

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 1-20-2021

Minutes of the meeting:

Alex Carrico called the meeting to order at 8:35 PM.

Attendance – Officers:

Alex Carrico – P	Drew Hilger – P	Ginnie Uhley – P	Mike Hietbrink – P	Ryan Bloodworth – P
Shawn Hughes – P	Steve Coatney – P	Mike Sayers – P	Kermit Anderson - P	Dave Carrico – P
Grace Patti – P	Bill Perlmutter – A	Dennis Parrott – P	Zach Jablonski – A	Debi Koltoniak – P
Chuck White – P	Jenessa Hilger – P			

Attendance – Team Racer Representatives:

Alan Osterdale AA – P	Alfred Cureau JD – P	Gary Bloodworth – A	Chip Dayton SW – P	Gary Konsza SD – A
Mick Serafinski TR – P	Mike Jablonski TB – P	Pat Groves TO – P	Sue Holmes RN – P	Denise Miller TR – A
Rob Reader – A				

General Updates – Alex Carrico – No questions about last meetings minutes. Motion to approve from Debi. Second from Alan. None opposed, motion approved.

Races this weekend are happening. Talked to Mark on Monday, there is not enough snow on FIS, but Superbowl is ready. Therefore, we will only be racing on Superbowl this weekend. There will also be some limitations. We can only use skiers left start, which is the one we usually use. Gates can only be set to center and left side of the run, as there is not enough snow near the tree line. The finish area will be more in the middle to account for this. Boyne will be pushing snow from FIS to Superbowl to make sure we can race. Very thankful that they are willing to do that. Requested that Dana Lewis check on the hill, but she wasn't able to go because it was raining on Friday. Since then, it has chilled enough to make snow.

Apparel store is not good news. Right before the store was supposed to go live, the company told us that they were going to charge \$150 to setup the website. Also, there would be a 40-order minimum for them to process any orders. Profits last year were at the most \$250, making the profits pretty small overall. Therefore, the store won't be happening this year. We just found out about this recently and it's too late for us to switch companies last minute. Debi will have to send out info, and just explain to everyone what happened.

There will be a seating chart for the Othmar this season. Dennis and Alex met up and cleaned out the Othmar, hopefully it is still clean and ready to go. Alex shared a diagram with everyone. Each tables will have specific roles/people (registration, worker sign up, etc.) assigned. Cleaning supplies are in closet. Supplies for hills will be in backpacks. We will also have some masks in the Othmar. Each table should have enough outlets for everyone to plug in laptops. At the end of the day, all items will need to go back into the small room. Boyne has made signs indicating that the Othmar is closed to the public. Alex has made signs that say racers may come in, but that they must leave immediately after doing their business. Results and schedule will be posted in the window.

Normally we ski the super g on North Boyne. Originally it wasn't going to be an option due to Boyne not having any registration space for us. But today, Boyne let us know that they found a room for us (Ramshead room). We would be limited to two people in the room. Kermit – It would be different, but we could make it work. If we had to do it on Superbowl, we would probably have to go across the guns and then come back. Having said that, there's no reason we shouldn't go to North Boyne. Would Boyne be able to build a start on the lift side of FIS? Alex – Mark has mentioned before that he could make us a start. Would have to confirm with him. Kermit – Either way, the course setting team will be able to make it work. Dennis – The number of people you can have in the Ramshead room is a little low. My vote is if they can build us a start, I vote for FIS. The reduced capacity on 6-man could also impact our race. Alex – Sounds like there isn't much of an opinion, so we will try to build a different start and try to run the super g on FIS. Dave – If we build a temp start, where would we finish? Kermit – we should just start and finish on FIS side. Once we get the start there, could we use it for GS too? Steve – Whichever hill is fine, but we will need to know ahead of time to make sure we are setup. Grace – For this year, it probably doesn't matter for the super g, but there are a lot of racers that prefer North Boyne. Alex – normally we try to have both Friday races there, so hopefully we will get back to that next year.

