



Tri-City Storm

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August General Meeting

First General Meeting of the New Season

Tuesday, August 25, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.

**Viaero Event Center – 2nd Floor VIP
Room**

(at the top of the stairs)

A Message from our President

Greetings everyone!!

Hard to believe that the Tri City Storm is celebrating their **10th Anniversary!** My how time flies! Over the past few months the Storm has gone thru some MAJOR changes i.e. new ownership, new coach and the return of a familiar face—Greg Shea. I think I speak for all the Storm Fans that we have waited a long time for this moment. In talking with Kirk Brooks and Greg Shea, things are going to be for the better. I know that myself and the rest of the board are excited for the upcoming season.

One of our main goals for the Booster Club is to try and increase our membership. You may have already received your renewal form in the mail, if not please let us know and we will get one out to you.



We have a few things in the works as far as activities with the players and other things. We will have the new head coach Drew Schoneck and possibly the other new assistant coaches as our special guests at our August General meeting on

Tuesday August 25th starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Viaero Event Center. This year we are planning to work more with the Storm Organization in various activities. We will be working on putting together a “Meet & Greet” with the Storm team. We will be sure to let all of you know when that will be. Some other activities we are working on will be our Annual Pumpkin raffle, bowling with the Storm, holiday party and the end-of-season Appreciation Banquet

As always, none of this would be possible without the support of our members like you and our benefactors. We are always in need of your help with any of our activities or helping with snacks for the away games. One area where we need help is our Booster Club booth. I know that not everyone wants to work it but this is necessary for us to raise money for the activities we do and the snacks we provide for the team’s away games. We want to encourage each member to help work the booth for one game this season. It is a great way to meet other fans as well as players’ parents.

I have been involved in the club since the first
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Storm Staff

For the past two months the focus has been on the new players who are arriving to play for the Storm. This month it is time to focus on some staff who will be working with them. We have many new faces here too. The new head coach, Drew Schoneck, and the goalie coach, Pokey Reddick, have already been in the spotlight. This month the focus will be on the new Director of Media Relations and Broadcasting, Skip Berry, and on the Equipment Manager, Jason Peck. Next month the focus will be on the assistant coaches.

Skip Berry



Our new Director of Media Relations and Broadcasting, Skip Berry, is originally from Portland, Oregon. When asked how he got into radio this was his answer.

“I started working for a News Talk radio station

in Portland in 2000 and was a producer for a political talk show and a sports talk show. I worked my way up doing news and reporting, however hockey was my passion and I wanted to be a play-by-play in the NHL.

Nonetheless, in radio you only get play-by-play (PBP) jobs that are open to do. So, I started doing football and basketball for high school games.

When I got to Cascade College, I became the men’s and women’s PBP broadcaster for basketball. However, I wanted to do hockey!

So, the Western Hockey League team in Portland (the WinterHawks) put me in touch with a Tier III junior team across the river in Vancouver, Washington called the Fort Vancouver Pioneers. I called all the games online and did all the media relations/sales for the team.

I left the Pioneers and helped form an American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II club team with the Portland State University Vikings. I did the PBP for all the games as well as managed the team for the inaugural season.

Last season I was the Director of Broadcasting & Media Relations and did the PBP for the Bismarck Bobcats in Bismarck, ND.

My wife (Emily), our then 1-month-old son (Kellen), and I visited Kearney in June. We fell in love with the people and decided if I was offered the job, we would be willing to relocate our family.”

Skip and Emily celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary last month. Emily is from Oregon City which is located at the end of the Oregon Trail. But she has some Nebraska ties, not so very far from Kearney, in fact. Her grandfather, Paul Miller, was born in Harvard, NE, and grew up in Hastings.

As Director of Media Relations and Broadcasting, Skip will handle all press conferences, TV, and radio appearances throughout the season. And here’s something to watch for. Skip says that “New to Storm fans this season, will be my “Inside the Booth” blog on the Storm website that will have recorded interviews from the radio and an up-to-date blog on the constant happenings of Storm hockey.”

Jason Peck

Jason is replacing Seth Lunbery as Equipment Manager. Here is what he had to say about himself and his job.

“I am from Kearney originally. My family moved around a bit but I have lived in Kearney most of my life.

