

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL - MEETING 10-24-2005

Minutes of the meeting conducted in person.

President Mike Jablonski called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM.

Attendance: Officers

Mike Jablonski P Shawn Hughes P Scott Tater P John Thomas P Steve Coatney P
Mike Sayers P Debi Koltoniak A Conston Taylor A Kate Fitkin P Dan Costigan A
Doug Fellman P Jim Michon P Craig Mcleod A Ginnie Uhley P Dave Carrico A

Attendance: Team Racer Representatives

Yas Miyawaki AA (A) Mark Banninger P (A) Peggy Konsza SM (A) Dennis Doherty SN (A)
Bruce Johnson GM (A) Paul Mooradian R (P) Robert Morey SM (A) Ken McLaughlin SW (P)
Foster Butler JD (A) Gary Konsza SM (P) Gary Bloodworth SN (P) Peggy Lowe SW (P)
Cynthia Ross SD (A) Mick Serafinski TR (P) Mike Ault T (P) Greg Glassco SD (P)

Officers Reports:

President – Mike Jablonski

Race Summit that was held at Boyne Highlands had about 400 attendees, and was good. Cary says it will be back next year.

Searchmont: Talked with Jamie Horbatuck yesterday. There is a meeting with private investors to get a grant from the Providence to keep the area open. If Searchmont closes, an alternative would be Boyne Highlands. Cary Adgate said he would hold a training day, similar to the Searchmont format. Blue Mountain was brought up, but no discussions have been held with them and it is doubtful we could make all the arrangements at this late date. For this year it will have to be Searchmont or Boyne Highlands. We will give Searchmont till the 14th of November to get their act together.

Boyne Mountain: They are going to make some sculpturing changes to the north run on Superbowl. Lift tickets will continue to be sold in the Othmar Chalet. The tubing park is gone. Nastar has been moved to North McClouth.

Vice-President - Kate Fitkin

Preseason training: Nothing specific has been set up yet. Suggestion was made to make a specific proposal to Boyne on what we would like rather than relying on them for alternatives.

Finances – Scott Tater

We are about the same as we were last year at this time; maybe a little better. There are no financial difficulties. Mike is to check on our locker before we pay. They may have been moved. Scott has bill and will hold till he hears from Mike.

Computers, Software & Results – Steve Coatney

There is nothing to report at this time, waiting to get software license.

Timing - Shawn Hughes

Looking for the starters from last year to integrate with the timing people. Inside starters this year will be a part of the timing personnel group.

Web Site & Rules – Mike Sayers

The 15 year old age limit for racers is posted on the web. We lost the web for 10 days. Shawn found a new web site provider and we are back up and running. The new people are less expensive than the old. Although GS handicaps are typically lower than SL, The gap in ours seems to be growing. Everyone that upgraded last year was because of his or her GS handicap. Mike is going to investigate an adjustment to bring the GS and SL handicaps more in line with one another. This will be done before the start of the season.

Race Workers – Jim Michon

The latest version of the tracking system used last year will continue to be used this year to report violations. Will try and keep it up-to-date. Working with Dennis Parrot to get the old sign-up pages on line along with the new pages for Chief of Course and maintenance.

There was a big discussion on the new method for signing up starters and announcers. This doesn't leave much for the clubs to make work assignments. It was decided to proceed with the new system to see how it works out. We can always go back to the old way. We will still have all the old positions, with just a different way of assigning who works them. Racers can still volunteer for any position that they have previously performed.

Awards & Sponsors – John Thomas

Need idea for awards. Discussion was held on what to give out. Ideas taken from the floor, and the two most popular, Highball glasses or Beer glasses were then voted on by a show of hands. Beer glasses won out and will be the awards for next season.

Don Thomas has been sold and will be part of the Summit Sports chain.

Registration & Bibs – Ginnie Uhley

We have 9 registrations so far. The warning to high school racers should not be under liabilities, but rather a note warning them that racing in the MACC could affect their eligibility to race in High School Races.

Equipment – David Carrico

Not present. No report

Course Setting – Dan Costigan

Dan is taking over the course setting from Bob Simpson. We want to keep the change of hills for at least one race possible two.

Course Operations – Craig McLeod

Not present, no report. Sign up for COC and Maintenance will be on the Web.

Publicity & Recruitment – Debi Lewis-Koltoniak

Not present, no report. Debbi has updated the application. She will be sending out a letter on recruitment and racing materials, and will also be updating the banner with the word council.

Correspondence – Doug Fellman

Newsletter – Conston Taylor

Not present, no report. Conston will be back the end of this week and will be putting out the newsletter.

Old Business: Name change was brought up, but it has already been decided to keep the MACC name, because of its current, much improved recognition factor.

New Business: May need to establish a minimum number of meetings for which attendance is required by race reps to allow them to count as a work assignment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Next meeting: November 14, 2005 (This is a call in meeting.)

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Respectfully submitted,
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