

## March 2005 RASO Newsletter

Next RASO meeting is Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at 8:30 PM at ISC

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### March Attendance 12 Members

V. Smirnov, G. Hundt, D. Brandt, T. Keating, T. Brokhausen, B. Wallace, R. Eckert, D. Nilsen, B. Millwood, A. Garcia, and R. Wright.

### Education

Reviewed the Law Changes For Season 2005/2006. Discussion of interpretation of the 8 changes presented brought out points to be considered.

### 2005 RASO Dues

Reminder. If you have yet to pay this year's dues, you can do so at one of the two remaining clinics, OR at the next RASO meeting, OR using the form on the [www.RasoWeb.org](http://www.RasoWeb.org) Forms page.

### Meeting called to order by President Dave Brandt

Discussion of what people would like to get out of the RASO membership as well as what they see as the benefit of membership in RASO.

Points brought up included:

1. Sock giveaway improved attendance. Maybe more giveaways would boost attendance
2. People come to learn what is going on in the area
3. Suggestion of going to a Milwaukee Wave game. Buddy has connections, but in the past interest hard to gage. Maybe if someone pushes, it could go.
4. The education part of the meetings and discussions of how other referees handle situations in a game brings Todd and others to the meetings.
5. Networking with assignors and other referees is a benefit to membership
6. It used to be attendance would offer better chances for getting game assignments. With technology, the posting of games at the same time for everyone seemed fairer that signups at the meetings was the consensus.
7. Web Page (thanks Dave B.) is a solid benefit of membership and networking. Many members from outside Rockford area maintain membership just for the access to the Web site.
8. Dave Brandt has worked hard over the past five years to improve communications within the organization and the Web page testifies to that

Assignments

### IHSA Girls Soccer Assignments.

Carlyn Brandt (NIC 9) [TeamSoccer@charter.net](mailto:TeamSoccer@charter.net) and Ron Scott (Fox Valley and Big Northern Conference) [Soxer-ref@juno.com](mailto:Soxer-ref@juno.com) have assignments out there. Richard Wright said the email of open dates allowed him to pick up several games that were open this spring.

### USSF Spring Assignments

Gerry Hundt of YSSF said all indoor games have been assigned. Playoffs will bring some other openings. International League will be adding some for the playoffs. Discussion of the one man system for the International league ensued. Suggestion of using a two man made due to at least three incidences of dangerous occurrences at these games.

NISL and YSSL will play on Sundays and begin after Easter. If interested, contact Gerry with your availability. (Form on Raso web page)

Possibility of a new league. Nothing definite at this time. Would be the ISL league for people above 15 years old. Could compete with the international league. More info later.

### **Tournaments**

April 9&10 Raptor/Dactyls Spring Invitational Tournament

April 23&24 Midwest Regional League Soccer

April 30& May 1 Hononegah Lions Spring Kickoff Tournament

April 30& May 1 NSR Region II Cup Soccer Tournament (Sirens)

May 7&8, 14&15, 21&22 IYSA State Cup Tournament

May 28&29 Raptors/Dactyls Midwest Invitational Tournament

June 4&5, 11&12 IYSA State Cup Tournament

June 17-19 Rockford United Watermelon Tournament

June 24-26 Rock Run Rainbow Soccer Tournament

### **Refresher Clinic and Entry level clinic—Last Chance!**

(You must attend a refresher clinic in order to referee games in 2005)

March 19th and 20<sup>th</sup> – Entry level

March 20 – Refresher

Sat. April 9 – Refresher Only and physical fitness test

Pre-register for you 2005 USSF refresher clinic at [www.mysignup.com/raso](http://www.mysignup.com/raso)

Presentation of the best young referee trophy to Ryan Eckert. First chance to recognize Ryan and his continued involvement in soccer. Great job Ryan!

Annual IHSA officials conference is scheduled for July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2005. Two weeks later than normal in response to officials making a request for a later date.

Meeting adjourned.