

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 12-14-2022

Minutes of the meeting:

Alex Carrico called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM.

Attendance – Officers:

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

Attendance – Team Racer Representatives:

Alan Osterdale AA – P	Foster Butler JD – A	Gary Konsza SD – P	Chip Dayton SW – P	Gary Bloodworth SN – A
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 – Review minutes – Chip requests that the minutes are sent out a little sooner especially after the Spring and Fall meetings, when there is so long before the next meeting. Alex says they still shouldn't be posted online until they are approved. Alan motions to approve the minutes, Debi seconds. Nobody opposed, minutes are approved passes.

Boyne updates – Boyne is now a cashless resort. You can go to the grand lodge to use your cash to get a gift card, but that is the only place you can use cash.

Schedule – Schedule was sent out with the agenda, still need to assign classes to each course. Chuck is working on assigning classes to each course so that we spread out all our workers evenly. The only major change is that we have a GS scheduled on the first Friday, and the super G on Sunday.

Awards – Awards will be held at the snowflake this year. 5 o'clock has been put on the schedule.

Hill sharing – We only use one side of the hill for our races. For the first two weekends, we will have high school training on the side we aren't using. We have done this before and haven't had any problems.

Fencing – Boyne wants to fence off the Top Notch to FIS cutover. Boyne will do it for us, we just have to give them the dates. Should be a nice update for us, as it will make things safer overall. We will be working with Devon instead of Mark. Snowmobiles are also no longer allowed on Boyne property. In the past, we had Boyne move stuff for us, but they will no longer be able to do that for us. We will have to move everything ourselves. Kermit – We should be able to use their gates for the GS on North Boyne. They have used ours before. Dave – Would like contact info for some of the Boyne contacts, just in case something comes up. (Kermit would as well.) Steve – We have always used their finish corral. Would just need printers and stuff, should be workable. Drew – Think about what your crew might need and let me know, so we can work things out going forward.

Team Votes – Based off racing registration numbers from last year, the team votes for this year are as follows. Rust and Toledo both get two votes. SW, SD, TB, and SN all get one vote. Everyone else gets zero votes.

Updates – Shawn Hughes – Currently working on transitioning timing director over to Kurt. Need to get him a computer but should be good for this year. Drew – Probably a good time to formally nominate Kurt as the director of timing. Mike Sayers motions, Dennis seconds. Nobody opposed, Kurt is director of timing.

Finances – Mike Hietbrink – Total of \$14459 as of today. Will submit for raffle license again this year. The current total doesn't include any registration money from this year. Dennis – There is about \$5,000 in PayPal from registration.

Registration – Ginnie Uhley – We are right around 50 registrations. Bibs have been ordered, should arrive within the next few days. They will be here for sure by the first race. The bill has not been sent yet. Ordered 130 M and 130 L. Chip – Some racers have requested to keep their numbers. About 6-7 on our team. Ginnie – We kept the way we ordered them the same, so we should have a lot of the same numbers. We will do our best to accommodate but can't make any guarantees. Alex – It is a lot of work to make that happen for everyone.

Handicaps and Statistics – Chuck White – Working on finalizing course allocations. Will hopefully have them finished within the next couple days. Drew – In the past we've waited for all registration data to come in, but the data just comes in too late, so we are using last years' data to predict.

Course Operations – Dennis Parrott – Online racer registration has been open since November 23rd. This year we have had fewer corrupt registrations, with only three so far. We had 8 or 9 last year.

Course ops – Emailed crew and got about half the team to reply. We did lose a couple from last year. We plan on changing vests over to construction vests. We will also need more gate judge cards. Have enough for the first weekend but will need more going forward. Jenessa usually gets the cards ready. May need to put together a new design, will look to see if we still have a template.

Course Officials – Jenessa Hilger – We have some interesting stats on our YouTube channel. Last year, we posted 15 videos – 12 races, 2 training, and the banquet video. 1188 views total, about 2600 minutes of watch time. Will take care of the cards for Dennis.

