

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 2-17-2026

Minutes of the meeting:

Shawn Hughes called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM.

Attendance – Officers:

Shawn Hughes – P	Art LeVasseur – A	Ginnie Uhley – P	Mike Hietbrink – P	Ryan Bloodworth – P
Kurt Adams – P	Jenessa Hilger – P	Mike Sayers – P	Nick Carrico – P	Dave Carrico – P
Grace Kerbrat – P	Bill Perlmutter – A	Dennis Parrott – P	Zach Jablonski – A	Alex Carrico – A
Chuck White – P	Drew Hilger – P			

Attendance – Team Racer Representatives:

Alan Osterdale AA – P	Gary Konsza SD – A	Chip Dayton SW – P	Sue Holmes RN – A	Gary Bloodworth SN – A
Rick Van Houdt TR – P	Mike Jablonski TB – A	Denise Miller TR – A	Kathy Bauer TR – A	

General Updates – Shawn Hughes – Motion to approve minutes from Mike Sayers, Alan seconds. Nobody opposed, minutes are approved.

Updates from Boyne – Last weekend didn't go ideally at Helga Haus, it worked but we were spread out. Just got an answer from Boyne a few minutes ago and we will be in the basement of the civic center. For results, Boyne doesn't want us putting things on their walls, so we can put them on a table near registration. Races went well last weekend, had good weather. Four weeks until banquet, planning is well underway. Ticket sales will open soon; Alex is working with sponsors for banquet items.

If race reps have nominations for the Bernie Bast award, get those in. We will be on North Noyne again this weekend. Grace – Will we be in the open in the basement? Shawn – Probably. There isn't a ton of traffic, so a corner and a few tables is what we usually use.

Race Reps:

Rick – Some members were talking about not having lane fees, and if some of that money can go towards the banquet fees. Shawn – Alex has mentioned that as well, maybe using some of that money to keep the ticket prices the same, but spend a little more money to get a better meal. Also, when we were setting gates for North Boyne, we were quite low on red gates. Also, we have some older computers that need to be replaced. So, we are looking at roughly 1,000 dollars to replace the computers. Rick – Another question people were asking, is if we could start the Sunday afternoon race earlier. So, people can get on the road a little earlier. One other thing, the weather is going to be messy the next couple days, but hopefully the snow holds out for the weekend. Shawn – For race start time, also got a request to start the Sunday race earlier. Was a little hesitant to have different race times on each day, but that's not the biggest issue. The course setters/timers/etc. all need to be able to turn the course around, while also getting ready to race/eat lunch/etc. Nick – It's hard to flip a course, have time for some food, then inspect and race. Especially if things don't go smoothly with the course reset.

Ryan – I have heard some requests to reverse start orders once in a while. Shawn – We could do that; might depend on how much work it is for Chuck. Also, this could run the risk of people being late because they might not know that they need to be there right away. Dennis – Considering the numbers, do we always need to fully reset the second course? If we didn't have to reset it, or if we could get away with just tweaking a couple of gates. Sayers – This is hard if you have course setters/pacesetters that have run the first course and need to race the second course. And hard to schedule ahead of time, if the course gets beat up, it will need to change. Grace – This would save us time but could also upset people if they are already getting a beat-up course. It would likely increase the chance of people complaining. Nick – The only time we could have gotten away with not resetting courses has been on North Boyne, we pretty much always need to reset the course on Superbowl. Chuck – We also need time for the timers to finish up, inspect, and get ready to race.

Updates – Art LeVasseur – Not present.

Banquet Updates – Alex Carrico – Not present, but Boyne is asking a head count. Will use registration numbers to get them a rough number.

Finances – Mike Hietbrink – \$16,152 in the bank. If there are any receipts, let him know. For the gates and computers, we should have the cash to make the purchases.

Registration – Ginnie Uhley – No updates. Guest registration is open. Chuck still needs the latest update to the registration file. Grace does as well.

Course Operations – Dennis Parrott – Unfortunately out for the rest of the season due to shoulder. Crew is a little thin this weekend. If anyone is available to work on course 1, we will likely need them. Banquet app is mostly ready to go, perhaps tomorrow morning we could have Grace send out the link. Additional website security is also in place, just needs some testing. Will not be there this weekend, so Alan and Steve have offered to help.

