

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 2-3-2021

Minutes of the meeting:

Alex Carrico called the meeting to order at 8:30 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 - A	Dave Carrico – P
Grace Patti – P	Bill Perlmutter – A	Dennis Parrott – P	Zach Jablonski – P	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 – P
Mick Serafinski TR – P	Mike Jablonski TB – P	Pat Groves TO – P	Sue Holmes RN – A	Denise Miller TR – A
Rob Reader – P				

General Updates – Alex Carrico – No questions on the minutes. Rob motions to approve, Mick seconds. None opposed, motion approved. No major issues from first weekend. The changes we made to the courses worked, worker pool was balanced between the two courses. Some shortages, but other workers stepped up to fill in. Othmar occupancy went well, no issues with too many people coming in. Everyone was wearing masks, no major complaints. Grace will send out another reminder of the classes in each course.

Talked to Mark, snow guns have been moved off of the hill into parking lot. The FIS start as of today is not complete. Pretty sure it will be done tomorrow. If we get up there and it isn't done, we will have to adjust. For the Super G, we want to use FIS for the extra space. We discussed doing a start off to the side of the current start. This created a couple potential problems with the timing equipment and delay our race if we run into any problems. We decided to use the start as it is. A diagram of the start procedure was sent out. We will restrict racers to a small opening at the base of the start hill. The outside starter will be there to direct everyone. One person at a time in the start, two people will be allowed on flat platform, and three people on the slope hiking up. Outside starter will need a loud voice, Dennis is working on that. People will NOT be allowed to pre-climb the hill to put their skis at the top. If a racer needs a little time to catch their breath, the starter will have to wait for them. FIS start procedure document covers all the rules people need to follow. The course crew has agreed to move netting up the hill. Dave will be in charge of drilling and putting it in. The plan for this weekend is to only use FIS for the Super G. We talked about using it for the GS as well, but it is probably best to use Superbowl for the other races, then discuss between weekends if it went well enough to use it for other weekends going forward.

Updated safe return to ski racing document. Gate storage shack entry has been changed in document. Updated the table of contents as well.

Boyne asked if we wanted to use North Boyne for the Friday of the last weekend. Registration room will still be very limited to how many people can enter. Gary K asked about having registration in the Othmar and the race on North Boyne. Most of the registration people have decided that the distance would be too great to pull that off.

The scheduling for the next year isn't normally brought up before talking to Boyne, but there is a scheduling issue for next year. The 4th race weekend would hit president's weekend. This would put 3 weeks between the 3rd and 4th race weekends. This would push the last weekend back to March 11-13th. This means we would be relying on good weather in mid-March. Steve asked about doing the last two weekends back-to-back. Alex said we have done back-to-back weekends before, but this would also be going into a 3 day weekend. So we would only have 4 days off between races. We will present these dates to Boyne and see what they think.

It is supposed to snow quite a bit this weekend. Sunday is also going to be very cold. Racers need to be ready to slip if it is snowing hard. We may be requiring multiple slips from all racers this weekend.

One of the things that Drew and Alex are hearing the most this year is that people miss the social aspects of MACC. They miss the awards, drinking with friends, etc. If we can provide some sort of award normalcy, we'd like to try to do that. A few other races have had awards, so we might be able to do the same. Plan is to have them outside, near the FIS finish. We can announce the awards from the speaker in the finish shack. This will allow people to utilize their cars and tents to hang out. People will still need to socially distance as much as possible. We did not order physical awards this year, so it has been suggested to use trophies from past years. Mike Jablonski has quite a few trophies to donate to the cause. Alex will also work with Laura to have a beer cart during that time as well. We are thinking about starting around 2:30-3. We would need enough time to finish the

results/protests/gate cards/etc. Steve said 3pm would work. Alex said this weekend will be cold, but people can always wait in their cars/tents. We will do the awards on Friday and Saturday. If it works out this weekend, we will update the covid procedure document. Announcer sheet will need to include an announcement about awards. Masks will be required at the awards as well. Steve said they had a tent at the Adgate race. Might be good for MACC to bring one so that the people presenting can have some snow cover. Chip said to make sure you bring some good snow stakes for the tent, as Ann Arbor had some issues last race weekend. Drew said the results will be read from inside the starting shack, but the awards themselves can be put under a tent.