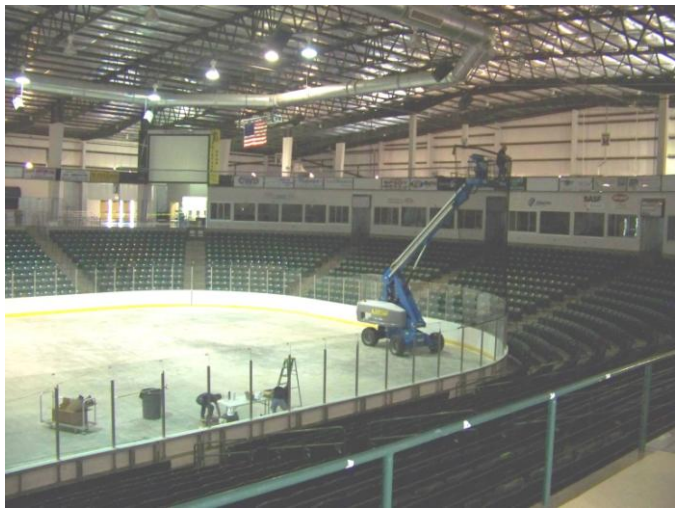
I was in Loup City, Ne, where I graduated from in 1993, for the past 7 years for work. Along with work I was the head baseball coach for the legion team and also an assistant football coach for Loup City High School. Over all I have coached baseball for 10 years and football for 3.

*I am 34, single, and no children. Hobbies: Hockey, golf, softball, coaching, and riding my
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The Ice Is In!!!

There are several changes – all for the better – in the procedure for putting in the ice this year. First of all – it's earlier! Two weeks earlier. This means the players who arrived last weekend to attend high school will be able to get in some skating time and stay in shape while they wait for the rest of the team to arrive.

Before the icing procedure could begin, the new nets had to be installed. They are black instead of white and do not have seams to get in the way of seeing the action on the ice. There is just a black band across the top. They may show up in some of the pictures here, but they may not.



Installing the net at the east end

Next the first layer of ice was put down on the concrete floor. When it was frozen it was painted white using a mixture of paint and water in a sprayer.

Now comes the time saving part. In the past it has taken about 2 ½ days to paint the lines, circles, center Storm logo, and various advertising logos on the ice. This year all of that is on vinyl and it took about 3 hours to lay it down. This is not a new process to ice hockey, just to our arena.

Then came the tedious job of building up the ice over the markings. It was sprayed with a thin layer of water to freeze down the vinyl. Then more layers were sprayed on. Each was given about 15 minutes to freeze and then it was sprayed again. This went on for about 24 hour which meant some members of the maintenance crew pulled night duty.



Spraying the Ice

This was a 3-person job. Two of them take the sprayer and hose clear down to the east end to begin spraying. As they worked their way west one did the spraying while the other kept the hose out of the way. The third person at the entrance wound the excess hose back up on the cart.

Water freezes faster when it is sprayed on in 1/16th inch layers rather than running in an inch or two and then waiting for it to harden evenly.

The next step was to zamboni the ice. It was not shaved off, just more water was put down. Finally the job is done and we have ICE!



Finished! As viewed from the VIP room upstairs

The Storm logo back at center ice this season, the 10th anniversary version special for this year. Also, the top of the logo is curved again, just like the first ones were! (Cont. on p 4)

(arena photos by Ed Anderson)



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year. I have seen a lot of changes and made a lot of new friends. I believe that this year will be a great year for us. I encourage anyone who has any suggestions for activities or fundraising ideas, etc to please let us know. We want your input as this is “Your Team, too” I look forward to meeting and working with you all and I also encourage you to try and help recruit new members.

Again, thanks for your support!

Kathy Knapp
 President

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(Jason Peck, Cont.)

Harley Davidson. I got the job as equipment manager after working at the Viaero Events Center in maintenance for a few months when Seth Lunbery decided to focus on being the Assistant Maintenance Manager. I applied for the position because it keeps me involved in the sports field; something I truly love.

My daily responsibilities will include: getting the locker-room ready for games and practice, general maintenance on equipment and skates, and working with the coaches and trainers and players on a daily basis on the equipment side of things.

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The Storm Logo at Center Ice

It’s not readable in the photo, but in that white area on the banner over the word “Storm” is “2000-2010” .

Storm Birthdays



Anthony DeCenzo turns 20 on August 25th.

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