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From: nafaboard@yahoogroups.com on behalf of Mike Smith [mjscollie@peoplepc.com]
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Subject: [nafaboard] Fw: take to the board, please

I don't have an answer to this one. I know we have brought this issue up before, but I would like to see if we can put this on the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

Mike

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From: bcraig498@aol.com
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On the EJS again...
on one chat, I wrote that *someone* needs to be responsible, in some way, for the EJS. Sam's response was *who wants to be "responsible" for a \$12,000 piece of equipment ??*

I said *I WOULD !!*

Of course, only a total loss would bring that kind of claim...
but something needs to be done to make people accountable to NAFA for that kind of investment... an investment ALL of us want to fully enjoy the game. There needs to be a form with the tourney reporting -- sent separately to Todd (or whoever can REALLY look at it and evaluate the condition of that particular set of EJS) signed off by the TD and RD... Listing the ID of the set, where it came from, who kept it, where it is going... people need to vouch for its care and its safety. Pictures can easily be taken to document damages, or lack of damages....

Where do the majority of EJS *sit* between tourneys ?? Shipping them *home* is wasteful -- they have to be *somewhere* -- so how are they taken care of now ?? This needs to be looked into and expanded on. (Renting storage space for them is cheaper than shipping them, btw.)

NAFA doesn't want to be the bad guy ?? Then make SOMEONE responsible for the set in their region. The RD comes to mind BUT the RD can *appoint* a trusted club or person to do it if they can't. For instance, the *Florida* set could easily live at IPOC (FAX). The club has the space, and it is unlikely anyone would ever even MOVE the cases between tourneys. Right now, only three clubs are hosting all the tourneys -- same people will always be moving and handling them, and even when we grow that won't change because other clubs are very happy to have someone *experienced* set up the lights, BECAUSE they are such a big investment and important part of the game.

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Surely we (NAFA) can find SOMEONE in each region who can do this.. as important as this equipment is, there has to be people willing to take this on to ensure we enjoy our playtime with reliable equipment. It is likely that someone may be able to take on this job for a majority of the regions -- someone who attends all or most tourneys, who can find a way to transport the set, help set it up, pack it, and return it to storage.

This scenario would require a set for each region or area... but I think the results would be more beneficial than shipping a set from Florida to Virginia to Missouri to Florida to Alabama... However, nothing is going to work unless and until people are taking REAL responsibility for the protection of the EJS.

Thanks....

Barbara Craig
(Sundogs)

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