



# Booster Club

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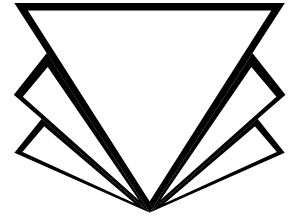
## *July General Meeting*

Tuesday, July 22, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.



City/County Law Enforcement Building  
Second floor community meeting room

Corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 21<sup>st</sup> Street.  
Use the north door.



*To Change or not to Change. That is the Question*

## *Maybe a Bylaws Change*

***Tri-city Storm Chasers Booster Club***

or

***Tri-city Storm Booster Club???***

At the beginning of last season the Board decided to informally drop “Chaser” from the club name and emphasize the “Booster Club” portion of our name. Now, since there have been no objections, no comments made to the Board even, some members are suggesting that we make that change official.

A bylaws change to remove the word “Chasers” would change the name of this organization to Tri-City Storm Booster Club.

The main argument in favor of this move is that the change would remove some negative associations with the club.

An argument against a name change is that the name is an interesting play on words in relation

to weather observers. There is also the administrative side of a name change with new stationary, check blanks and a deposit stamp.

**What do you think?**

**Do you have an opinion on this issue?**

We will discuss it at the July meeting and if it is the will of the majority of members present, we will formulate the wording for a bylaws change. The proposed change would then be published in the August newsletter and voted on at the August general meeting.

If it is the will of the majority of members present to keep our name as it is, the topic will be dropped at that time.



# 2008 Tryout Camp

On May 30-June 1, for the sixth year now, the Storm tryout camp was held in Minneapolis. For the last five years we have been at the Ice Gardens in the suburb of Bloomington.

There were 80 players on the initial list plus four non-participating players, Nick Hopper, Anthony Schooley, Jason Fabian and Player X. The boys were divided into four teams and played a round robin tournament. In a total of six games, each team played three times, once Friday evening and twice on Saturday.

After the last game Saturday evening, the All-Star list of 24 forwards, 14 defensemen and four goalies was published. These 42 players were divided into two teams to play the first of two games on Sunday. Thirty-six played the second game.

But this list of 36 is not a true prediction of who will be on the protected list of 30. Only those in attendance who could play the Sunday afternoon game were included on the final cut list. For example, Anthony Schooley, who was on the original protected list of returning players and who was at the tryout camp but could not play because he is still recovering from his end-of-season injury, was not on that list. Nick Hopper was not playing because he had recently sprained his ankle. There were some other players, who were drafted in May and who had made the cut after Saturday's games but had conflicts and could not play on Sunday, so they were not on the final list either.

In the past a protected list of 30 was pub-

lished by July 1. That list was then reduced to 25 by the time the players arrived in the fall. This year the list of 25 was published on July 1. After the Fall Classic two players will be eliminated to make a roster of 23 when the regular season begins.

## Boosters Assist

As in the past some Booster Club members were in attendance, providing assistance where they could. This year those members were Randy, Cindy & Rachelle Rademacher and Ed & Mardi Anderson.

As usual, one job was providing transportation from the airport to the hotel. Not all flights were on time. And sometimes two or three players were coming in on the same flight or within minutes of each other.

The most interesting time was when seven players arrived within about 20 minutes of each other. Seven players, seven equipment bags, seven bags of personal luggage, seven bunches of sticks. Two minivans. The Booster club members rose to the challenge and all the players were at the Ice Gardens in time for the first Friday evening game.

Besides providing transportation, the Booster Club members visited with parents who were attending the camp to watch their boys play. There was time to get acquainted with new parents and grandparents and answer questions. There was also time to visit with parents and grandparents of returning players who had become friends during their visits to Kearney last season.



## Birthdays

There are two player birthdays coming up in early August.

Anthony Schooley will be turning 19 on the first day of August.

Joe Zarbo will be 17 on August 10.



# Player Roster

Here are the 25 players now on the protected list which was released July 1.

Eleven players are returning from last year.

Josh Berge	Nick Hopper
Mike Cichy	Troy Power
Tom Craig	Anthony Schooley
Anthony DeCenzo	Greg Thocker
Chris Franks	Jordon VanGilder
Danny Heath	



Eight players were drafted in May and attended tryout camp.

David Chaney	Rick Pinkston
Charley Doderio	Joseph Zarbo
Sean Escobedo	Matthew Zarbo
Nick Mericic	Eli Zuck



Two players were on our affiliated list from last September's Futures draft and attended tryout camp

Alex Rush	Torin Snyderman
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We saw these two players at tryout camp. Both made the cut and played in the All-Star games on Sunday.

