

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 2-13-2024

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 – A
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 – 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 – P	Denise Miller TR – A	Kathy Bauer TR – A

General Updates – Drew Hilger – Main point of this call is to talk about our options for the next race weekend. Will meet again a week from tomorrow to talk about new business. Tonight’s meeting will just be planning for the next races. Any questions about the minutes? Motion to approve from Alan, Ginnie seconds. Minutes approved.

Updates from Boyne – There was some miscommunication with the snowmaking team, and they made snow where they weren’t supposed to. Unfortunately, this led to us not being able to race. The good news is that the forecast looks promising for the next week and a half. Superbowl and FIS are not a big priority, as Boyne still needs to build base everywhere else. They said we can have North Boyne for the rest of the season, unless Superbowl becomes available. They also plan to work with us to have some food/drink sponsors for our awards. They also said we can have North Boyne on Friday.

After talking to some reps, it sounds like we should have a decent sized group, but not everyone for Friday. Expecting about 35 racers, about half of our normal crew. Will treat Friday more like timed training. Will likely do GS. Do an inspection and meeting around 10 am. No starters or timers. Everyone makes a run and just sees their time on the display. After everyone makes a run, we group slip. Then make run two.

Also talking with Devon about possibly doing some masters training in the afternoon. Hopefully with a reduced price for MACC members. Kurt – Does timer software have to run for the display to work? Chuck – Should work, only issue would be if someone skis out, it will mess up the time for everyone else. Drew – We will make that part of the pregame meeting; tell everyone they have to go through the finish.

Another thing we could do is put a radio at the start and finish, so we have some communication. We could have some people that aren’t slipping go early, to keep an eye out for holds on the course. Another thought is we could set up two courses, have a dual format. Alex – Dave was trying to set up the display last weekend and he couldn’t get it to work. Believe the issue was that there was no hole in the finish shack to get the wiring out. Will have to follow up with him to see what the exact issue was. Chuck – When we were setting up the timing on Saturday, Boyne’s David noticed that he had to drill a hole to get the cord through. Drew – Ok, I’ll follow up with him. Alan – We could do Super G too, less gates to set up and worry about. Drew – We could, but I am seeing Friday more as training, and figured the GS would be more in line with what people would want training for. Dennis – We quit doing dual races a long time ago, as it takes up more of the hill, both courses get squeezed in. Drew – If there is enough snow, don’t think that would be an issue, but that’s a big if this year. Mike Sayers – Agree with Dennis, Super G on North Boyne probably isn’t the best choice. Not a big fan of the dual format either, prefer to do one course. Drew – One thought of doing the dual, it would only beat up the course half as fast. Would also allow people to team up to race. One major con would be that we probably couldn’t get times for both courses. It sounds like nobody supports doing a Super G.

Sue asked about a later start for people coming up on Friday morning. Drew – Would like to keep the schedule, especially if we do the masters training. We can always keep racing for as long as the course holds up. Maybe just set a finish time around 1 so that everyone can transition to masters training.

Sounds like we will need a course setter for Friday. Will ask Cary Adgate. If he’s not available, there are a lot of people in MACC that we can ask. Will also need volunteers to help with setting the course. Dennis – One thing I’d like to do is educate everyone about how to properly slip. Teach people the correct way to slip starting at the line and working towards the outside of the course. Drew – Another thing we could do is a group inspection. Have one of the trainers walk through the inspection and

point out the things that they think about as they inspect a course. **Konsza** – Think we should keep the 10 AM start (instead of moving it later) just to make sure we keep the hill. The later we start, the more we run the risk of other people skiing the hill before us.

Rest of the weekend – We had a plan for last Sunday to get more racing in. Assuming the conditions are good, would we want to try to do that again? It adds complexity to running the races, as well as for the racers. Don't think we want to run GS and slalom on the same day, but maybe do two slaloms Saturday, and two GS races on Sunday. **Alex** – It's a great idea, especially if we don't need two pairs of skis. **Drew** – Would need to get some extra help for course crew. Will also probably want to just tweak the courses in between races, as opposed to doing a full reset. **Kermit** – Agree it will be much easier to do all slalom or all GS. Everyone agrees that having slalom and GS on the same day is just a lot of equipment to deal with. Everyone prefers doing the same race twice. **Drew** – Long term thought, we probably won't try to do multiple races on marks weekend. Since we have low participation on Fridays and we have to prep for the banquet on Saturday afternoon. Work assignments would be one course, one day, four runs.

Updates – Shawn Hughes – No updates.

Finances – Mike Hietbrink – Got our raffle license. **Drew** – Memo went out about refunds. Unfortunately, there are too many costs that go towards the full season (insurance, awards, etc.) to offer partial refunds.

Registration – Ginnie Uhley – Nothing new to add. Will we be doing guest racing? **Drew** – Friday should be promotion, don't even really need to collect money, anyone that wants to race can join us. We need waivers, but that's it. For Friday, we should also do some signage and have the waivers at the top of the hill. Will count on everyone to be an ambassador at top of the hill to make sure any drop-ins sign the waiver. **Ginnie** – Grace, do you have the banner that invites people to guest race with us? **Grace** – Yes, will bring it to the top of the hill.

Course Operations – Dennis Parrott – Don't know about the crew yet but it feels like there is some burnout in the course ops crew. Not sure what to do about it. **Drew** – Recruiting project is ongoing, shorter-term solution is to have everyone do slips in between runs. Being on North Boyne with a high-speed chair should make it even easier to do group slips. **Grace** – What I've been hearing is that a lot of racers are burned out on Boyne in general. They are seeing racing happening at other places, but not Boyne. And that's causing some burnout. **Drew** – Getting a survey out there would be good to help identify the problem.

Course Officials – Jenessa Hilger – Looking forward to racing, no other updates.

Handicaps and Statistics – Chuck White – Once the schedule is finalized, shoot it to chuck so he can get it loaded in database.

Course Setting – Kermit Anderson – Will and Kermit won't be there next weekend. Jason, Nick, Joel, and Sherrie will be there. **Alex** also said she would be available to help. Once the morning course is set up, changing it slightly for the afternoon will be much easier.

Equipment – Dave Carrico – Not on call. **Alex** – If you can talk to Devon to make sure Boyne is setting up the fencing, and that we just have to take it down. **Drew** – Will touch base with him. One thing I would like to do is get Boyne David something for helping us move everything. **Chuck** – One other thing, since Devon has our computer, can you ask him to get it to finish shack on Friday?

Timing – Kurt Adams – Will Friday be a get to the start and go? **Drew** – Yes, it will be organized free for all. Put a gate at the start, if it's closed, you slip. If it's open, you go when the course is clear. **Kurt** – Just have to get the schedule figured out. Might want to schedule multiple timers each day to make sure they don't get too fatigued.

Race workers – Bill Perlmutter – Not on call.

Awards – Zach Jablonski – Not on call.

Publicity – Grace Kerbrat – Will wait to get the final schedule/details before sending out newsletter. If anyone has anything else they need to go out, let her know. **Drew** – Alex and Dennis are finalizing the banquet details, so those will be ready to go out to everyone soon as well. **Alex** – Should be done around next week's meeting. Banquet will be really similar to last year.

Webmaster – Mike Sayers – Just send whatever you want to go on the home page. **Drew** – Will adjust race numbers based off what the timers want. **Sayers** – Will say there is training on Friday, details to be provided. Two races on Saturday, details to be provided. Two races on Sunday, details to be provided. All details to be provided.

Secretary – Ryan Bloodworth – No updates.

Mike Sayers motions to adjourn, Alan seconds. The meeting is adjourned at 9:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.