

## MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 10-26-2022

### Minutes of the meeting:

Alex Carrico called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

### Attendance – Officers:

Drew Hilger – P	Shawn Hughes – P	Ginnie Uhley – P	Mike Hietbrink – A	Ryan Bloodworth – P
Alex Carrico – P	Steve Coatney – P	Mike Sayers – P	Kermit Anderson – A	Dave Carrico – P
Grace Kerbrat – A	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	Foster Butler JD – A	Gary Bloodworth – A	Chip Dayton SW – A	Gary Konsza SD – P
Rick Van Houdt TR – P	Mike Jablonski TB – P	Sue Holmes RN – A	Denise Miller TR – A	Kathy Bauer TR – A

**General Updates – Drew Hilger** – Motion to approve the minutes from the spring meeting? Debi motions, Alan seconds. Nobody opposed, minutes are approved.

2023 Schedule – Schedule has been set in terms of dates. We are starting to work on course allocation. If we wait for full registration data, we get too close to the start of the season. We are going to use last year's data to set courses. Main goal is to make sure workers are split between courses.

Comp Tickets – For those that get tickets, Drew will need names/info for all the people on your team that get comp tickets. Will get a new card this year but will keep it for the duration of the year.

Boyne Updates – Mark Skop is no longer our Boyne contact. Not sure who the replacement will be, but we will keep everyone updated. Also, will probably be sharing the hill the first couple of weekends, assuming we have snow. I've asked Boyne about awards, and where they want us to have them, still waiting for a response.

Mission and vision for MACC – Mission: We run quality Slalom, Giant Slalom, and Super G races for skiers aged 14 and older on lower Michigan's premier terrain. Vision: To be the best and most fun volunteer run alpine ski racing organization for adults. Our plan is to use the mission and vision to set a solid direction moving forward.

Nomination of VP – Drew nominates Shawn Hughes to be VP. Ginnie motions, Alan seconds. Nobody opposed, Shawn is the new MACC Vice President. We will discuss who will replace Shawn as the Timing Director down the line.

Rule Changes – No major rule changes as of now, but we may make some small changes. We are also looking everywhere in the rules for where we reference chief of course. If we do plan to make any changes, they will go out with at least 10 days of notice before we vote. We may need an additional meeting to go over details of changes. If they are as minor as we currently think they will be, then we won't even need any info meeting, we will just add it to our normal meeting.

**Updates – Shawn Hughes** – Thank you, look forward to helping out the organization, and working with Drew.

**Finances – Mike Hietbrink** – Not on the call, but he reported that we have just north of \$14,000 in our account. Will provide more details next time. Hasn't done anything on the raffle license for this year, but we have plenty of time.

**Registration – Ginnie Uhley** – Kudos to Dennis, who has been working to make sure our online registration is working. He has assured us that it will look the same as last year. We will be refreshing bibs this year. So, we will be adding to the registration this year that everyone gets a new bib. No proofs yet, but working on it. The estimate would be that it would be about \$20 extra for each person to pay for bibs. Last time we ordered about 130 mediums and 100 larges, we would need to know how many to order this time. Will have them write the quote that way, and we can discuss it further. We did run out of mediums last time, but it has also been a long time since we ordered them. Guest racing and office hours will be the same as last year.

**Handicaps and Statistics – Chuck White** – Looking at the end of season handicaps; SL vs GS, we are pretty close to where we want to be. On average, we are pretty even, and at this point there are no plans to make any adjustments. If you go back to 2015, almost everyone had much better GS handicaps, now we are pretty close to even. Looking at team points, there is a very slight advantage to larger teams, but it is fairly minor. And there is no significant correlation between classes of different sizes. Racers by class, we had way more open EM racers than any other classes. Most racers are in our fastest classes. With that in mind, we do have a handful of racers with handicaps below 10. Chuck proposes that we bring back an Open class, which would be for any

racers with a handicap under 10. Right now, we would have 4 racers that would be eligible for an Open class. Another recommendation would be to add a SVEM class. That would give us 5 EM and 5 SVEM. Drew – The motion as I understand it would be to create an Open class with <10 handicap, and then Elite would have an upper limit of 10 (with a bump down point of 12). If we adopt this, we will have to change the rules. And we would have to look at the way we handle the #1 bibs. Alan motions that we develop a more detailed plan and work out any rule changes, Debi seconds. Drew will look into the rule changes and draft a final version of the rule changes.

**Course Operations – Dennis Parrott** – Online racer registration is going to be up in time. Need to work on the no team issue and also making everyone get a new bib. For online guest racer registration, no changes are anticipated. For online banquet ticket sales, I would need the menu and the online ticket details. The sooner we get the info of what is being offered, the better. The biggest issue is getting the data out of the system and passed along to the banquet chairperson. But all three systems should work just like they did last year.

Reached out to the crew, about half have responded. Losing both Milnes for this season. One thing we have been talking about is new gate judge bibs. Found some safety green vests for \$8. They go on like a vest and have lots of pockets. Current bibs would be about \$17 each to replace with the same brand, so these are about half the cost. Would like to publicize the “ride along” program. We had some people just jump into the course to “help” last year, and we would like to formalize people that want to help by having them join the crew at the top of the hill. This does two things, it helps us potentially identify new course ops talent, and it regulates any people that want to unofficially help slip. Drew – Do we have a target for opening registration? Dennis – We haven’t really discussed when, but we should be able to get it open fairly soon. Drew – Would Dec 1st be doable? If we have a date in mind, we can start to promote it. Dennis – The biggest issue we have now is testing. Once we resolve the no team issue, we would just need to build and test. Shouldn’t have any issues getting it out by the 1st, or even Thanksgiving. Ginnie – Thanksgiving would be great, as that’s when people start asking about it.

**Course Officials – Jenessa Hilger** – We have a training video in development, which should be wrapped up before the season starts. Will put it out on YouTube once its ready. Will also work on more social posts, tidbits about the rules, etc. Drew – We also talked about making a video about proper slipping techniques, but we will probably have to film it this year and release it next year.

**Course Setting – Kermit Anderson** – Not present.

**Equipment – Dave Carrico** – Got a quote for new timers, can do one course for \$5,625. This would only be for one set of timers, so we would probably still have to use our old timers for the Cantor Cup. Drew – Will this work with our current setup? Steve – As long as it works with Split Second, it will work for us. Dave – They know we (and Boyne) use Split Second. This also comes with a new display. Drew – I suggest we get a revised quote and find out what the lead time is.

**Timing – Shawn Hughes** – Thinking about who should take over as director of timing. They would need some database knowledge. The day-to-day operations aren’t too tough but getting setup at the beginning of the season has some overhead.

**Race Workers – Bill Perlmutter** – Not present.

**Computers – Steve Coatney** – Need about \$1,100 to make sure everything works this year. Software, licenses, consumables, etc. No new hardware needed.

**Awards – Zach Jablonski** – Not present.

**Publicity – Debi Koltoniak** – Does Ginnie need a hard copy of the guest application? Ginnie – Yes, thanks. Debi – We need to update the photos on the Othmar banner, also need to get in touch with Grace to see if she is willing to work with the social media again.

**Webmaster – Mike Sayers** – Boyne already has masters training schedule up, so website has been updated to include that. Will also post the minutes to the website. Drew – Debi, the masters training would be good to promote over social media as well.

Ryan – Let me know if your info changes and I’ll update the contact list. Will also need to adjust the list once we fill the director of timing.

Drew – Expect another meeting invite, probably around December 7th. May also do an email vote for the awards to make sure we get those ordered ahead of time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.