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November General Meeting



November 24, 2009



6:30 p.m. Viaero Event Center – VIP Room, 2nd floor

Which Storm players will we meet this time?????

Hear about final plans for the annual Christmas party.



Bowling with the Storm

About 30 Booster Club members and Storm fans joined the Tri-City Storm players at the Big Apple on Nov. 8th for a Sunday afternoon of bowling fun. Teams were a mix of fans and players so all could get better acquainted. After each game the Storm players rotated over one lane so everyone had a chance to meet even more fans and/or players. At one point in the afternoon all of the players gathered for a group picture. Probably no one bowled a perfect 300 game. None were mentioned anyway.



Two Storm players are turning 18. Blake Coleman's birthday is November 28th. He will celebrate it in Fargo.

Kenny Brooks' birthday is December 11th. He will celebrate here in Kearney with game against Omaha.



More New this Year in the Rulebook

Tied Games

This section about tied games was written as being new. Maybe it is formally stating in the rule book this year a procedure which is already being followed.

(c) During regular season, if at the end of three periods the score is tied, the following shall take place:

- 1. A two minute rest period*
- 2. A five minute four on four overtime period shall be played.*
- 3. The teams shall not change ends.*
- 4. The game shall terminate upon a goal being scored and the scoring team declared the winner.*
- 5. Should the score remain tied after the overtime period there shall be a five (5) player shoot-out. The shootout shall communitize one (1) minute following the overtime period.*
- 6. Teams will not change ends*
- 7. Five shooters from each team will participant in the shootout, alternating with the home team shooting last until a decisive goal is scored. Should the score be tied at the end of the five (5) player shoot-out, a sudden death shootout (each team attempting one shot) will continue*

until a winner is determined. All eligible players must shoot before a player can shoot a second time during the shoot-out.

Now, here is the really interesting part.

(Note) During any overtime period a team shall be permitted to pull its goaltender in favor of an additional skater. However, should the team lose the game during the time in which their goalkeeper has been removed from the ice, it forfeits the automatic point gained because of the tie at the end of regulation play, except if the goalkeeper has been removed during a delayed penalty signaled against their opponent.

Should the goalkeeper proceed to their players bench for an extra attacker during a delayed penalty signaled against the opposing team, and should a player of the non-offending team shoot the puck directly into their own goal, the game shall be completed and the opposing team declared the winner.

[That last sentence covers what happened in our second game with Indiana.]

Not new this year but did you know this?

Lines

All the official lines on the ice are 2” wide.

Face-offs

At the beginning of each period or after a goal when the teams face off at the center red line, the visiting team player is to put his stick down on the ice first.

When doing a ceremonial face-off, the home team player is the one to touch the puck with his stick.

Ever wonder why in a face-off one player may be ejected and another member of his team is moved in to face-off position? It’s because one of his teammates has not kept his proper position. But that teammate cannot then be moved into face-off position; another member of the team will be.

Abuse of Officials and Fines

You have heard of a team being fined for some rule infraction. Ever wonder what the infraction might be and/or what the amount of the fine is?

“If any Team Official is guilty of any of the following, he shall be assessed a game ejection and/or game misconduct penalty, and may be subject to a fine. A Team Official incurring a Game Ejection penalty shall be subject to a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500). A Team Official incurring a Game misconduct penalty shall be subject to a fine not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750).”

1. Using obscene gestures, racial/ethnic slurs or displaying unprofessional conduct on the ice or anywhere in the rink before, during or after the game.

2. Persisting in any course of conduct for which the team has previously been assessed a bench minor penalty.

Ice Man

Did you see him out in the crowd at the second home game? That frenetic fan moving from section to section, occasionally peeling off a shirt and tossing it to a fan? And there he was again at later home games but now wearing a Storm jersey with “Ice Man” on the back. At the last game I realized he was also driving the white Zamboni during intermission. Who is that guy?

The Ice Man is Mike Sweitzer and he is in charge of care and maintenance of our ice. Mike has been professionally trained by the man who is now in charge of the ice for the Phoenix Coyotes. This is just one more way in which the Viera Event Center and the Storm organization are becoming more professional in their operation.

