



February RASO Newsletter

Next RASO meeting is March 2 @ 7pm @ ISC

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Attendance

- **9 members** D.Brandt, K.Valentine, B.Wallace, S.Johnson, G.Kardell, G.Hundt, V.Smirnov, P.Singh, T.Brokhausen

Educational

- Discussed good and bad things as a Soccer Official
- Major discussion on ways to get more youth members active in RASO

Treasurer Report – \$5,400.00

Secretary Report – none

Special March Meeting: IHSA Coaches & Officials Roundtable

- The following invitation is being sent to the Greater Rockford Area IHSA High Schools:

“RASO would like to invite all the Greater Rockford Area high school coaches to an informal discussion session Tuesday March 2 @ 7:00pm in the Indoor Sports Center conference room. This invitation is being extended to all Girls and Boys Varsity Coaches. Staff coaches are welcome, if the Varsity coach is not available.

RASO would like to encourage open discussion, questions, suggestions, and input from the area high school soccer coaches regarding soccer officiating, the game of soccer, IHSA rules, or any soccer issue of concern. Positive and constructive input are welcome. RASO would like this discussion to be open, informal, and friendly, towards the mutual goal of an improved 2004 soccer year.

The discussion will be a round table format. Duration of approx 1 hour is anticipated”

2004 RASO Dues

- Have you taken care of this yet? Deadline is March 6.
- The 2004 RASO Dues Form has posted on the RasoWeb Forms page.

2004 USSF Clinic Schedule – Rockford

- Feb 14 & 15, Entry & Refresher, 9:00am – 5:00pm, Rockford Holiday Inn
- Sat March 6, Refresher & Fitness Test
- Reminder:
 - ALL referees must attend a USSF clinic and take the test in order to referee games in 2004.
 - If you missed the mail deadline, bring the 2004 USSF registration form to your 2004 USSF clinic

Odds-n-Ends Business

- Peter Singh will be traveling to Cape Town South Africa in late March. Peter will be conducting soccer clinics for school age kids, and also training some new referee recruits. These clinics will serve approx 1000 families and kids in the poorest area of the city. RASO is supporting a small portion of Peter's goodwill trip through a \$50.00 donation and 15 RASO flipping coins. GOOD LUCK PETER!
- All referees will need to purchase a 2004 RPD Parking Pass this year, details to follow.
- 2nd session ISC indoor referee assigning is complete.
- The first two outdoor USSF tournament dates have been set, so please consider these in your spring soccer schedule planning:
 - Spring Fling Invitational, April 17-18
 - Spring Kickoff Classic, May 1-2