



# Booster Club

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## June General Meeting

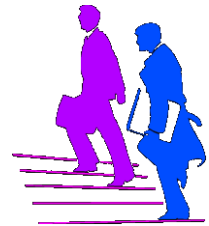
**Tuesday, June 28, 2007**

**FirstTier Event Center – Second Floor**

**7:00 p.m.**



Meet the new Board Members  
Consider Bylaws Changes  
Discuss ideas for next season's activities



## Notes from Tryout Camp 2007

Four Storm Chaser fans – Cindy & Rachele Rademacher and Ed & Mardi Anderson – went to Minneapolis to attend tryout camp and help where needed. Here are some notes from that trip:

Day One - So I'm sitting in the Minneapolis airport wearing my Storm T-shirt and holding a sign when a guy walks by and says "Tri-city Storm! Where're you from?" I told him Kearney and he said his nephew played for them last year. Seems I had just met Matt Ambroz's uncle. Not sure who was more surprised, him or me.

So far today in three trips to the airport we have picked up three players and the West Coast scout who will coach one of the teams.

Note – The players flying in came from all over – California, New Mexico, Maryland, Alaska, Arizona...

Day two - Non-participating players includes Player X. Looks like we can be expecting at least one European again this year.

The games are being played in Rink 2. That's the one where spectators can watch from a second floor balcony which has only stairs access or at one of four windows in the hall at one end.

There are five goalies rotating. Rock, the two draftees and two other '88's. Each match up consists of a half hour of drills followed by a two period game played with running time. All 5 on 5, penalties get penalty shots instead of time in the box. At the end of each period several players take a turn in a shootout.

Got a good defenseman spotted. Time to go check out the forwards.

Day Three - One more game to go. The first one this morning was pretty intense. Lot better passing since they have already played three games with/against each other. An exhausting game, two 32-minute periods. No stops except for off sides. When I asked about penalties, or apparent lack thereof, one player said they were

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playing a pretty clean game.

Cuts were made last night after the last game.

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Every year the schedule is the same but the participants are different. Seventy to 80 boys arrive at the Bloomington Ice Gardens. They may be driving or they may be flying in, some by themselves, some with family.

Every year they are divided into four teams and play a round robin tournament Friday night and Saturday, six games in which everyone plays three games and every team plays every other team. Then comes the cuts and the final 40 are divided into two teams to play two games on Sunday.

Finally there are the exit interviews. All the players line up outside the room where the coaching staff has set up an office. One by one they enter the room and discuss their hockey future.

Some are young and need to wait a year. Some still have a year of high school left

And don't want to change schools by coming to Kearney – and playing a split season with the Storm is not an option. Some will not fit well in this program but are recommended to other coaches or are encouraged to try out in another conference. Some are told they will be contacted in a week or two.

As for the Storm Chasers, we are busy. We drive back and forth between the Ice Gardens and the hotel. We watch the games. We get acquainted with parents and answer questions about Kearney. We visit with some old friends – parents of last year's players who will be retuning, parents of past players who drop by to say Hello.

And then it's all over and all we can do is go home and await the July 1 deadline to see who the 25 players are who (minus two) will probably make up next year's team. We've had our last shot of hockey for the summer. Now we have to wait three long months until the new team arrives and the new season gets under way.



### Did You Know...

...that the game of cricket is the source of the term crease. One dictionary definition of crease is "a slight depression in the smoothness of a surface". When early cricketers marked out their playing area in front of their wickets, they made a furrow in the turf. The term crease was used to describe these markings. This method of marking lasted until the mid 1800s, when painted white lines were introduced. It was natural for the early ice hockey players to use a term they were familiar with for something that served a similar purpose - hence the area in front of the goal is known as the crease.

--- from azhockey.com

## Storm Chaser Bylaws

It is necessary as an organization grows and evolves to periodically review the bylaws. Major changes were made three years ago. It is time to go through the process again. According to the amendment procedures set up in the bylaws, "A notice of the proposed amendment must be available to members at the monthly meeting prior to the monthly meeting that the amendment is voted on." The proposed changes will be presented by the Board and discussed at the June meeting and voted on in July. Because the changes are scattered throughout, all the are bylaws included here to give you some time to consider them. The words proposed to be deleted have a line drawn through them. The words to be added are in bold type and underlined.

## Affiliated players

Twelve players were chosen in the Futures draft last September. One, **Aaron Marvin** was called up midway through our season and joined the Storm team to finish out the year. He will be going on to college in the fall.

Two players, **Bryan Brutlag** and **Scoter Vaughn**, have chosen to go in different directions. **Peter Child** and **Shawn Szydlowski** did not attend tryout camp. **Colin Briscoe**, a graduate of Century High School in Rochester, Minnesota, did attend tryout camp but, unfortunately, was not included in the final list of 40 who played the all-star games on Sunday.

The other six players attended tryout camp and were included on the final list.



**Chris Hickey** – F, 6' 1", 190, 9-9-88

Chris graduated from Cretin-Derham Hall H S High School in St. Paul MN. He has committed to the University of Wisconsin and was drafted by the Minnesota Wild last summer.

Chris has been described as a player who likes to grind in the corners and also has good scoring ability. He had 21 goals and 15 assists in last year's season.

Chris played two games on the Storm team during the Buc Bowl before going back to finish high school. He also played baseball & football in high school.

**Brandon Martell** – D, 6'3, 190 lb

Brandon is from Andover, Minnesota, but attended Elk River High School. He has been described as big, agile, and having a quick slap shot from the



blue line. Brandon has committed to the Minnesota Gophers and is on the NHL Central Scouting List to possibly be drafted this year.

He is a near straight A student who is considering pre-med when he gets to college. He plays baseball and likes to make pottery bowls & vases. His mother a registered nurse and his father is an electrician.

**Danny Heath** – D, 6' 1", 175, 03-20-90

Danny was a junior at Mountain Ridge High School in Glendale, Arizona, last year where he played on his high school hockey team. He also plays in the VOSHA



Phoenix Mustangs youth hockey program where he has gone from Peewee to AAA. Last summer he attended the NTDP 2006 tryouts. He has also participated in the U16 and U15 Festivals in Rochester NY and St. Cloud MN.



**Tyler Johnson** – F, 5'8", 162, 1990

Tyler is from Liberty Lake, WA. Last season he played for the Coeur d'Alene Lakers, a Junior B team, and has been drafted by the Spokane

Chiefs, a WHL team. He is described as speedy with good hands. He was the leading scorer last season with 56 goals, 64 assists for a total of 120 in 39 of 42 games.

**Troy Power** – F, 5' 11", 172, 3/29/90

Troy is from Camarillo, California, where he was a junior in Camarillo High School last year. He played for the California Wave last season, helping his team win the Midget AAA championship. He is described as a power forward who is very strong and has great hands.

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**Greg Thocker** – D, 6' 2", 197, 3/6/1990

Greg is from Grand Ledge, Michigan. He played for the Fargo Moorhead Jets, Junior A team in the NAHL. Before that he played for the Lansing Capital Centre Pride 18U AAA team.

Grand Ledge is located in the Lansing metro area between Detroit and Grand Rapids. It gets its name from ledges of granite on the banks of the Grand River which flows through town.

? How many of these players will be on the final roster of 23 when the regular season starts? How many of the drafted players will be on the team? How many of last year's players on the protected list will return?

? Questions, questions, but no answers for another three and a half months yet! So until then we ask each other questions, we listen to rumors, we pull weeds in the garden and otherwise keep ourselves busy through the long summer.

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