Updates – Drew Hilger – Only item is sponsors. Now that we know we are racing, we have reached out to sponsors. In the past, they have provided items for the banquet. Without having the banquet, we don't have a clear way for them to contribute. Since we want to retain them, we think we should ask them back, but not request too much from them. Our primary goal is to retain them for next season. Kermit agrees, but would still throw out conversation with potential future sponsors. Alex – One of the issues with not having a structured program is that it's hard to reach out. Most sponsors want clearly laid out information,

detailing exactly what they will provide, and what they will get back in return. And without that plan, it is hard to reach out. We are currently working on a plan though.

Finances – Mike Hietbrink – Not much new from last meeting. A little over \$8,600 in bank. Insurance for this year has been paid.

Registration – Ginnie Uhley – A few more racers have signed up. We lost 3 but gained 3. We now have 96 racers, 3 asked for refunds. Breakdown will be sent to Ryan to go out to board members. Registration times will go out in newsletter.

Handicaps and Statistics – Chuck White – There is a revised pacesetter schedule that went out after last meeting. Everyone should be good for this weekend as far as pacesetters go. Request for Ginnie, please put the pacesetter schedule in with start sheets. This gives the timers a chance to enter the info in ahead of time. Printed schedule will be fine, it has bib numbers on it now. For people in timing shack, what we are going to do is have the supervisor outside the timing shack. They will need an extra radio. One for in the shack, one outside for supervisor. Dennis says it won't be a problem.

Course Operations – Dennis Parrott – Mostly a full crew for this weekend, one starter short. We should have enough maintenance people. Looks like we will be in good shape for this weekend.

Course Officials – Jenessa Hilger – No updates.

Course Setting – Kermit Anderson – Joel will not be racing this year, but a friend of Joel/Jason's will be joining and helping with the course crew. Gary Konsza also accepted an invite to set a course as well.

Equipment – Dave Carrico – Going to go up early Friday morning to setup everything in the timing shacks so that he won't need to go in there Saturday morning. Alex – We are still waiting on confirmation from a Boyne rep, but if anyone is skiing at Boyne, can they check to see if start/finish shacks are padlocked? Some of us have keys, but the padlocks may be new, and our keys might not work.

Timing – Shawn Hughes – Timing staff should be good. Published a new announcers guide, added some social network stuff. Also reminding everyone to wipe everything down at the beginning and end of shifts. Alex – Sounds good, I will print something about the sanitation wipes being too wet for electronics. Will put the note in the backpacks. There are some procedures that need to be assigned to people. One thing that needs to be assigned is the backpacks being distributed and returned by the same person every day so they can be properly sanitized. Shawn volunteers.

Race workers – Bill Perlmutter – Not present, but Alex reports that Bill does not plan to enter any buildings this season. He also doesn't plan on collecting the green worker cards from the Othmar. He suggested that the chief signs off on workers being present. Dennis – Most of the green cards are from my crew, usually about 5 per race, 20 per weekend. They usually all show up, and if they aren't there, he knows. If someone joins on the fly, they should let Dennis know and he will note any additions. Shawn – Timers are on a schedule too, so he will know if anyone doesn't show up. Alex – We will make sure that worker sheets are copied and put in backpack at the top. For this season we will probably need each director to police their own crew's attendance and report if anyone doesn't show up. Alan – We could have the outside starter check off workers. Dennis – We could put up a sign that says to check with the outside starter before they go to their post.

Computers – Steve Coatney – Dennis, Ginnie, and Steve are working on printing out start sheets before the race.

Awards – Zach Jablonski – Not present, no updates.

Publicity – Debi Koltoniak – Not a lot of include in this newsletter. The race is on. GS and slalom will be on Superbowl. No apparel store due to vendor bad mojo. Description of the Othmar layout. We will also remind everyone to use signup genius if anyone needs to sign up for a work assignment. 96 racers signed up. Also, will send out the registration hours. Dennis – Forgot to mention that we need to roll out some training for the new gate judge cards. Will send Debi a link. Grace – Please remind racers to like and follow social media as well.

Webmaster – Mike Sayers – Updated the home page with Covid corner. Jenessa is now listed as director of course officials. Hours will be posted as "Othmar hours" so that people know that's when they need to visit to register, get bib, sign up for work, etc. Ginnie – There are always people that wait until the last minute to register, so we want to let them know when that window is.

Meeting adjourned. Our next meeting will be Feb 3rd at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.