

## CM Riverblades Co-Op Board Meeting – Minutes

Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

Scheel's Arena – Sartell

7:00 PM

Attendees: Nichole Steinberg, Melissa Torborg Sara Makarrall, Theresa Fleege, Jen McCormack, Jeremy Mathiasen

- I. Co-Chairs from each association were discussed and it was decided as follows:  
Melissa Torborg – Sartell; Amanda Carlson – Sauk Rapids; Jeremy Mathiasen – St. Cloud
- II. Discussed tryout and needed volunteers
  - a. Tryout jerseys will be distributed and collected at each session. The Co-Op will wash the jerseys between sessions and different numbers will be assigned each day.
  - b. It was discussed that the Board will post the tryout volunteer slots. Jeremy to talk with Dave ward about adding sessions to Sports Engine. Volunteer hours will be offered to all youth hockey families and the Board will communicate the hours back to the associations so that the families get credit for their time.
  - c. One of the volunteer positions will be for an off-ice, tryout coordinator. That person will coordinate with the HOC and be in-charge of the off-ice tryout volunteers.
  - d. Still looking for more moms to complete their background checks, USA hockey registration and safesport certifications. Jen will be sending out another email to families reminding them to complete their online work ASAP.
- III. We discussed pay for non-parent Riverblades coaches. The proposed payment amounts are shown below. Coaches will also have their hotel rooms paid for at tournaments where the team is staying over and will receive a \$100 debit card that can be used for gas and/or food expenses.
  - a. U10 Assistant Coach - \$1,000; U10 Head Coach (1-2 years exp.) - \$1,500; U10 Head Coach (3+ years exp.) - \$2,000
  - b. U12 Assistant Coach - \$1,250; U12 Head Coach (1-2 years exp.) - \$2,000; U12 Head Coach (3+ years exp.) - \$2,500
  - c. U15 Assistant Coach - \$1,500; U15 Head Coach (1-2 years exp.) - \$2,500; U15 Head Coach (3+ years exp.) - \$3,000
- IV. Apparel was discussed and Jen mentioned that the Lettermen site may be open within the week. Families will be notified of the store opening and made aware that the Promotional Resources apparel store will be opening at a later date. Sara will reach out to Promotional and determine if they will open their Riverblades store in advance of the rest of the St. Cloud apparel items. Both vendors will be using White, Black, or Gray apparel colors.
- V. Picture day is set for Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Location will be the main lobby at the National Hockey Center. Sara will forward background designs once she has them.
- VI. Fundraising was discussed and it was determined that additional fundraising will be contrary to what we told parents at the meeting. For this year, no other fundraising will be planned

unless a designated need is presented, and all agree. Meat raffles should continue as planned.

- VII. Jeremy explained that the Husky Pups program is scheduled again for this year and the SCSU women's team will remain involved, but they are looking for someone or a group to take the lead on the program. Husky pups is a great recruitment tool and gets new families involved with hockey. Jeremy recommended that the Co-op group agrees to take the lead after this season. Consensus of the group was to assist again this year and then take more of a leadership role next season, with the help of SCSU Women's hockey.
- VIII. Locker Room Mom's were discussed again. The group wants to try and avoid having the same few moms carrying the load and want to make sure that all families are pitching in. It was discussed that keeping the same approach on all levels and on all teams would be the fairest so that one team isn't asking for volunteers and one team is requiring it. Consensus was to have the team manager assign all duties during the season including game day operations and locker room moms for games and practices.
  - a. It was decided that we should have 6 moms at each U10 dynamic sessions, based on the number of skaters and number of locker rooms needed. 3 for the U12s and 3 for the 15's. Jeremy agreed to put together a schedule for dynamics and it was recommended to try and mix volunteers evenly from all three associations.
- IX. Adjourned at 8:35 PM – Next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.