



Meeting Minutes

Meeting name NAF Committee Meeting	Subject May 2023 Committee Meeting	Attendees Gaixo, President Rabid_Bogscum, Vice President Geggster, Treasurer Stimme, Tournament Director Sebco, Membership Director Megamind, League Director
Meeting date May 13, 2023	Time 9:00 -10:35 AM EDT	
Location WhatsApp Video Call	Prepared by Megamind	

Purpose

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

Welcome and Introductions

- The NAF committee welcomed both Stimme (Tournament Director) and Megamind (League Director/Media Officer) to the first committee meeting since their elections in early 2023.

NAF Majors and Nationals Discussion

- Some concern was expressed over the arbitrary and unregulated assignment of NAF Majors, either to new locations or to new Tournament Organizers. As Major status provides considerable cachet and an expected increase in attendance, it is not without value. Any change in event quality, for better or worse, would also be expected to reflect on the organization's reputation.
- **Stimme will be reaching out to each of the current TOs of Majors to let them know that if they ever choose to give up organization, the NAF asks to be involved in selection of the new location and new TO, even if this is only to confirm an organizer's preferred successor. Additionally, the NAF wants to let new and existing TOs know that the committee is available to support in preparation and planning for a successful event.**
- The NAF discussed and concluded that a minimum tournament attendance would not be a criterion for maintaining tournament location/organization rights of a NAF Major at this time.
- Nationals will continue to be reassigned at the discretion of their national staff, as designed
- Scotland recently qualified to host a National. The committee decided that sanctioning of a Scotland national would be acceptable if pursued, contrary to original announcement. FIFA rules were cited, as they are also used for certain other NAF matters.

Website and IT Update

- We have regained complete functionality again of the website which has had a new facelift with new imagery and user navigation which has been getting positive member feedback.
- There is an ongoing email issue where emails distributed from thenaf.net domain are being blocked. A team has been identified to access the Bluehost account and perform the necessary actions to complete the needed credentials.
 - A short-term fix may be to use a 3rd Party Service to redirect thenaf.net emails to an approved email distributor.
- The tournament database is being purged of tournaments with no games recorded. The IT team is also looking to identify if an email reminder can be sent to TO's after a certain amount of time such as 30-days to ensure more frequent result reporting.



New NAF Gift Design and Production

- The committee has reviewed and approved the new NAF gift prototype. The design will be sent to the supplier for production. Geggster will be copied on invoices for payment for Gift production.

Membership Gift Distribution

- Sebco has become overwhelmed with the MD duties. An increase in new membership price/renewal was suggested to potentially cover payment for an individual/company to take on distribution as a solution to the overwhelming responsibilities.
- NAF is researching possibilities to use a drop-shipping company to source out the shipping of gifts. Max number of packages sent was 700 packages in Feb 2023, with near 50% being continental Europe. (Note that this number is unusually high due to a stocking delay and need to catch up.)
 - If this approach is taken, the MD would still need to still coordinate with those companies and pull from the NAF database on a monthly or semi-monthly basis to distribute the gifts.
 - Gifts to countries with lower membership numbers, such as those in South America or Africa, would continue to be done by the MD without the need of a drop-shipping company. Similarly, countries with relatively contented distributors such as those in North America could retain their current set-up for as long as it makes sense.
- This use of a drop-shipping company may result in a necessary price increase in membership price to assist in covering expenses. As prices have not been raised in some time, this is thought to be acceptable.
- Considerations are out there to only allow past year gift via in-person registration and renewal. The committee agreed that the duties of distribution for either the Membership Director or drop-shipper would be easiest if only the latest NAF annual gift is the available online gift option. Other past annual NAF gifts would be available for in person renewals or signups based on availability.
- **Stimme will update the automatic membership email to let members know that it takes 12-16 weeks for packaging and delivery of the NAF gift, and they should only reach out after that time has passed.**
- **Stimme and Geggster will take the first attempt at trying to acquire quotes from a company in Continental Europe for a trial distribution period of shipping. If successful, the distribution can be extended to other members in other regions of the world.**

24 Patch Production Update

- Gaixo updated the committee that the 24 Patch production is delayed for production due to the NAF wanting to take advantage of free rush and 20% discount from the supplier. The order is anticipated to go into production in late May.
- Patches should be available in time for distribution at the V NAF World Cup in Alicante.

Tournament Series Badges

- The NAF is attempting to identify the individuals to perform the design of the tournament series badges to be ready for 2023 end of year. Manufacturing of such badges is typically quick so no special concerns with time.
- The committee discussed a design contest for Tournament Series Badge design as a good way to get a fresh look on designs. This approach previously used for other NAF projects. The NAF will mention that the selection of and use of that design would not be guaranteed. Designs should not have a year on it so it could be used for a few years at a time and the NAF could take advantage of production quantity discounts.
- **Gaixo and Megamind will work on putting out a design contest via social media platforms for the new Tournament Series Badge design.**



Future NAF World Cup 2027

- **Stimme will lead preparing a timetable for release for selecting the next 2027 VI NAF World Cup hosts.**
- Some countries that have requested a schedule are Malta, UK, and USA, who have all shown an interest in putting in a bid for VI NAF World Cup.
- Due to the large size of the World Cup and its quickly growing attendee numbers a good winning bid may need professional help/support for running the event rather than a small group of TO's.

Current NAF World Cup 2023

- Stimme has been and will continue coordinating with Ulvardar regularly for NAF World Cup updates. Much of the social media hype has died down since the deadline for registration has passed.
 - Current attendee numbers exceeded 2,200 coaches.
 - **Stimme will see about reaching out to Ulvardar to schedule a 2 on 1 discussion between select NAF committee members and World Cup Organizers to let them know the committee is available for support and to get updates on any schedules so coordination for news release can be more fluid.**
- The next major World Cup deadline is mid-July for finalizing rosters. **Megamind will use the NAF media platforms to target periodic warnings to attendees that the deadline is approaching.**

NAF OBBLM Status Update

- The NAF OBBLM is currently stable, with very few bugs and fully functioning for BB2020 Leagues including league re-draft capabilities and Dungeon Bowl teams. Any new features are just extra features on top at this point.
- Developers are currently working on moving from php 5.7 to php 7 compatibility which is a more stable version which should also self-hosted league commissioners the ability to find more hosting.
- The next improvement is currently built-in random skill/roll generation, but that is a substantial amount of coding and may be a fair bit off from completion.

Treasury Update

- The NAF is doing well financially nearing record setting amounts. The current available funds are at approximately \$36,000 USD. Our current accounts are healthy and receiving more income than expenditures currently.
- **Account reports are still in process by Geggster and will be distributed to the committee via email prior to the next meeting for review and approval before distribution.**
- The NAF PayPal account will be the sole account for the NAF moving forward. The UK Sterling bank account will be closed. This will be simplifying the transfer of treasury duties if a new treasurer is elected.

Action Items

- **Bolded in the above Meeting Minute text.**

Next Meeting

- Anticipated in 6 weeks for another update meeting on or near June 24, 2023.