



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Ripley Summer Sports – Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Thursday, March 3rd, 2022

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| Michelle Liddle, Chair/Soccer Equipment Manager | Present |
| Heather Falconer, Soccer Contact/Soccer Coach Coordinator | Absent |
| Stef Farrell, Baseball Coach Coordinator & Webmaster | Present |
| Paul Kerins, Umpire Coordinator | Absent |
| Angie Elphick, Referee Coordinator | Present |
| Dennis Dewar, Member at Large | Absent |
| Darryl Zettler, Member at Large | Present |
| Maggie Young, Secretary and Registrar (non-voting) | Present |
| Mike Fair, Director of Community Services (non-voting) | Absent |

1.0 Call to Order

Michelle Liddle called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

Motion No: 1 Moved by: Michelle Seconded by: Stef

That the Ripley Summer Sports Committee hereby approves the March 3rd, 2022 meeting agenda.

Carried.

3.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion No: 2 Moved by: Michelle Liddle Seconded by: Darryl Zettler

That the Ripley Summer Sports Committee hereby approves the December 16th, 2021 meeting minutes.

These will be finalized and sent to the group by Maggie for approval.

4.0 Baseball Update

Registration numbers as of March 3rd:

Blastball – 3

TBall – 8

Minor Rookie – 2

Major Rookie – 4

Mosquito – 1

Peewee – 2

Bantam – 0

Maggie is going to send registration details to Huron Bruce Minor Hockey to post on their website. Darryl is going to get a stack of registration advertisements from Maggie and send out to Ripley School kids.

The Committee discussed the hopes for a full online registration for the 2023 season. Maggie mentioned that the Township is in the middle of a Township wide Digital Modernization Review and a Registration Program is top of the list and will hopefully be rolled out by registration time.

Darryl is going to confirm the coaching qualifications required to ensure all coaches, once confirmed, are qualified.

It was confirmed that Darryl will attend the WOBA Meeting on Monday, March 7th and relay any information to the group.

The Committee discussed dates for a potential Ribbon Cutting Ceremony now that things are looking promising for staying open. Maggie is going to reach out to Lisa Thompson's office for availability either the week of May 23rd or 30th.

A few volunteers for baseball so far:

Blastball – Petra Van Roode – Assist only

WOBA Rookie Ball – Trish Smith

Peewee – Dwight Irwin

5.0 Soccer Update

Registration numbers as of March 3rd:

U4 – 6

U6 – 9

U8 – 4

U10 – 3

U12 – 1

U15 – 2

The U4 & U6 program plays out of Ripley and the U8 – U15 teams play in the Kincardine Loop.

Maggie is going to send registration advertisements to Huron Bruce Minor Hockey to post on their website and Darryl is going to give the registration advertisements to the Ripley School to pass out.

No one has volunteered to coach any of the soccer divisions yet.

Maggie is going to ask Heather to reach out to the Kincardine league to ensure we are planning on having our teams play in their loop again.

Angie and Heather are going to confirm what coaching qualifications are required.

Maggie is going to confirm that the letter requesting volunteer coaches have a Vulnerable Sector Check done is sufficient for Kincardine OPP. Last year there were some issues with the wording.

6.0 Fundraising

The committee agreed that the ribbon cutting proposed dates in late May work for them. Maggie is going to reach out to the office of Lisa Thompson. This would include a BBQ.

Stef is going to look into Kelly Elson's availability to possibly host outside at the pavilion.

7.0 Equipment

The committee purchased a pitching machine for \$2,515.37. The committee has received \$1,500 in donations, therefore the remaining owing through fundraising is \$1,015.37. The donations are currently in a reserve fund.

Maggie is going to be placing the Timbits order. This provides a jersey, shorts, medal, socks and a soccer ball to players registered in Blastball, TBall, U4 and U6 soccer. The committee discussed the need for a storage unit at the baseball diamond for the new pitching machine. Maggie is going to suggest it to the Women in Carpentry program coordinator as an idea for a project.

It was decided that new baseball helmet chin straps, hardballs for games and a box of tee balls should be purchased every year.

8.0 Other Business

The committee discussed a May 24th start date for the 2022 season, other than the 8 week programs – Blastball, TBall and U4 & U6 soccer. Indoor practices are an option starting as early as April depending on how the Ripley Wolves team does. Clinics with Johnny K Sports and the Dunlop brothers are an option.

Darryl mentioned hosting a Rookie or Minor Rookie Ball tournament. Darryl is going to look into what date would work versus the other tournament dates already scheduled. Maggie is going to look into insurance coverage for tournaments.

Darryl mentioned the Rally Cap program which is for 5 – 8 year olds. This program provides instructional material and a hat for each player registered. Darryl is going to look into this program and either he or Maggie will register Ripley Minor Ball once we have registration numbers confirmed.

9.0 Next Meeting

Immediately after registration closes. April 5th or 7th.

9.0 Adjournment

Motion: That the Ripley Summer Sports Committee hereby adjourns.at 8:50 pm
Moved by Michelle Seconded by Darryl

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