

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 3-8-2023

Minutes of the meeting:

Drew Hilger called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM.

Attendance – Officers:

Drew Hilger – P	Shawn Hughes – P	Ginnie Uhley – P	Mike Hietbrink – A	Ryan Bloodworth – P
Kurt Adams – P	Jenessa Hilger – P	Mike Sayers – P	Kermit Anderson – A	Dave Carrico – P
Grace Kerbrat – P	Bill Perlmutter – A	Dennis Parrott – P	Zach Jablonski – A	Debi Koltoniak – A
Chuck White – 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 – A	Sue Holmes RN – A	Denise Miller TR – A	Kathy Bauer TR – A

General Updates – Drew Hilger – Any questions about the meeting minutes? Chuck said that the bug in the timer software they experienced was related to running the actual software and had no effect on the results themselves. Results are correct. Alan motions to approve the minutes, Ginnie seconds.

Updates from Boyne – We are working to finalize our list of things that need to be moved to North Boyne on Friday. Conditions should be good for the races. The banquet will be in the Matterhorn room. Awards at 5 PM Friday in the Snowflake. Sat awards will be done at the banquet.

Drew mentioned plans to get Steve a card and a gift from MACC. Dave motions to approve, Alan seconds.

Updates – Shawn Hughes – Working on some networking stuff and making sure the banquet is good to go.

Finances – Mike Hietbrink – Not present. Drew – We are in a good position financially. Will circle back after banquet for more details.

Registration – Ginnie Uhley – No updates. Have received a few questions about allowing guests for the Cantor Cup. No reason why we wouldn't want to allow it this year. Still looking into the bib issue, they never gave a solid 'no' – they just keep saying that they are looking into it. They seem to want to help, but just a little unorganized.

Handicaps and Statistics – Chuck White – Good as far as pacesetters go.

Course Operations – Dennis Parrott – 62 adults bought tickets for the banquet, along with one child and one toddler. It's about 25% non-racers. For course ops, everyone that is able to work is checked in. A few injury issues, but we'll make it work.

Course Officials – Jenessa Hilger – There was one informal protest. Just documenting that there was a DSQ issue that got reversed.

Course Setting – Kermit Anderson – Not present. Drew – Course setters should be good to go this weekend.

Equipment – Dave Carrico – Will have the new timer this weekend. Hoping to download new software and go with it. Will have old timer as backup if needed. Will be grabbing things from Superbowl if anyone needs him to grab anything from there.

Timing – Kurt Adams – No updates. Should be in good shape for this weekend.

Race Workers – Bill Perlmutter – Not present. Dennis will be taking over for bill this weekend.

Computers – Chuck White – Results have been up since last race weekend. Diane upgraded in both the GS and Slalom. Mike Sayers motions to approve the results, Ryan seconds. Results are approved.

Awards – Zach Jablonski – Not present. Drew – Talked to mike. World cup awards will be ready for banquet. May not get Cantor Cup awards in time, but we have some from other years that we can use. They don't have years on them.

Banquet is all set to go. Tickets are on sale now. Need to give Boyne a final number early Saturday, so we will cut off online banquet sales midnight on Friday. No plan for in-person ticket sales. Raffle tickets will be sold at the banquet, cash only. Bar will be credit cards only. Alex – Nothing much to add. We are going to separate the check-in process from the raffle sales process. Just to give people time to go look at the prizes and then decide how many tickets they want to buy.

Publicity – Grace Kerbrat – Will remind everyone of the 3-day schedule (North Boyne Friday). Will mention guest racing. Awards at the Snowflake on Friday. Will mention banquet details. And thank our sponsors. Dennis – Can you also thank everyone that helped out with course 1 last Sunday. Grace – Did we want to do an end of year survey this year? Drew – That would be good to do. We might want to hold off a little bit though. Ginnie will be looking into growth and recruiting. We may want to start thinking about a survey, but we may want to let the “recruitment committee” think about what questions they may want to ask. Grace – Sounds good, will talk to Ginnie.

Webmaster – Mike Sayers – Not much to say. Will put newsletter up when it comes out. Will also update the banquet sales notice on the site.

Next meeting will be spring meeting. Wed April 12th.

Grace – For the proposed 2024 schedule, have we reached out to any other mountains? Drew – Talked about this a bit with Shawn and a few others, but nothing formal. There is broad interest in trying to go back to Searchmont. We should start working on the plans well in advance, so start plans now for the 2025 season. The biggest issue we face is that we typically only have half the people show up for travel weekends. It can also be tough for people to go somewhere else when they already have lodging/tickets for Boyne. We will certainly look into it. Grace – A lot of people have expressed interest in Nubs or Highlands. Drew – Highlands and Nubs have been tough in the past because they aren’t usually able to give us access to runs worth racing on. Mike Sayers – It might also be worth doing something at one of the southeast Michigan hills. It would be good for recruitment/outreach as well. Ginnie – We have done a southeast Michigan race before at Alpine Valley. Shawn and Drew agree that a local race would be good for exposure. They do high school races and training, so they are set up to handle races, but we may have to compete with other groups for mountain space.

Dennis – This year has been tough for the course ops teams. If we lose many more people, we won’t be able to keep running races with our current model. Alex – The Chicago model is basically going to different hills each race weekend and having the staff at that hill run the races. They set the course, work maintain, run timers, etc. There is a different fee structure, but it might be worth looking into. Drew – Searchmont ran that way, with them doing most of the course work for us. Marquette was similar, but we may need to provide some help to maintain the course.

Shawn motions to adjourn, Mike Sayers seconds. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.