



Meeting Minutes

Meeting name NAF Committee Meeting	Subject June 2024 Committee Meeting	Attendees Dreamscreator, Vice President Ulvardar, Treasurer Stimme, Tournament Director Megamind, League Director Twyllenimor, Membership Director Volkajo, Ethics Committee Member
Meeting date June 18, 2024	Time 1:20 PM EDT/19:20 CET (Duration 2hrs 20min)	
Location WhatsApp Video Call	Prepared by Megamind	

Purpose

The purpose of this meeting is to gather the committee to discuss ongoing and upcoming NAF agenda items.

Ethics Committee Update

- Code of Conduct and Good Behaviours Guide was released for initial community feedback. Community feedback has been received and edits incorporated. The community feedback was positive overall, and the documents were well received.
 - Next step is the translation process, **Megamind will distribute the list of translators to Ethics Committee. Ethics Committee will coordinate the translation with volunteers and if missing languages are discovered expand the translator group.**
- New cases have been initiated as received and were discussed during the meeting. Exact details and coach names for each case have been removed from these minutes to maintain coach privacy.
 - Case #1 discussed in detail involved cheating accusations and breach of code of conduct.
 - Case #2 discussed in detail involved if TOs of team tournaments should be allowed to punish entire squads if a single team member was caught cheating; such as awarding all matches as losses for the entire team rather than just the individual. Since the team makeup at many team tournaments can vary and may not necessarily be composed of members that know each other well (such as mercenary teams) it was advised not to punish the entire team for one individual found to be cheating. It is however recommended that those teams should not be eligible for any awards at the event.
- The Ethics Committee is planning to generate a tournament organizer themed good behaviour guide, as the one for coaches was so well received.
- The Ethics Committee is planning to create a “Board of Ethics suggests....” segment that can cover some of the topics not covered by the good behaviour’s guide. It was decided to host this within the Tournament Director Blog and occur every few months. **Volkajo will coordinate with Stimme to add the segment to the blog.**
- Invitational tournaments have also generated numerous new cases for the Board of Ethics and will be a focus of the Board in the coming months.

World Cup Schedule and Call for Bids

- Ulvardar plans to compose a “World Cup Survival Guide” that may assist potential bidders on lessons learned from the last World Cup.
- **Ulvardar has been nominated NAF Committee World Cup coordinator and will work with Stimme to publish a call for bids by end of June or early July 2024.**
- The bid selection voting system is being revised to accommodate feedback and lessons learned from the past World Cup voting processes and will be revised, published, and finalized prior to bids being due.



New Website Update/Maintenance

- Discussions have been ongoing with the NAF Committee regarding the desire to develop a brand-new website for the NAF. It is likely the website would need to be a complete re-build.
- The NAF Committee has historically tried to run the website by volunteers for many years but have been unsuccessful to get the amount of consistent commitment to update the website and have the necessary support to perform ongoing maintenance and updates. The NAF Committee has all agreed that a professional website service will be required to meet the needs and will begin the process of composing the wants/needs list. Enlisting feedback from our community as well.
- **Ulvardar was asked to look at the available funds in the treasury and develop a recommended available budget for the project that can be used for a professionalized website development and annual maintenance service budget.**
- In the event of a shortage in funds versus the quotes that are provided from professional firms the NAF committee may have to investigate fund raising efforts. This may be in the form of a GoFundMe or Kickstarter platform to call for donations from the community to offset any shortages required for this intense effort.

2023 Membership Gift Last Order

- The 2023 gift coins will be reordered to match with the remaining dice in stock. Once that has been completed, no more 2023 membership gifts will be produced.
- **Twyllenimor will work with Stimme to order approximately 500 coins to pair with the remaining dice in stock.**

NAF Guidelines for Membership Fee

- There has lately been confusion by TOs if signing up to the NAF in person at a tournament costs 5 or 10 EUR/USD/GBP, when no NAF representative is present, and gifts cannot be provided on site.
- The clarified guidelines are that if there is no NAF representative at the tournament event to provide gifts to the new members then they do not receive the discounted fee of 5 bucks. The discount is provided for signing up and saving on shipping of the gift for the NAF. If the gift to the individual will still need to be shipped, then signing up in person or online is the same price.
- This misunderstanding by TOs is causing the NAF to lose money when new members sign up at the discounted rate but still request a shipped gift.
- TOs that expect new signups at their tournaments and would like to provide the discounted fee, but have no NAF representative participating, are encouraged to reach out to their RC/NCs and organize a bulk shipment or handover of gifts.

Digital Patches Project

- The NAF Committee has been discussing the development of new digital patches that coaches may be awarded on their Coach Page at various milestones. These milestones include # of different races played, patch for # tournaments won, patch for playing all the variants, etc.
- Patches would likely be implemented on a periodic basis (possibly quarterly) rather than all at once to allow coaches time to work towards gaining a patch before another one appears.
- **Megamind will take the lead on coordinating with our previous digital patch artists on developing new options that can represent patches for this project.**



Physical Patches (Travel, Races, etc.)

