



## October 2006 RASO Newsletter

Next RASO meeting is Tues November 7 @ 7:00 PM @ ISC

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**March Attendance 10 Members:** Tim Keating, Gary Kardell, Matt O'Brien, John Martelin, Jon Gonder, Erik Gonder, Todd Brokhausen, Gerry Hundt, Dave Brandt, and Ken Valentine.

**Education:** Pressed into service late in the day, I (Tim Keating) brought up three situations that occurred recently in doing high school games. Most had to do with fans lack of knowledge of the rules and their comments instigating players to pickup on the idea of errors in the referee's decisions. How do you keep the loud (and usually incorrect) fan from taking away from the game being played? Some time it can be so annoying that you request a coach to address the obnoxious fan but other times it is just subtle and constant. The other incident involved a hand ball in the box where the hand was extended to prevent a goal from entering the goal - an obvious red card infraction involving a sendoff of the offending player. Twice the coach sent a player to the center line to replace his red carded player. It took time to explain to the coach, players, and fans that the team needed to play short.

Conclusions were that maybe the "retired" referee has done too many games this fall and the people are getting to him because it is late in the season and he is tired. Good advice for all of us. Trying to do too much can lead to burnout. Remember to consider yourself and your schedule when you accept assignments for games.

**Meeting Called to order:** Dave called the meeting to order at 9:02 PM.

**Secretary's Report:** September notes have been posted on the website and those without email had them mailed to them.

**Treasurer's Report:** We are doing fine

### USSF

Gerry said life is good. International League finals are this week. Clubs are in the middle of their season with things going well. Most games are at Sportscore I

We are looking for locations to host the USSF recertification clinics. Due to confusion last year when dates were set before a location secured, the dates will be announced as soon as the location has been set. Web site will announce as soon as everything is confirmed.

March 10, 2007 will be the date of the IYSA Expo. Keep the date open if you are interested.

Challenge Cup is this weekend (October 7&8). Looks like about 70 teams utilizing 13 fields at ISC. Assignments are already out there

Assignments for the Super Club Tournament (October 14 & 15) are being sent out to those who indicated a desire to referee that tournament.

IHSA- State tournament play begins October 13. Some but not all assignments were out as of the meeting night. Check the IHSA website if you have a question.

Reminder- December's meeting (December 5, 2006) is the RASO banquet. It has been at Sam's on Mulford and Riverside the last couple of years. Steve Johnson has set it up in the past. There will be more information in the next newsletter. Keep the date open and help relive the season in a relaxed environment with you fellow referees (and their spouses, significant other, or friend). OR forget the season and just have a good time.

**Reminder—November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will begin at 7:00 PM**

Meeting adjourned.