Course Officials – Jenessa Hilger – No protests last weekend. A couple of people mentioned that there were some slips in the middle of the classes. Dennis – Was made aware of that as well and will address.

Handicaps and Statistics – Chuck White – Results are up, one upgrade, congrats to Alfred. Motion to approve from Sayers, Dave seconds. Nobody opposed, results are approved. Shawn – Did get one computer in for 200, seems to work pretty well. Would likely be looking at around \$700 to get 3 computers. Chuck – Ginnie, do you know when you will be up? Can we look at your computer this weekend at some point? Ginnie – Won't be up Thursday. Chuck – Can we store stuff overnight in the Civic Center? Preferably downstairs. Shawn – Will check when I talk to Kayla tomorrow.

Course Setting – Nick Carrico – We are going through red gates quite quickly, for whatever reason the reds break more often than blues. Went through all 10 reds that we ordered a couple years ago. We should be good for this weekend but will need to order more gates for next year. Guessing if we do the same order (10 and 10) it would be around \$500. Should be good on course setters for this weekend. Shawn – For the Cantor Cup format, any suggestions? Nick – We can't really do a Super G, so maybe we could do a dual GS or something like that. Maybe a paneled slalom. Not sure if we can use both starts though to do a dual. Sayers – A paneled slalom is a neat experience. Shawn – Will check with Jeff to see if there are two starts on Superbowl. Dave – Talked to them about the wires, it sounds like they likely don't have everything fully setup. If they have the snow this weekend, they will likely have a wire from FIS to Superbowl, CUSSA demanded one for their races this weekend. Nick – We might be able to set a Super G and slalom both on Superbowl. If there is snow, we should have enough room for both. Shawn – Let's investigate our options this weekend and decide. Will also depend on Chuck being able to run a race with dual racers. Chuck – The software is capable of running it, we will just need to do some testing to make sure it works.

Grace – Since we are on North Boyne again, is Boyne responsible for netting between North Boyne and Express? Can they run it down further? Shawn – Will ask about it.

Equipment – Dave Carrico – Good for this weekend, unless anyone has any questions.

Timing – Kurt Adams – No updates.

Race workers – Bill Perlmutter – Not present.

Awards – Zach Jablonski – Not present.

Publicity – Grace Kerbrat – As far as banquet sales go, do we want a separate email to go out, or should it just be in the normal newsletter. Shawn – Smaller emails are more likely to be read. For this weekend, let everyone know that registration and results will be in the basement. Do we need to put something in there about lane fees not being paid, and that we are using the money to improve the banquet food? Drew – Seems like a good idea to be as transparent as possible. Dennis – Will forward the link later tonight to Grace for the banquet. Kurt – Did they just not bill us for the lane fees? Shawn – Kayla hinted at lane fees possibly not being implemented this year, but we didn't know for sure until a few days before our first race. Might have also been related to Boyne not being 100% ready for us (early chair lift access, FIS to Superbowl races, etc.)

Webmaster – Mike Sayers – Minutes are on the website. Do we know where the team trophies are? Shawn – Kayla emailed right before the meeting, she said they located them, but don't know exactly where they are. Sayers – Fixed a gatekeeping link on the website and updated the team winners from the last couple years. And if Grace can send a pdf when the newsletter goes out, he will post that as well.

New business –

2027 Schedule – Shawn – Currently talking about next year's schedule with Boyne. Looking at Jan 9th, Jan 23rd, Feb 5th, Feb 20th, and Mar 5th. This avoids holidays and tries to go every other week. Basically, it copies this year's schedule, adjusted to fit onto next year's weekends. The good news is, Boyne is asking for it now, so we should be able to get it nailed down early. Will send to Boyne to see if they are ok with it.

Drew – Short answer is no swing this year. Asked when the Superbowl lift came down, the chairs ended up getting moved to another lift, so not sure if they were available. It wouldn't hurt to ask but might be very unlikely. Shawn – Will mention it and see if there are any available. Drew – Should ask if they have any sitting around that they want to get rid of. May also mention that they don't need to build a full swing for us, if they can just provide the raw chair.

Secretary – Ryan Bloodworth – All set on attendance, no updates.

Motion to adjourn from Mike Sayers, seconded by Chip. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.