



# BOOSTER CLUB

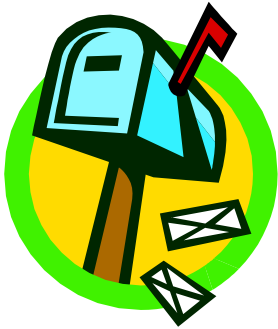
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## AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday, August 22, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.  
Kearney Event Center – Second Floor**

***OUR PROGRAM WILL FEATURE SOME STORM PLAYERS  
SCHOOL WILL BE BACK IN SESSION. STORM PLAYERS IN HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE IN KEARNEY.  
SOME OF THEM WILL PAY US A VISIT.***



**Membership Renewal Letters  
Will Be Arriving Soon**

**Don't Delay Returning Yours.**

**Be sure to check the activities you are  
interested  
in helping with this year.**

**Check Page 3 for an accounting of all the activities of the Club last year.**

# Some Unwritten Rules in Hockey



Don't skate on the opponent's side of the red line during warm-ups.

Rookies pick up the pucks after practice

Rookies clean the bus and unload the equipment

During warm-ups check out the crowd for celebrities, scouts, family, friends, pretty girls, because the coach does not want players doing this during the game.

For ceremonial face offs, the home team wins the drop.



No music in the locker room after a loss.

Don't disclose injuries, especially during play offs.

What happens on the road stays on the road.

Coaches sit at the front of the bus, veterans at the back, rookies in between.



In a hotel room the older player gets the clicker.

If you are on a winning streak don't change your T-shirt, underwear, driving route to the rink, pre-game meal... *[Some fans stick to this unwritten rule also.]*

## Some fighting unwritten rules

Don't challenge a player at the end of your shift unless he is at the end of his; if he says he will go in the next shift, respect that.

Don't hit a player when he is down.

Don't jump on the opponent

Don't pull hair, bite or spit

Don't act your toughest when a linesman is between you and your opponent.



## Some Unwritten Rules about Goalies

Don't touch anything belonging to a goalie in the dressing room.



If the goalie breaks his stick, a defenseman gives him his, if a defenseman breaks his, a forward gives him his, if a forward breaks his, he goes to the bench.

If an opposing player pokes the goalie after a save or sprays ice in his face, the goalie's teammates retaliate by cross-checking, slashing, or some sort of related action; or will threaten in their most colorful language to do one of the above next time that happens.

Goalies get their own rooms on the road. (From <dunnwear.com/lockerroom>)

Goalies should always be the first player of the team to come onto the ice at the start of a game or a period.



Ever wonder how that tradition got started? Here's an answer.

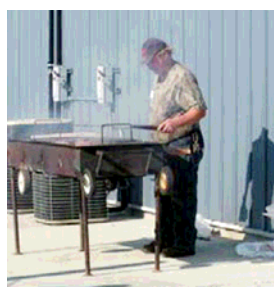
"It is a tradition that dates back to hockey's early days. Back then, equipment for goalies was not very protective. A 'volunteer' was often needed to play goalie. He sometimes was hesitant to go on the ice. So, it was not uncommon to see a full team pushing the goalie onto the ice and in the goal. Hence the goalie first rule, or tradition, evolved."

(information & drawing from "Ask Stix Handle", USA Hockey Magazine, Aug. 2006)

# The Year in Review

Hockey season 2005-2006 has ended and the Storm Chaser Booster Club year closes now at the end of August. As we look back over the past year we see that it has been a busy one. Our main mission is to support the Storm players in any way we can. The side affects are some good social times and the chance to associate with other fans who share our interest in hockey, especially STORM HOCKEY.

Like all clubs, we had monthly meetings with special speakers at most of them. Speakers included Coach Littler; Director of off ice officials, Rob Simpson; KEC employee, Steve, who told us about the Zamboni and back stage activities for the Disney on Ice show; team trainer, Mike Muir; and "Bus" Bob Haller. There were also plenty of special activities.



We started in September with a Barbeque for the players and Storm staff. This was the first chance for many Storm Chasers to meet the new players and greet the returning veterans. Each

player received a Welcome Packet from the Booster Club. It contained many gifts and coupons which we had collected from supporting businesses in the community. This was the first time many Chasers had seen each other since last season, and even after the players left Chaser members stayed to visit.



acquainted with the players as they bowled together. No emphasis on high scoring games, just a chance



to have fun. We discovered again this year that as bowlers the Storm team members are very good...hockey players.

The Holiday Party in early December topped off the first half of the season. The evening included dinner with the players and Chasers mixed at individual tables. Then there were gifts for each team member, a purple fleece blanket they could

use on bus trips to away games. The team as a whole received a new boom box since we were fairly certain the one



given by the Chasers to the team back in the first year was worn out.

There were not many social activities during the second half of the season as the team concentrated on winning games and making play-offs. The Storm Chasers continued to provide bags of treats for each player (and the support staff on the bus) for away games as they had in the first half of the season. With the oversight of Trainer Mike Muir, we provided healthy snacks, not junk food.

These snacks were financed by the sale of player buttons and beads at the Storm Chaser booth during home games. During the season there were a

total of 766 player buttons and 1,422 strings of beads sold.

The playing season was completed with the



Appreciation Banquet which this year was held on the Sunday after the final regular season game. While sponsored by the Booster club, this event was open to the players' families, host families and all Storm fans. The outstanding Forward and Defenseman were recognized as well as the Best First Year Player, Most Inspirational, Most Improved Player and Most Valuable Player. Ted Baer, owner of the Storm franchise at that time, was our special guest



## Newest Player Announced

### Ian Keserich

Goalie, 6'2", 200, 1-6-86

Ian comes from Para, Ohio, where he graduated from Parma High School. For the last two years he has been attending Ohio State where he was the backup goalie and a fine arts major. He was drafted in 2004 by the Avalanche.

Ian played for the Cleveland Barons in the NAHL during his last two years of high school. He was a member of the Under-18 Select team that won the gold in the 2003 Junior World Cup where he was named best goalie of the tournament.

## The Voice of the Storm

John Meissner will be the "Voice of the Storm" broadcasting the play by play action of Storm games on 101.5 FM this year. John has 26 years of radio experience, seven broadcasting hockey games. His acquaintance with Coach Littler goes back to the Billings Bulls when Littler was coach and Meissner was broadcasting those games.

John and his wife, Kim, are moving to Kearney from Orlando, Florida.



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Next came the Pumpkin Raffle. Each player was furnished with a pumpkin which he decorated by drawing and/or painting (no cutting). They were displayed at the last home game before Halloween.

Raffle tickets were sold for each pumpkin and there was voting for scariest and most creative. Fans winning the pumpkins in the raffle got to take them home.

The Storm players were all treated to a Sunday afternoon of bowling in November. This was an opportunity for Storm Chasers to really get