



Jan 2007 RASO Newsletter

Next RASO meeting is Tues Feb. 6 @ 7:00pm @ ISC

www.RasoWeb.org

January Attendance 18 Members: Gerry Hundt, Todd Brokhausen, Tim Keating, Val Smirnov, Steve Sarto, Domenico Ferrera, Ryan Eckart, Buddy Wallace, Greg Balestrieri, Dave Brandt, John Martalin, Jeff Clausen, Tom Giglio, Gabby Giglio, Jamie Gray, Michael O'Flarerty, Ken Valentine and Harold Winnie

Education: Dave Brandt led a discussion regarding the handout by Alfred Kleinaitis of US Soccer regarding the "Status of Players Who Are Sent Off." Each occurrence seemed to need the referee to make a decision regarding the handling of the player. Certainly, age and location must be considered when deciding where the player should be sent. The nature and atmosphere of the contest would also need to be considered.

2007 Election of Officers Held.

Nominations were presented by the nominating committee and the members were asked for additional nominations from the floor. The nominating committee was able to put forth two or three names for each office. Thanks to the committee for asking and to the members who indicated a willingness to serve if elected. The election results were as follows:

President- Dave Brandt (3rd year)
Vice-President- Todd Brokhausen (3rd year)
Treasurer- Greg Balestrieri (1st year)
Secretary- Tom Giglio (1st year)

Secretary's Report: Dave Brandt posted notes from the December banquet on the RASO website. Twenty-five members and guests attended the banquet at Sam's

Treasurer's Report: No report. BUT, a big thank you to Ken Valentine was expressed by Dave Brandt on behalf of RASO for Ken's solid work over the past three years (he was limited to three years in the office of secretary) and for setting up the December banquet at Sam's.

USSF Gerry Hundt reported that all but a few indoor games (four league on April 5 and the International league playoffs) have been assigned. He is working on the availability sheets for the spring season. The availability sheets should be posted on the website in the near future.

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). Two beginner/refresher and one refresher only clinics are scheduled in Rockford:

January 13-14 in the Sportscore I Pavilion. Registration at 8:30 AM. Clinic from 9AM-5PM both days.

February 10-11 in the Sportscore I Pavillion Registration 8:30, clinic 9-5 both days

(Refreshers only need to attend the second day of the beginner clinics)

February 17- REFRESHER only. Fitness test in bubble at Hononegah HS 9AM-10:30 AM

Classroom 11AM – 4PM at Paperchine in Rockton

You must preregister at www.IYSA.org for a clinic. If you can not preregister (or forgot to do so), come to the clinic and they will try to accommodate you. Some clinics are cancelled if not enough people pre-register.

IHSA Girls Soccer Assignments.

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

Ron Scott has sent an email regarding game availability. Updates are sent from time to time. Again, does he know your availability?

Thunder Game: Michael O'Flarerty, part owner of the Thunder, issued an invitation to attend the Feb. 17 game. RASO members will get in for the reduced price of \$8.00 (normally \$10) **AND** RASO will reimburse the member an additional \$3 with a ticket stub from the game. 7:30 game time on February 17

Discussion: Referee fees for the upcoming outdoor season were discussed. Recommendations for increases were suggested. Any adjustments would need to be made before teams are billed for the season. This continues to be an area of discussion between assignors and leagues. All people can do is recommend. If the fee is not to the referee's liking, they have the option of not accepting the assignment. Shortages of available referees might induce an increase-or might not.

RASO wants to stay away from saying more money gets better qualified referees. That would open up complaints from those who would disagree about the "more qualified" designation.

Meeting adjourned.