Sports from the annual Ainsdale Golf Classic Tournament in August 2025.

The committee applied to the Ripley Reunion Funding program for sponsorship towards a new set of jerseys for the 2026 season.

8. Finances

Expense and Revenue Report Attached

\$150 was fined to Ripley Minor Baseball for missing 2 WOBA meetings. WOBA owed RMB \$400 for hosting the year end tournament. The fine was subtracted from this. Ripley received \$250 from WOBA for hosting the U9 Tournament. Miscellaneous baseball items include payment to Alicia Riley for her work in creating a new baseball logo; arena floor rental for indoor practices; the SportsHeadz calendar fee.

There is also \$8,000 in reserves.

9. Summer Sports Registration Fees

Ripley Minor Baseball

Division (Baseball)	Registration Fee 2025	Proposed Registration 2026
T-Ball	\$75 includes shirt	\$75 includes shirt
Minor Rookie	\$130	\$130
WOBA Major Rookie	\$220	\$220
WOBA Mosquito	\$220	\$220
WOBA Peewee	\$220	\$220
WOBA Bantam	\$220	\$220

Ripley Minor Soccer

Division (Soccer)	Registration Fee 2025	Proposed Registration 2026
Blastball	\$50	\$50
Under 6	\$70	\$50
Under 8 Mix & Girls	\$80	\$80
Under 10 Mix & Girls	\$80	\$80
Under 12	\$110	\$100
Under 15	\$110	\$100

THAT Ripley Summer Sports Committee keep baseball rates the same as 2025 rates and reduce the soccer rates as indicated above AND further offer a U8 and U10 mixed and girls only teams for the 2026 season.

Motion No: 15/10/25 – 2

Moved by: Darryl Zettler

Seconded by: Jean Breton

Carried

10. Ripley Summer Sports Committee Nominations and Elections

The Ripley Summer Sports Committee is actively looking for new members to join with only 6 current members.

In 2025, resignations were received from the following members:

- Meg Fry – Deputy Chair
- Cayley MacDonald – Member at Large
- Jeff Johnston – Member at Large

Members who joined the Committee in 2025 include:

- Kathleen Scott – Soccer Contact
- Kelsey McDonald – Member at Large

The following positions were acclaimed during the election process.

Chair: Jean Breton

Deputy Chair: Darryl Zettler

Soccer Contact: Kelsey McDonald (2-year term)

Baseball Contact: Darryl Zettler & Sheridan Conley (2-year term)

Equipment Manager- Crystal Burt (completed 1 year of 2-year term)
Coach Coordinator – Jean Breton
Umpire Coordinator- need to recruit
Referee Coordinator- Vacant (2-year term – if necessary)
Member at Large- JP Greenwood and Sheridan Conley
Communication Coordinator – Kathleen Scott
Fundraising Coordinator – Leeah Caslick
Webmaster – Darryl Zettler and Jean Breton

THAT the Ripley Summer Sports Committee recommend Council appoint the positions as noted above.

Motion No: 15/10/25 – 3

Moved by: Darryl Zettler

Seconded by: Leeah Caslick

Carried

11. Other/New Business

No new business

12. Adjournment

The Ripley Summer Sports hereby adjourns the October 15, 2025 Annual General Meeting.

Motion No: 15/10/25 – 4

Moved by: Darryl Zettler

Seconded by: Kathleen Scott

Carried

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General Ledger

Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report Fiscal Year Ending: DEC 31, 2025 - From Period 1 To Period 10 Ending OCT 31, 2025

Account	Description	Previous Year Total		Current Year To Date	Total Budget
		Actual	Budget	Actual	
Fund: 01 GENERAL TOWNSHIP					
Category: 9???					
9025 *** BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ***					
Revenue					
01-9025-3000	*** BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-9025-3040	Tournament Receipts	8,963.00	0.00	6,331.78	0.00
01-9025-3400	Transfer from Reserve	0.00	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00
01-9025-3800	Registration Receipts	19,325.00	15,000.00	10,970.00	18,000.00
01-9025-3801	Uniform Receipts	0.00	0.00	2,079.64	0.00
01-9025-3824	Sweater Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-9025-3825	Donations/Grants	4,170.00	0.00	6,240.00	0.00
01-9025-3830	Fundraising	1,589.00	0.00	824.20	0.00
Total Revenue		34,047.00	23,000.00	26,445.62	26,000.00
Expense					
01-9025-7000	*** BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-9025-7100	Salaries	3,596.36	4,816.00	1,619.56	5,009.11
01-9025-7200	Benefits	954.96	1,849.00	445.40	1,998.67
01-9025-7251	E-Commerce Fees	505.95	150.00	190.12	150.00
01-9025-7261	Advertising	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
01-9025-7266	Insurance	873.81	700.00	0.00	700.00
01-9025-7275	Miscellaneous	1,414.24	500.00	1,177.42	500.00
01-9025-7400	Transfer to Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-9025-7511	Association Fees	1,000.00	1,100.00	600.00	1,100.00
01-9025-7512	Coaches Clinics	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
01-9025-7513	Tournaments	2,275.00	2,500.00	1,400.00	2,500.00
01-9025-7514	Equipment	11,032.62	9,000.00	2,967.59	8,000.00
01-9025-7515	U9 Tournament	2,557.22	0.00	3,010.21	0.00
01-9025-7516	Uniforms	0.00	0.00	3,378.70	0.00
01-9025-7517	Umpires	4,860.00	5,000.00	3,410.00	5,000.00
01-9025-7518	Fundraising Expenses	1,404.77	0.00	1,094.26	0.00
Total Expense		30,474.93	26,365.00	19,293.26	25,707.78
Dept Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures		3,572.07	(3,365.00)	7,152.36	292.22
Category Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures		3,572.07	(3,365.00)	7,152.36	292.22

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Fund: 01 GENERAL TOWNSHIP					
Category: 9???					
9035 *** SOCCER ***					
Revenue					
01-9035-3000	*** SOCCER ***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-9035-3025	Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-9035-3040	Tournament Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-9035-3400	Transfer from Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-9035-3800	Registration Receipts	5,010.00	5,000.00	4,330.00	5,000.00
01-9035-3815	Clinic Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-9035-3824	Sweater Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-9035-3830	Fundraising	0.00	0.00	195.00	0.00
Total Revenue		5,010.00	5,000.00	4,525.00	5,000.00
Expense					
01-9035-7000	*** SOCCER ***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-9035-7100	Salaries	2,471.79	2,408.00	729.85	2,504.55
01-9035-7200	Benefits	655.15	925.00	171.38	999.34
01-9035-7251	E-Commerce Fees	193.37	50.00	153.19	200.00
01-9035-7261	Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-9035-7266	Insurance	455.00	900.00	0.00	450.00
01-9035-7275	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-9035-7400	Transfer to Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-9035-7510	Referees	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
01-9035-7511	Association Fees	0.00	700.00	0.00	300.00
01-9035-7512	Coaches/Referee Clinics	0.00	100.00	0.00	50.00
01-9035-7513	Tournaments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-9035-7514	Equipment	0.00	500.00	271.70	250.00
01-9035-7515	Banquet	967.70	500.00	714.22	100.00
Total Expense		4,743.01	6,333.00	2,040.34	5,103.89
Dept Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures		266.99	(1,333.00)	2,484.66	(103.89)
Category Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures		266.99	(1,333.00)	2,484.66	(103.89)