Mike is from Wheeling, West Virginia, where he worked in the greyhound raising business for over 25 years. This is where he met Kirk Brooks who was raising greyhounds back before he moved to Las Vegas. Mike left the greyhound business in about 2005 and, after driving truck for a while, answered Brooks’ call to come work for him at the Las Vegas Ice Center. Here he soon worked himself into the position of head of maintenance.

But then, a little over a year ago he had to go back home to Wheeling to take care of family matters. Last August/September Brooks called him again, this time with the offer of a job at his newly purchased arena in Kearney taking care of the ice. Having just been awarded custody of his three year old daughter, Mattie, Mike was now free to accept the job and so here he is.

Mike is seventh of nine children. When he was growing up his father had an 18-piece band reminiscent of those of the “big band” era. Several older siblings played in the band. Mike did not play an instrument but he sang.

..And the winner is...!!!

The drawing for the player-signed jersey was held during the November 3 home game against Lincoln. All new and renewing Booster Club members were eligible.

And the winners are **Doug and Jolly Roeder** of Kearney. Congratulations!!!

Mike, the Ice Man is an outgoing person, an entertainer and story teller. But when it was suggested by Mr. Brooks that he get out there and be a cheer leader, loud fan and general rabble rouser at the first home game, he just couldn’t do it. But, as Mike said, when the boss tells you to do something, you do it. So there he was at the second home game.

Mike had many t-shirts and jerseys he had

collected over the years (who doesn’t?) so he put on several. That night as he worked his way through the sections during intermissions and stoppages in play he danced to the music periodically stripping off a shirt and tossing it to a fan. Mike said he woke up in the middle of the night and laughed out loud

remembering the expressions on people’s faces. We haven’t seen anything like that since the Shirtless Man was in action and he stayed only in his own section.

So watch for that Storm jersey with “Ice Man” on the back. We will see him mingling with the fans, sometimes singing along with the music and during each intermission he will be driving one on the zambonis with a microphone attached so he can sing along with the music being played. Who knows, one night we might even see a little red head with “Ice Girl” on her jersey beside him.



Illo to Play for Bemidji

Radoslav Illo, second year Storm forward, has committed to play for Bemidji State University in Minnesota next season. Last season he led the Storm in number of goals (21) and was second in total points (33). Following the first fourteen games this season he has nine goals and four assists.

Where Are They Now?

Doug Conley

Doug Conley was a member of the 2003-04 Anderson Cup team. From here he went to Robert Morris University where he played hockey for four years



After graduation Doug stayed in Pittsburg. He attended a recent Storm game when his job brought him back to Kearney for a visit.

When we talked to him then he said although he does keep track of the Storm he had not gone to the games in Youngstown because he had gone back home to Niagara, NY, for a family visit that weekend. He did bring us up to date on his activities. Here is what he had to say in a follow-up email.

“I work for a company called Calgon Carbon Corporation. (www.calgoncarbon.com) I sell activated carbon and equipment that is used to filter water and air. I cover everything west from Pittsburgh all the way out to Hawaii. My title is Technical Sales Representative for Municipal Carbons. Hmm...something else to add... I am engaged to an elementary school teacher named Stacie. We are getting married next September and we are building a home. We should be moving in on November 23rd. I still play hockey recreationally in a men's league once or twice a week.”

Bobby Robins

Bobby Robins (2001-02) signed with the Danish team, the Rødovre Mighty Bulls for the 2009-2010 season. This contract fell through due to financial reasons. Last month he received an offer to return to Belfast where he played last season. But then at the last minute he decided not to join them but to go to Austria instead.

Scott Romfo

Scott Romfo (2000-2002) left the South Carolina Stingrays to play hockey in Europe. This season he is playing for the Cardiff Devils in Wales. Scott was a member of the Stingrays for four years. They ended last season by winning the ECHL's Kelly Cup.

Scott felt he needed a change and even considered doing something other than playing hockey when he received the offer to play for the Devils. This will be quite an adventure for a player who has never been outside the North American continent. Scott admits his decision was influenced by his older brother who also played hockey and wanted to play in Europe but never had the opportunity. So far he is doing well with his new team.



My attorney has already had my penalty reduced from a major to minor with time already served on the last stupid penalty you gave me.

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Holiday Party

December 6, 2009

1:00 p.m. – Holiday Inn

Come join the Storm players and Booster Club members for this annual Christmas party
This is a “members only” activity – one of the perks of being a member of the Tri-City Storm Booster Club.