

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – IN-PERSON MEETING 4-24-2019

Minutes of the meeting:

Ginnie Uhley called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

Attendance – Officers:

Gary Bloodworth – P	Shawn Hughes – P	Steve Coatney – A	Mike Hietbrink – P	Jeanette Uhley – A
Mike Sayers – P	Debi Koltoniak – P	Zach Jablonski – A	Drew Hilger – A	Bill Perlmutter – A
Ginnie Uhley – P	Dave Carrico – P	Lou Oles – A	Alex Carrico – P	Jason Kanakry – P
Kermit Anderson – A	Ryan Bloodworth – P	Kathy Bauer – A	Dennis Parrott – P	Renee Churette – P

Attendance – Team Racer Representatives:

Chip Dayton SW – P	Denise Miller TR – A	Alan Osterdale AA – P	Scott Pyles RN – A	Chuck White - P
Stephan Morgan JD – A	Gary Konsza SC – P	Mike Jablonski TB – P	Pat Groves TO – P	
Rob Reader SD – A	Mick Serafinski TR – P	Holly Polopolos AA – A	Sue Holmes RN – P	

General Updates – Ginnie Uhley – Requests motion to approve the schedule for next year. Dennis motions, Chip seconds. Nobody opposed, motion passes. Ginnie will make sure everyone has a copy of the new schedule. Alex asks if it will include classes, Ginnie says it will just be the dates, no class info will be added until we get closer to the actual race weekends.

Updates – Alex Carrico – Some shirts are still available if anyone would like one. Over the Summer, the rules committee will be headed by Drew. Sponsors for next year should all be the same. If anyone knows of anyone else who would like to be a sponsor, please let Alex know.

Finances – Mike Hietbrink – Season ended with around \$6,000 in the bank. There may be some small one time expenses, like shirts, but we should be good to keep around \$5,000 in the bank for emergencies. Ginnie asked for a banquet report. Mike said the check was for a little over \$4,000, roughly the same as last year. As far as having the banquet room for next year, Ginnie says we haven't gotten a solid answer from Boyne. Boyne did say that if the same room isn't available, they will definitely make sure we get a different room that will meet our needs.

Sub-committee Reports:

Banquet Committee – Denise Miller and Dan Aitken – Not present, no updates.

Race Shack Renovation Committee – Mike and Ted Jablonski – Meeting with Boyne in May, expect an email around then for the next steps. We hope to schedule work parties to get people to help with the renovations. No experience required to come help.

Handicap Calculations – Mike Sayers – There are currently three documents on the website to help explain how handicaps work. Every year we go through and make some slight adjustments to the system to bring slalom and giant slalom handicaps closer together. Nastar uses your time and a zero-par time (set by a single pace setter) to calculate handicaps, but this doesn't account for course difficulty. For our races, we use almost everyone on the course, and this allows us to take course difficulty into account. Dennis asked if we should have a set procedure for this process or if we should bring in additional people. Mike said we are currently using old code from the late 90s that very few people have even looked at. Steve Coatney is currently the only one that has access to it, so it would probably be a good idea to bring in a few more people to look at it.

Team Point Calculations – Chuck White – Chuck took data from each race and plotted it on multiple graphs. The results based on team size was fairly flat, indicating that team size didn't have a large impact on results. Results based on class size weren't quite as flat, showing that there was some bias towards smaller classes. At this point, while there may be some things that we can adjust to make it more balanced, Chuck doesn't recommend any changes. Mick pointed out that there were quite a few races this year that counted less than 5 racers in each team. Chuck agreed, but added that the more people we count, the more bias it gives towards smaller teams. Gary pointed out that we didn't have any classes this year that even had 9 racers, and asked if this matters? Chuck said that having a threshold higher than the class size isn't necessarily a bad thing. Dennis said it's much harder to beat a big class than to just stand up for 2 runs, and added that there is no perfect solution, as every change we make is going to introduce some bias that will help certain groups while hurting others.

Trip Planning Committee – Renee Churette – We have talked about doing a group outing, either for leisure or racing, and we plan on putting out a survey to determine if there is any interest from the racers. We will need to plan something by the fall for it to happen this year. More than likely we would look to plan something for March, but we will put out a questionnaire and determine where to go from there. Alex asked if this would happen as early as 2020 or 2021. Renee said we could make 2020 work for going out west if there is interest. Will try to get a survey out within the next couple days.

