



Meeting Minutes

Meeting name NAF Committee Meeting	Subject March 2024 Committee Meeting	Attendees Shirokov, President Dreamscreator, Vice President Ulvardar, Treasurer Stimme, Tournament Director Megamind, League Director Twyllenimor, Membership Director Volkajo, Ethics Committee Member
Meeting date March 17, 2024	Time 11:00 AM EDT/16:00 CET	
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 and highlight current issues to the newly added members of the committee, Shirokov, Dreamscreator and Ulvardar.

Committee Member Introductions

- Each attendee on the call went through introduction of their role and responsibilities and recent work efforts within the NAF in recent years.

Ethics Committee Update

- Progress Update
 - Code of Conduct/NAF Charter Update
 - The Code of Conduct (CoC) has been drafted by the Ethics Committee and is being reviewed by the NAF committee members. **NAF Committee members will provide feedback and comments to Volkajo regarding the draft documents.**
 - Once it is approved the Ethics Committee is going to have it translated into various languages.
 - An additionally drafted “Good Behaviour” guide in layman’s terms is being suggested as an adjacent document to support the CoC for the expectations of all members or attendees of a NAF sanctioned tournament, as the CoC does not cover all topics the Ethics committee feel is important for a positive NAF play experience.
 - Suspension Appeal and Current/Open Complaints
 - Recent membership has requested that complaints, suspensions, bans, etc could be made public. All complaints and the outcome of decisions received continue to remain anonymous at this time. It was agreed by all members on the call it should remain as such and be on a need-to-know basis. This approach allows everyone to feel safe and comfortable to come forward with a complaint/concern without fear of being publicly exposed or posted.
 - Diversity, inclusion, and equality are important topics of the current Ethics board initiative and will be pursued and focused on as soon as the Code of Conduct/NAF Charter have been updated and those tasks are completed.
 - Mr_Frodo has stepped away from the Ethics Committee for personal reasons and the Ethics Committee is looking to appoint a new member and review the previous unselected applications that were submitted. **Megamind will send the resumes of members to the Ethics Committee for their review and selection.**
- Future Communication Coordination



- Dreamscreator suggested the Ethics Committee work on a flow chart or list of example complaints or concerns and lay out when escalation beyond the RC/NC input, Ethics Committee decision, or NAF Committee input are required. **Volkajo will work with the Ethics Committee to draft a FAQ or guidance for decision making.**
- The Ethics Committee plans to have a representative at the future NAF meetings to give updates.

Communication Deficits

- Translation Working Group
 - Dreamscreator has requested that critical NAF news updates such as elections or updates to the CoC should be translated on all platforms. **Megamind will contact the existing translation group and see if they would be open to translating more than just the occasional social media post.**
 - The official communications, if possible, should be translated to more languages. **Shirokov and Dreamscreator will review the NAF website and see where we are lacking certain languages on things like CoC, NAF Charter, organization documents, variant rules, etc.**
 - **Stimme will investigate the potential to add a google translate function to the website for faster translations for our non-English speaking members.**
- Discord
 - A NAF Committee discord sub section will be established on the existing NAF discord to promote working groups or various topics that require more discussion and coordination. This does not replace the video meetings as they are more productive at decision making but may encourage more direct and pointed discussions regarding various topics to keep committee meetings short.
 - WhatsApp will remain the day-to-day communication medium for NAF committee members.
 - **Volkajo is one of the current NAF server admins and will handle composition of the modified Discord and establish roles to create the working group locations on the official NAF Discord.**

World Cup Bid/Selection Process

- The NAF Committee is planning to open the advertisement for bid for the next world cup.
 - The Committee is anticipating the opening for bid in early April. **Stimme will lead coordination and advertisement of the bid.**
 - The NAF Committee plans to give prospective bidders 5 to 6 months to complete the bid package.
 - Estimated notice of award is planned for September/October 2024 in order to give approximately 3 years for the awarded bidder time to coordinate planning and execution.
 - Megamind recommended a ranking to the vote to generate a score of each bidder, i.e. every voter would select first choice, second choice, etc.. This would provide a fall back if the winning bidder was to fall out for unexpected reasons.
 - **Ulvardar is preparing a brief document using his World Cup organization experience on what could be improved in future World Cups and provide some guidance and feedback to bidders on his lessons learned.** This is planned to be in the advertisement to bid and will be expanded on once the notice of award.

NAF Tournament Software

- Many organizers use Score, ExScore, Tourma, or Tourplay for score-keeping during tournaments. Several other solutions exist, but no modern software that is officially endorsed and provided by the NAF. The NAF Committee is planning to establish a working group to create a more official NAF tournament software. The current Score code is not available, so updates to the program is very difficult. **Stimme will lead the working group to compose a tournament software in which the NAF has control over providing rapid updates.**



Website IT Security

- Stimme suggested that a group be established to provide basic maintenance of the website, as the current website administrator has been unresponsive and it is currently being left to him for updates.
 - The main issue is that the internal member website has been built with such an old platform and a quick update is not possible. Stimme suggests that the NAF seek out quotes from a professional website consultant to review our website for improvements and/or to construct us a brand-new website from scratch with critical functionality.
 - This improvement would also support the NAF's goal of ensuring our member data is protected as best as possible from a data breach.

NAF OBBLM

- Megamind updated that our lead OBBLM programmer will lead a new technical team of volunteers to update the NAF hosted OBBLM and github to include improved website functionality and be updated to the latest version of php.

Variant Draft Rules

- Draft documents for BB2020 versions of Beach Bowl, Deathbowl, Street Bowl and Draft have been sent for review and are planned to be updated on the website.
- Dreamscreator requested they be translated into other languages to potentially gain them more popularity.

2024 Membership Gift Update

- The 2024 Membership Gift update is going well. All the gift tokens have been shipped to all countries. The dice are still in production.
 - Twyllenimor updated that the new gift will be available in time for the NAFC.
- The distribution of gifts remains a problem. The gifts are being shipped from a Germany based company currently but outside of Germany can be very expensive.
 - The NAF is wanting its NC/RC to move with encouraging more people to renew in person to both reduce the work and time as well as the cost of distribution.
 - Shirokov suggested if possible that the member pay the shipping cost and the rate be decided for each country at the time of online renewal.
 - A membership price increase of \$2 would be enough to offset the costs but the current amount in the NAF treasury is healthy and can offset some lost therefore, at this time a price membership increase is not necessary.
 - **Stimme will update the website to have an address confirmation pop up for online renewals to verify that they will be delivered to the correct location and not returned to sender.**

Bretonnian and Gnome Race

- A working group is going to be established in to discuss the potential inclusion of Bretonnian as an available race for NAF tournament play.
- Shirokov also suggested that the revision of the Gnome team roster/rules be investigated as soon as GW publishes the rules.
- All rule related discussions were placed on hold until the working groups could be established.

Action Items

Action items are in **BOLD**.



Next Meeting

- Anticipated in 4 weeks for another update meeting on or near April 17, 2024.