Course Setting – Kermit Anderson – Course crew has all confirmed that they are coming back, except Paul Williams. Still trying to track him down. Good on gates, might need a couple new batteries.

Equipment – Dave Carrico – Sent Drew an email with a quote for the new timer. Would be about \$5,900. New timers will work with Split Second. We can use the old timers for the first race, then make sure the new one works so it can be used going forward. Steve – There are some minor settings in Split Second that will need to be made when we switch over, but they shouldn't be a problem. Kurt – Are these wired? Dave – Wireless timers are still not officially accepted by FIS. The wired ones are also more reliable. Drew – Are we able to get by with one timer long term? Dave – Yes, but races like the Cantor Cup are a lot easier with two timer systems. The new timers are smaller, so there is a slight chance we could move them over, but can't say that for sure yet. Dave – They are in stock and can ship tomorrow. Kermit – Any idea how long this new version of the timer system will be supported? Dave – Boyne has been using this timer for at least 5 years, they are used all around the world. Mike Sayers motions to purchase, Alan seconds. Nobody opposed, motion passes.

Timing – Kurt Adams – Shawn and Kurt are going through the director transition. Will get a laptop from Shawn. Working on course allocations for timing crew. Chuck has an old laptop that he borrowed, if Kurt needs it. Alex also has an old one that was originally given to Renee. Probably about the same specs as the one chuck has.

Race Workers – Bill Perlmutter – Not present.

Computers – Steve Coatney – Not many updates but will be good to go by the first weekend. Still need to make minor changes for handicaps and for people without teams.

Awards – Zach Jablonski – Presented four options. There is a beer glass (1), a stemless wineglass (2), a whiskey glass (3), and a glass mug. Beer glass gets 7 votes, so that one wins. Vote breakdown is below.

TR, Ginnie and Rick – 1 and 1

TO – Debi and Mike – 1 and 4

SW – Chip - 3

SD – Kermit – 1

TB – Mike J - 1

SN – Ryan – 1

AA – Alan – 1

Denise is not on the call but will be handling the banquet again for 2023. She will be on a long cruise in 2024, so Alex will be stepping up to take over. No vote needed, because it's not an official position.

Publicity – Debi Koltoniak – Sent out an e-newsletter last week to remind people to register online. Might need to run another one this week. Will include some updates, especially the no cash thing. The group will be happy to have awards back at the Snowflake. Will also mention the number of racers that we currently have so far. Will mention the YouTube channel as well. Drew – Assuming we adopt the proposed rule changes, we will want to add those as well. Drew will draft something up for Debi.

Webmaster – Mike Sayers – Will get the revised schedule and approved minutes up. Will get everything Drew sends over up over the next few weeks as well.

New Business:

Rule Changes

Proposal 1 – Proposal 1 is to add a new Open class as we discussed in the last meeting. The open class would be for anyone under a handicap 12. Bump point would be at a handicap of 10. This class would also include both men and women. No vet or supervet options for open. Mike Sayers motions, Debi seconds. Nobody opposed, proposal 1 is approved.

Proposal 2 – This is for fixing a typo in rule 8.3.4. The board has the ability to move a racer to a class. The word board was missing. Motion to fix typo from Mike Sayers, Ginnie seconds. Nobody opposed, typo will be fixed.

Proposal 3 – The rule for the assignment of the #1 bib needs to change because of the new class creation. The proposal is to change the rules to base it off of overall handicap instead of world cup points. Also need to finish at least 50% of the races to qualify. Quite a bit of discussion happened over the wording of the “50% of the races” part of the rule, but most people agreed with the wording after some back and forth. Debi motions to approve, Ginnie seconds. Nobody opposed, proposal passes.

Drew – Reminder for all team reps to send Drew your voting members.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:48 PM. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan 4th.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.