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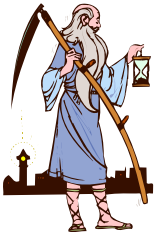


NEW Officers

The new Board of Directors has met and selected officers for the coming year. They are as follows:

President – Karen Heun
1st Vice President – Kathy Knapp
2nd Vice President – Don Jennings
Secretary – Mardi Anderson

Treasurer – Paula Fuestman
Directors-at-Large – Kim Clark
Cindy Rademacher
Becky Spilinek



The 2004-5 President's Term Comes to an End....

The success of any organization is determined by the teamwork of its members. I had a GREAT team, and a few star players that helped us SCORE a great year!

We added a couple new programs, and a few new members. Our finances are solid; our record keeping is up to date. And we *STILL* had FUN!

I thank **everyone** that played a part during our SHIFT and *remind us all* that we need to continue to jump in and make that ASSIST as the new TEAM leads the way.

As I now “Pass the Puck” to 2005-06 Chaser President Karen Heun, let’s all do our part to insure she makes her “Goal” too!

Ken

Ps: See you at the Membership Meeting at the Event Center, Tuesday June 28th, 7:00 PM!



The 2005-6 President's Term Begins....

I’m excited for the new season to begin. Especially after attending tryout camp and seeing the talent that our coaching staff has recruited to compliment our returning veteran players. I’m glad I’m not the one that has to trim the roster to 23 players!

I’m looking forward to providing many opportunities for the hockey enthusiast to meet other hockey enthusiasts and opportunities to learn more about the game of hockey. At the same time, getting to know and supporting each member of the Storm team and their families.

I invite you to join in the many activities that are available throughout the season. I would also encourage you to invite others to become part of the Storm Chasers Booster Club. The more members we have, the more we can do for the team and fellow club members. Let’s make it another awesome season; after all “Storm Hockey...It’s Your Team!”

Karen Heun

First Annual Meeting

The Storm Chasers Booster Club held its first Annual Meeting at the Kearney Event Center on May 24. After enjoying a time of visiting with fellow Storm fans over a sandwich supper, several special guests were introduced. Scott Trautman, representing the Storm staff, Rita Staab representing the Kearney Event Center, past president Pat Budler, and "Bus Bob" Haller were each introduced and thanked for their roles in making a successful season.

Brad Lewis spoke briefly about the accomplishments of the Youth Hockey program over the past year. The Booster Club presented him with a check for \$500 which will be used for scholarships in the youth program.



Brad Lewis accepts the check from Kim Clark while Ken Fankhauser and Kathy Knap watch in the background.

Try Outs

Did you know.....

....all of the USHL team try out open camps were completed by June 16 and invitational camps will be completed by July 24?

....Chicago Steel and Waterloo Black Hawks are the only two teams to hold both open and invitational camps?

....there will be an official invitation only try out camp September 1-6 in Spooner, WI?

Storm Chaser members were presented with certificates of appreciation for their work on various Club projects during the past year:

Stu Pesek – Pre-season barbeque. Stu was also the 2nd Vice President in charge of projects for the year.

Cindy Rademacher – Welcome Packets

Karen Heun – Bus treats. As treasurer, Karen also kept track of our finances during the year, making the deposits and paying the bills.

Heather Milius & Butch Knapp – Pumpkin Raffle

Kathy Knapp – Player blankets. Kathy was also 1st Vice President and membership chairman during the past year. She's the one who sent the welcome packets to new members and renewal reminders to current members. She was assisted by Marty Garrels who was a Director-at-Large on the Board.

Trudy Ekburg – Holiday Party

Kim Clark – Bowl with the Storm

Paula Fuestman – End of Year Chaser Sandwich Supper

Tom Spilinek – Player buttons

Mardi Anderson – Newsletter. Mardi was also the newsletter editor this year.

Deb Hendrickson – Awards Banquet

Brad Williams – Business After Hours

Another highlight of the year was the special speakers that Randie May arranged for each of our general meetings. The one about the zamboni was perhaps the most memorable.

2005 Buc Bowl

September 15-17

Des Moines, Iowa

A preview of the league competition for the coming season.

Try Out Camp

Minneapolis, MN – It was the first weekend in June and 70 young hockey players came from various places across the nation to participate in the annual Tri-City Storm Try Out Camp. That is, there were 70 if everyone on the list was there. Not all of them were there for all the games. We heard of one player who missed Saturday morning because of a funeral, but another played Friday evening instead of participating in his high school graduation. Seven others were also on the list but for one reason or another, including mono and distance, were unable to attend.

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Thirteen of fourteen veterans of last year’s team attended. They set the pace for the other competitors for the nine or ten positions which are open on the 05-06 season’s team. Some Storm alums from the 04-05 season were also there to help with the Try Out Camp, to watch the candidates for the next season, to visit with the Storm fans who are now old friends.

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The players were divided into four teams – Yellow, Red, Green and Blue. Each team played one game on Friday evening and two games on Saturday in a round robin tournament. The Storm fans who had journeyed to the Ice Gardens to watch these games soon began to pick out their favorites. When Red played Green, the green team wore white jerseys for the “convenience of those who are color blind.” This led to several discussions among fans and families watching about color blind persons we know and what they can or cannot distinguish.



“CoachCoach” Rudrud gives instruction before the Green & Red game

No one spent time in the penalty box since the objective was to see the players in 5 on 5 play rather than on special teams. If there was an infraction there was a penalty shot.



Goalie Matt Lundin denies Brad Reck on a penalty shot.

There are not usually many fights during try out games but were a couple this year.



Lamoureux had to have a scuffle and so did Hudson



*****Reminder***** Membership Meeting
Tuesday, June 28th, 7:00 PM
Kearney Event Center

(Try Out Camp, cont. from p. 3)

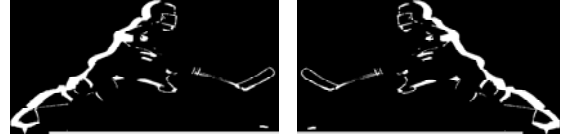
After the last game on Saturday the roster was cut to 39 plus seven nonparticipating players. These 39 boys played two games before having individual interviews with the coaching staff.

So who made the final cut? A list of 25 is due to be released on July 1. Until then we can only guess. Probably each Storm fan who attended Try Out Camp has his/her own list of guesses. Now all we can do is wait and see.

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Composition of Teams

Try Out camp is over and we are waiting for that list of players for our new team. We know we can have only 23 members on the roster when the season begins. But the list we are expecting on July 1 will have 25 names. Why?



The answer can be found in the second part of Rule 201. (a) of the Junior Rulebook. It says “A maximum of 18 players, plus not more than two goalkeepers, shall be permitted to play in a game. For pre-season/exhibition games, a maximum of 20 players plus two goalkeepers shall be permitted to play in a game.”

So for the exhibition game to be played at the Kearney Event Center and for the Buc Bowl we may still be looking at a list of 25. But when the Storm plays its first regular season game, two of those players will be gone. And who knows what other changes will have been made in the roster by that time? Keeps you guessing, doesn't it?