Web/IT Strategic Plan Committee – Dennis Parrot – MACC has a need to upgrade both their website and their IT. Upgrading these systems will help quite a bit with making all our resources more accessible. The purpose of this subcommittee is to manage systems and make them work better. MACC is a business, and we need to do a better job of securing a sustainable future. We are currently facing a few big issues: loss of a few key people would devastate MACC, customer experience can be lacking, MACC has no common platform for interaction. When talking to people, it has become clear that MACC needs a broad modernization plan. This includes upgrading the website to be phone friendly. Our website is how customers, reps, directions, sponsors, and future racers all see us. There are also other projects that need to be addressed: MACC document archive, official MACC email addresses, website redesign, increased social media use, document computing assets, define handicap processes, and addressing need for common computing platform. Mike Sayers pointed out that this will require a lot of money and/or work. Alex agreed, but added that this would also make quite a bit of our current work easier. Dennis finished up by adding that there aren't answers, but they are points that we will want to evaluate further to see if there are feasible solutions.

Review of 2019 Season

Registration - Jeannette Uhley – Jeannette not present but sent updates to Ginnie. Paypal and online registration both worked great. There were a lot of comments/requests from people registering asking about classes. Specifically, there were quite a few requests for vet woman classes. We don't currently have a lot of vet classes for women, and this could potentially lead to some women leaving. Someone asked if we have the ability to email old racers, and Shawn said that we do, our current email list is about 300 people.

Course Operations – Dennis Parrott – We had a good season; the whole course ops team did a great job. Everyone shows up early or on time and ensures that everything runs well. Over the last 3 years, we have tried to do educate all the workers as much as possible to make sure everything goes smoother “next time.” The team has learned quite a bit, but they need to make sure they are following the specified processes every race. Dennis will be writing up a procedure manual for course ops. The current cheat sheets we have are out of date and missing some info; they will also be updated. There are some staffing concerns, as the bulk of the people who qualify and want to work come from course 1. We tend to regularly be short on workers for course 1 though. The ones we have do a great job, but we simply don't have the same numbers as we do for course 2.

Course Officials – Drew Hilger – Not present. Informal protests were sent out to everyone with the meeting agenda.

Course Setting – Jason Kanakry – We are good on gates, as we didn't really go through too many this year. We have lots of spare shafts as well. We should look into getting new bits for our drills, to reduce battery use. These are roughly \$163 each. They aren't an absolute need but would help quite a bit. Ginnie asked if the signage at the top of hill was helpful. Jason said it helped a little but could be more helpful. Letting everyone know that the course inspection is in-and-out by default was helpful.

Equipment – Dave Carrico – We definitely need another set of headphones. This will cost around \$1000. Timers should last another 5 years but will cost about \$5000 if/when they do finally break. Mick is looking into our fencing to see if we need to replace any poles.

Timing – Shawn Hughes – Timers had a good season. All the timers are pretty experienced and fairly consistent with how they all do things. Ginnie pointed out that we want to continue to make sure the timers are aware of who is on the course when starting the next racer. For example, making sure we hold Kermit/Jason a little longer to make sure the person before them is a safe distance down the hill. Alex said they had a reoccurring issue on her course where the results weren't being announced properly after the second run. Shawn agreed, and will work to make sure this is addressed with any new timers.

Race workers – Bill Perlmutter – Not present.

Computers – Steve Coatney – Not present.

Awards – Zach Jablonski – Not present. Dennis has extra awards if anyone needs them. Per Alex, Zach is working on a survey to send out for next year's awards.

Publicity – Debi Koltoniak – Typically the e-newsletter is well read and understood. People have been asking for the 2020 schedule, so we will make sure that goes out shortly. We will also push hard for people to recruit new members. Shawn recommends that we send out a newsletter letting member know they might get a survey email, so they don't immediately delete

it. Ginnie suggests that all the surveys be sent out as a single survey, so racers aren't forced to go through the process multiple times. Debi will also let the racers know that we will be using paypal again this year.

Webmaster – Mike Sayers – Minutes from the last meeting have been posted. Will also make sure to post the 2020 schedule. Ginnie will send an updated 2020 schedule image that doesn't have specific race times.

Officer Nominations

Ginnie nominates Alex for president. Mick seconds, nobody opposed. Motion passes.
Alex nominates Drew as vice president. Mick seconds, nobody opposed. Motion passes.

Renee asked if there have ever been plans for a summer event. Like kayaking or something similar up at Boyne. Alex said a few people have mentioned this and it would probably be good for building the program.

Alan motions to adjourn, Chip seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next meeting will be in the fall. Date is TBD.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.