

## MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 1-31-2024

### 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 – P	Ryan Bloodworth – P
Kurt Adams – P	Jenessa Hilger – P	Mike Sayers – P	Kermit Anderson – P	Dave Carrico – P
Grace Kerbrat – P	Bill Perlmutter – A	Dennis Parrott – P	Zach Jablonski – A	Alex Carrico – P
Chuck White – P				

### Attendance – Team Racer Representatives:

Alan Osterdale AA – P	Foster Butler JD – P	Gary Konsza SD – P	Chip Dayton SW – A	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

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**General Updates – Drew Hilger** – Any questions about previous meetings minutes? Chuck motions to approve minutes, Dave seconds.

Updates from Boyne – Spoke to a few board members already, but there is not enough snow on Superbowl or FIS for this weekend. The plan is to make snow starting tomorrow night and continue up until it gets too warm on Saturday. We will have North Boyne all day Sunday. Our thoughts are to try and set a GS and a slalom course next to each other. We will run two slalom runs, then run two GS runs, then reset the courses and do the same thing with the racers on the other course. May need to shorten to one run races if we feel conditions won't allow for two. Awards will be after next race, on Saturday, February 24th. If you aren't registered by Friday night, your name won't be on the printed out start sheets.

Ryan – Will there be a qualifier? Drew - As of right now, not sure if we need it. Might be able to evaluate any new skiers on Saturday, while free skiing.

Alan – If we do course 1 first, what if people leave after racing course 1 and don't work course 2? Alex – We have rules for that, we just don't always do the best job of enforcing them. This may be a good opportunity to finally enforce those rules; if you don't work, your race doesn't count. Put it on the race reps to press their team to stay. Drew – We could try to start course 2 sooner. We would like to be optimistic about the start time for course 2 and move it up to 12:30. If we have to delay, then we delay, but we would like to get everyone home asap. Kurt – Are we going to call these races 6 and 7? Drew – Yes, race 6 will be slalom, 7 will be giant slalom. Workers would work both races back-to-back.

Kermit – We will want to make sure we have shovels. Drew – We have shovels, will check on rakes. Which brings up the next point, anything that you need moved to North Boyne on Sunday, let Drew know so he can make arrangements with Boyne.

Grace – Quite a bit of our stuff is outside, under the deck of the Othmar. Drew – Yes, most of it is old, but we should go through it to make sure we don't need any of it.

Boyne will set up the timing, headset, start and finish for us, we will have to take everything down after the races. Will ask about netting. Will also double check which timers they have. Chuck – Can we get in on Saturday to test it? Drew – Will ask, North Boyne probably won't be open for skiing. We will want to lock in our dates for next year by the end of February, but we can talk about it in our next meeting.

**Updates – Shawn Hughes** – No updates.

**Finances – Mike Hietbrink** – Current balance is around \$12,000. Paid for daily awards, haven't paid for world cup awards yet.

**Registration – Ginnie Uhley** – Two more registrants. Currently around 75 racers. Grace – Are we having guest racing on Sunday? Drew – I don't see a reason why not. Sayers – If it would cause any confusion or slowdowns, it might not be a bad idea to skip it. Drew – If it's a full team of guests, I could see that, but if it's just a small handful, I say let them race. Dennis – Guest registration system isn't really built for what we are trying, might be hard to process them for both races. Drew – They might just get a 2 for 1 deal if we can only have them sign up for one day.

**Course Operations – Dennis Parrott** – In discussion with course ops team, everyone seemed iffy about everything. We have a skeleton crew, with only about 5 per course. Shawn – Keep in mind that people only have to work one course this weekend, which should actually give you more people. Dennis – Yes, just worried about the quality of slipping we might get. Kermit – As far as safety goes, we do want everyone to walk away from this race. So, if we determine that the course isn't safe, we will pull the plug. Applaud trying to get a race off, but we can't sacrifice safety just to race. Drew – Agreed, and that should go for all our races. Sayers – You can also decide to scrap the second run of a race if needed. Dennis – We should also be very clear with everyone that we may cut the two runs short to one run, or even less. What roles will workers from other crews end up doing if they aren't needed on their usual crew? Drew – Think it's like normal, we will need to fill all the essential jobs needed to run the race safely, everyone else will be a gate judge. Ginnie – Will the radios be at the desk? Dennis – Will hand them out to everyone he sees and then leave the rest at the desk.

Dave – What about a get together at the Snowflake on Saturday? Could talk about the plan for Sunday. Grace – MACC happy hour? Everyone agreed that would be a good idea.

**Course Officials – Jenessa Hilger** – No updates.

**Handicaps and Statistics – Chuck White** – Already covered my concerns. It's not as easy to get up to the Othmar anymore, but also don't know how much equipment Boyne will want to move for us. Will they move the laser printer, laptops, and paper? Shawn – I can grab whatever we need, will have to go up there anyway.

**Course Setting – Kermit Anderson** – Course setters will all be there. Crew will be out checking on things during the race, but most of us are on course 1. Sherrie will keep an eye on our course, and the rest of us will be available to keep an eye on course 2. Alex – Open class is on course 2 as well, so it should split things up a bit.

**Equipment – Dave Carrico** – All set unless we get any curveballs.

**Timing – Kurt Adams** – Questions have been answered already. Will take a look at the schedule to see what works. Have all the drills and batteries for Kermit.

**Race workers – Bill Perlmutter** – Not on call. Mike Sayers – Bill just sent out a work invite with three sign up days on it, we will want to address that in newsletter.

**Awards – Zach Jablonski** – Not on call.

**Publicity – Grace Kerbrat** – Will let everyone know that we are racing, only on Sunday. Two races, two runs each. Will note that there could be changes if conditions shift. Will talk about work assignments, and that everyone has to work both races on the opposite course, 4 runs. Will try to get new link from Bill to put in the newsletter. Shawn – Formal signups might be chaotic this weekend, I think we need to just be diligent about making sure people are there and working, whatever they are able to do. Drew – Signup genius is only pacesetters, correct? Dennis – Yes. I would say we try to avoid signup genius, and we just tell everyone to check in at the top of the course if they don't have a formal work assignment. Grace – Should we tell everyone without a formal work assignment to report to the top of the hill? Dennis – Yeah. Foster – Speaking for the gatekeepers, for them, it's going to be in the 20s/30s. If we are going to have extra people, can we split the gatekeepers up to have them only work one race? Drew – We may be able to swap them out with course ops to keep them warm/moving. Grace – Will include the awards and happy hour info as well.

**Webmaster – Mike Sayers** – Awaiting new schedule to put up. Will put minutes up as well. Website currently has photos, videos, info, etc. History tab might not fit current website, and if it does, we will need to have deeper discussion about how to do it properly. Drew – Will take it off the agenda for now, and will need to talk about it more in the Spring/Fall.

Chuck – One last thought, it is going to be a long day, with a lot of equipment over there. Can we leave anything over there after the races, or will we have to take it all back to Superbowl immediately following the races? In the past we have stored some stuff like that in the season pass office. Drew – It will be three weeks until we are back up there again. Grace – If nobody can put it in their condo, she can help out with getting it moved back to Superbowl.

**Secretary – Ryan Bloodworth** – Asked Ginnie to let him know if any new racers sign up and need a qualifier.

Ryan motions to adjourn, Alan seconds. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.