Updates – Drew Hilger – Communicated the sponsor plan with our current sponsors. Feedback was limited, but positive. Will show sponsors the updated gate judge card with their logos on it. Alex said our sponsor plan has been documented as well and will give us something to show sponsors moving forward.

Finances – Mike Hietbrink – \$11,200 in accounts. Everything is up to date. Email and send receipts if you have anything that needs to be paid.

Registration – Ginnie Uhley – Presented registration report. Total number of racers is 100. Also included breakdown of numbers by classes and ages.

Handicaps and Statistics – Chuck White – Saw a couple unusual things with handicaps last weekend. We also have an updated pacesetter schedule. A little short on pacesetters this weekend, but we will make it work.

Course Operations – Dennis Parrott – Been busy trying to get gate judge education materials out to everyone. Will be releasing that tonight. There will be a new gate judge cheat sheet tonight. Missing about 20% of worker staff this weekend. May need quite a few of the racers to help out, especially with all the snow that is expected. Will also probably need to slip mid-course. With the new course setup, we were able to mix old course 1 and old course 2 racers together, so they could learn from each other. The talent pool to pull workers from was much better last weekend than it would have been if we used the same course setups as last year.

Course Officials – Jenessa Hilger – Just one incident, as an informal protest. It was resolved by the timers after the race before the results were posted.

Course Setting – Kermit Anderson – Jason is in Kermit's place for the meeting. Kermit will be gone this weekend, so Jason will be taking over for this weekend. Jason doesn't have anything to add. Alex said she will make sure they know to tell the chief-of-course about slipping and netting on FIS.

Equipment – Dave Carrico – Equipment is ok. Possible good news though, as Dave has a lead on a possible used timer that we can buy. No real details yet, just a potential lead. Alex said sounds good, keep us updated. Also, make sure we talk to Mike before we agree to make the purchase.

Timing – Shawn Hughes – Timers will know about announcing awards time. Will also announce the additional maintenance.

Race workers – Bill Perlmutter – Not on. Sent out a list of workers that didn't work the first weekend. Some were new racers. One racer that didn't work signed up for course maintenance but didn't show up. Alex will email that race rep to let them know. We are not going to take points away for this single instance, but if it continues, we will have to take action. Bill is also requesting that we change some procedures before the race. Dennis said he hasn't worked it out with bill, but we should be fine operating things as is for one more weekend. Course workers should report to outside starter to check in. Documents should be collected AFTER the race.

Computers – Steve Coatney – First, we need to approve the results. Chuck, Mike, and Steve need to look at the handicaps a bit more, but there haven't been any complaints about the times that have been posted. Alan motions to approve, Ginnie seconds. None opposed, results approved. We had an odd situation with course 1, race 2 – the handicaps just looked a little odd, so we will continue to look it over. We will be good for the race this weekend, everything is set.

Awards – Zach Jablonski – We have two potential world cup awards. About \$20 a piece. In the past, we have usually gone with the smallest option. Alex requested that Zach looks at the number of classes and gets prices together for the next meeting. Mike Jablonski said he should have some extra upgrade awards from last year, as they don't have years on them. Alex said the plaques in the Othmar need to be engraved as well, as they have not been updated with names from last year. We will also need to find a new engraver, as our current person is retiring.

Publicity – Debi Koltoniak – We have quite a few things to put in e-newsletter. We will make sure we have the FIS drawing in the letter. Will also post the updated safe return document. Will also post Drew's letter about FIS procedures. Will mention the awards as well. Alex will write up awards info and send to Debi tonight or tomorrow morning. Debi will reinforce the registration hours. Dennis will also send gate judge directions. Debi will mention weather conditions and the need to chip in

with course ops. Dennis will also send a link to a video showing how to fill out gate card. Alex will update the schedule to include awards as well. Will send updated document to Mike and Grace to post.

Alex has asked Grace to spotlight some of the new racers on social media. Alex thanked Grace for doing a great job on social media. Debi seconds that. Grace said she is posting on Instagram, but anything that goes on IG also goes on Facebook as more people are currently using that.

Webmaster – Mike Sayers – Will update last meeting's minutes with changes. Will update Covid procedure document as well. Mike requests that Alex send a doc version of the FIS start diagram/procedure. Dennis will send pdf of gate judge cheat sheet to Mike along with a link to training video. Alex will send any updated documents/info to Debi, Grace, and Mike to post to appropriate places.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 PM. Our next meeting will be Feb 17th at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.