



## Jan 2006 RASO Newsletter

Next RASO meeting is Tues Feb. 7 @ 7:00pm @ ISC

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**January Attendance 22 Members:** Gerry Hundt, Todd Brokhausen, Tim Keating, Val Smirnov, Bob Millwood, Steve Sarto, Domenico Ferrera, Austin Baitman, Glenn Sogge, Ramon Guevara, Gary Kardell, Lou Spencer, Ryan Eckart, Buddy Wallace, Brandon Faulkner, Matt O'Brien, Roy Leckonby, Greg Balestrieri, Dave Brandt, John Martelin, Jon Gonder, and Harold Winne

### **2006 Election of Officers Held.**

Nominations were presented by the nominating committee and the membership was asked for additional nominations from the floor. Three people were nominated for Vice-president (Todd Brokhausen, Matt O'Brien, and Glenn Sogge), while the other offices were uncontested. The election results were as follows:

President- Dave Brandt (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Vice-President- Todd Brokhausen (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Treasurer- Ken Valentine (3<sup>rd</sup> year)  
Secretary- Tim Keating (2<sup>nd</sup> year)

**Education:** Gary Kardell reviewed his observations of officiating in the English Premier League (EPL). A paper outlining his take on what is called, when it is called, and the motivation behind those decisions was presented to the people in attendance. Discussion followed his presentation. Thanks Gary- Nice job!

**Secretary's Report:** I was absent from the December meeting. Dave Brandt posted notes on the website.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

**USSF** John Pappas has a very serious illness. Monetary donations are being accepted to defray medical expenses. Gerry Hundt expressed his concern for John and John's family.

Regionals are set to return to Rockford in 2008.

Dave Brandt posted a calendar for 2006 of known soccer events on the website. Included are the dates for the four YSSF Rockford refresher and entry clinics, dates of the YSSF fitness testing in Rockford, soccer tournaments posted by the Rockford Park District, Illinois State Cup, and known IHSA dates

### **IHSA Girls Soccer Assignments.**

Carlyn Brandt has the NIC 9 dates and will start working on assignments as done in the past. Usually phone calls to officials work the best. Does she know your availability?

Ron Scott will do his assignments soon as well. Again, does he know your availability?

### **USSF Referee entry/refresher Clinics:**

You **MUST** sign up through the ISRC in advance of a clinic date. A link to the clinics exists on the IYSA website (also on the RASO website). No local registration site will replace doing this with the ISRC. So even if you signed up before on a local site, go to the Clinic registration site and sign up.

Some clinics are cancelled if not enough people pre-register.

### **Discussion:**

The spitting incident and RASO's reaction was discussed. Dave sought input from the membership on suggestions regarding the organization's place in the incident and what else should/could have been done.

Jeff Clausen attended the December meeting (first time out since the accident). Sam Nachampassack presented Jeff with the game ball from the AA finals. (Sam was the center referee for that final and Jeff was scheduled to officiate the A tournament but had to forgo the opportunity due to his accident).

Meeting adjourned.

Door prize names were drawn. People picked their prize from various soccer official's stuff.