Michael Juola	Kyle Politz
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The last two are new names  
Matthew Bailey      Andrew Hamburg

# Player Profiles

**Andrew Hamburg** – F, 6'3", 195, 6/17/1989

Andrew's hometown is Phoenix, AR. He played for the Dallas Stars Midget AAA.

Andrew was affiliated with the Waterloo Black Hawks and played in two preseason games last year before being released. He ended up playing for the St. Louis Bandits of the NAHL last season.

Andrew was drafted by the Lincoln Stars last May but is now on the Storm protected players list. He has committed to Colorado College in 2009.

# Equipment, Part 3

## Face Shields

There are two kinds of face shields. One is the half shield or visor and the other is the full cage. Both are attached to the front of the helmet and reduce the potential for injuries to the face.

The half shield, as the name implies, covers the top half of the face. It is made of a high impact-resistant clear plastic. It is better than the cage for overall vision but it can fog up during play. Peripheral and straight ahead vision are excellent but the air flow is not good, causing the fog. There are antifog sprays available.

The wire cage is made of a metal or composite mesh and covers the whole face. There is a variation of this type of face mask which has the clear plastic top for better vision and the mesh lower half. The bars or cage of mesh are spaced close enough together to stop a puck or stick but wide enough apart to see the action on the ice.

## Mouth Guards

The purpose of a mouth guard is to protect the mouth and teeth in case the player is hit by a stick or the puck. The guard may have a strap attached to the outside center so the mouthpiece can be hooked to the helmet. At the beginning of the season team members visit the team dentist to have their mouth guards fitted. Fans usually see these mouth guards when they are half in and half out of the player's mouth as players chew on them.



**Matthew Bailey** – F, 6'1", 184, 4/5/1991

Matthew is from Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he played in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League last season. This is a Junior A league with 11 teams. His team was the Neepawa Natives.

Matthew has committed to U of Alaska at Anchorage.



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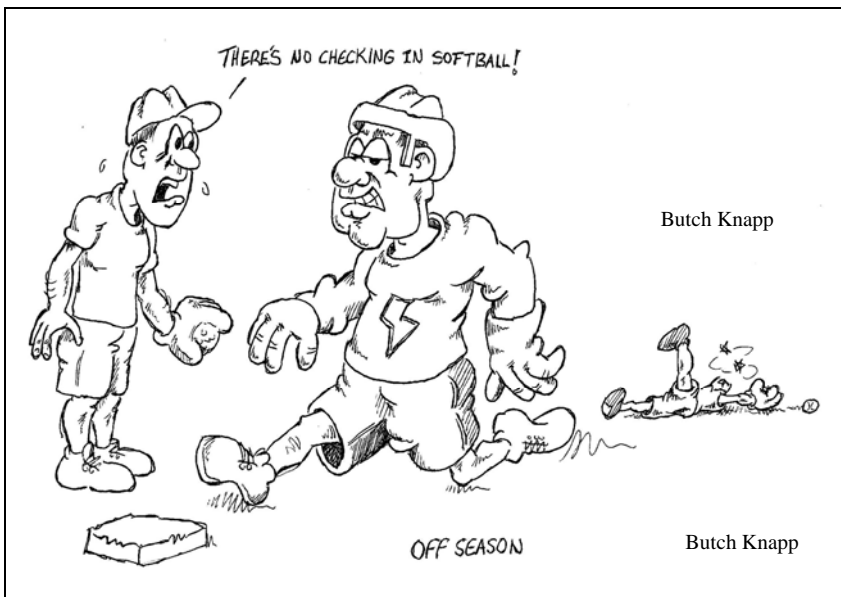
**Kyle Politz** – F, 5’11”, 165,  
 3/16/1989

Kyle’s home town is Elko, MN where he attended Apple Valley High School. He played for Northern Iowa in the NAHL part of last season and then went to the Alaska Avalanche.

**Michael Juola** – F, 5’10”, 175,  
 2/27/1989

Michael comes from Lake Forest, California. He started playing roller hockey when he was four and still plays that as well as ice hockey. On ice he played for the LA Junior Kings Midget AAA.

Michael started last season with the Sioux Falls Stampede. After seven games he went to the Westside Warriors in the British Columbia Hockey League. The team is located in Westside, BC. A teammate last season was Brendon Arniel.



Michael Juola