- A small number of physical patches are still available for coaches that have not received or gained a new travel patch, travel ring patch, or even the 24+2 patches.
- To keep the effort in distribution low and reduce costs these patches will only be provided at the World Cup or EuroBowl by the NAF representative on site.

Annual NAF Ranking

- Many new coaches have complained that trying to get into the game and establish a meaningful ranking can be both daunting and discouraging.
- **Dreamscreator will lead development of an additional annual ELO tracking ranking that resets on an annual basis so that all coaches have a chance to be a top coach for any given race in a year.** This is not expected to cause any change in the Coach Page but will be something available on the NAF website that is searchable, and each annual highest ranked coach can be recognized in the NAF annual report at the end of each NAF year.

NAF Trophies (Team Tournaments)

- Discussions were had if the NAF should offer NAF trophies for Team Tournaments. The NAF Committee is in favour of this idea but would prefer that the Team Tournament NAF trophy change in look, so they are distinguishable from the individual NAF trophies.
- **Ulvardar will reach out to HungryTroll to discuss development of a new design for the Team Tournament trophy.**
- The NAF Committee will require a team tournament to have an adjusted minimum number of participants (e.g. 48 participants in a 3-round tournament) to qualify for a NAF Team Tournament trophy.
- Tournaments that receive a NAF Tournament trophy will not be eligible to receive the existing individual NAF trophy.

Translator Coordination Update

- Megamind has been discussing translation of the updated variant documents with the translator working group.
- Some of the translators are a bit overwhelmed for the size of the projects and thus translation is not proceeding as quickly as hoped. It may require bringing in additional translators or using automated translation services to start translation and have the working group proofread the translation to expedite large document translations.
- **Megamind will work with Stimme on if e.g. ChatGPT can assist with the translation working group to expedite the delivery of translated documents to the community.**

NAF OBBLM/League Update

- The NAF approached Tourplay owners about potentially partnering with the NAF to enhance the software to develop a league/tournament app that caters to a wider range of BB community but did not receive a positive response/any interest from Tourplay owners. **Megamind will reach out to other league tracker apps such as Break Tackle to see if another software company might be open to partnering to accommodate appeals from coaches that like using cloud-based league trackers and those that would like more custom options that OBBLM currently provides league commissioners.**
- Gnomes roster update is available to users in the GitHub and available on NAF hosted OBBLM.
- The GitHub is currently a bit of a mess due to so many contributors and will take a bit of leg work from the programmers to get back into a well-organized state.



- Stimme recommended we preview leagues from the NAF hosted OBBLM via socials to let the community know that OBBLM is still heavily utilized for many leagues, and this would also get the word out to coaches that are unaware of OBBLM. There are currently 48 leagues that are utilizing the NAF hosted OBBLM. **Megamind will reach out to League Commissioners for interviews and use socials to get the word out about the existence of OBBLM as many coaches seem to be unaware that it exists as an option to manage their leagues.**
- Our HTML editor has currently been removed (TinyMCE) as they have changed their policy and are no longer a free service. The proposed price was near \$1000/month for the size. Developers are currently looking for another free option but for now all text boxes will be plain text.

Amorical Loan

- At time of the meeting the \$6,000 loan was still outstanding from Amorical 2024 and was anticipated for repayment in January 2024. Ulvardar has reached out to the TO and requested an update on repayment timeline now that the event has been completed. At time of publishing these minutes, the loan has been fully repaid.
- Discussion was also made on whether the NAF should offer another loan to the Amorical 2026 bid winner with an unpaid loan balance. Feedback from the Treasurer was that the treasury cannot handle another loan without repayment of the initial Amorical 2024 loan.
- It was decided that going forward, in order to provide a loan to any NAF major there needs to be a well-documented and presented business plan proposed to the NAF Committee. Decisions on supporting the tournament will be given on a case-by-case basis based on the anticipated risk involved and current treasury status.

Discord Updates

- Discord has been heavily used but is growing to a size that it is becoming overwhelming with content and thus fewer coaches are checking messages frequently.
- For this reason, any channels that are not core NAF, e.g. extended BB3 tournament, FUMBBL tournament or league advertisement channels, will be directed to the official Blood Bowl 3 discord and not be hosted on the NAF discord.

Newsletter Revival

- Megamind inquired on if revival of the Newsletter should occur. The original plan was quarterly release. The NAF committee concluded that newsletters do let us reach audience that are otherwise not reached by our socials, but (due to the associated costs) the newsletter will only be released to coordinate big news items such as elections, World Cup, and other significant events.

Action Items

Action Items are listed above in **BOLD**.

Next Meeting

- Anticipated in 6 weeks for another update meeting on or near August 5, 2024.