

## MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 2-21-2024

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

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**General Updates – Drew Hilger** – Any questions on minutes? No questions. Motion to approve from Chuck, Alan seconds. Minutes are approved.

Updates from Boyne – We have a plan for the weekend, weather permitting. It could get warm later in the weekend, which might complicate our plans to get all the races in that we are hoping for. We will just have to play it by ear. We will be on North Boyne for the full weekend. They are making snow on Superbowl, but it probably won't be ready. Cary Adgate agreed to set the course on Friday. He will also be leading a group inspection with us. Temps will drop on Friday, so we might want to move the pre-race meeting to the finish to reduce wind. No firm answer from Boyne about whether the building has been modified to use the display. But if it isn't, we will just set it up in the window. Boyne also informed us that they are donating another chairlift for the banquet raffle. Ginnie – Don't think we need registration on Friday, but it is listed on the schedule. Drew – Was thinking it might be good to have someone there with waivers. Both our waivers and Boyne's waivers. Ginnie – Boyne waiver is online only. Drew – Let's plan on having printed MACC waivers and will follow up with Devin to see if he can print some Boyne waivers. Maybe just ask for an email address as well so we can follow up with them after. If the course doesn't hold up, we can move it all over a couple meters to reset the snow.

**Updates – Shawn Hughes** – No updates. The rules committee may have a lot on our plate this summer, if we want to implement any changes with work jobs, etc. Don't need to open that up tonight, but just something to think about.

Grace – Has the growth committee been meeting since the summer? Ginnie – No, we haven't. Grace – Could I see what came out of the committee? To see if there is anything that we can expand on. Ginnie – Sure. Drew – Good first step would be to take some of these ideas and put together a survey to see where the group stands. Dennis – We really need to look at what's in there and decide what our ultimate goal is. There was a very wide array of ideas, from small to large, and we might need to talk about exactly what ideas are worth sharing with the masses. Ginnie – We also need input from the board members as far as what they would want in the survey. Alex – Survey is great idea, but also think that now that the awards are in a smaller room, we could have the reps talk to their members to see what's expected going forward. Drew and Shawn could go around and talk to everyone as well. Drew – For sure, would like to let everyone know that it's coming too, and hopefully we can get a survey out right after marks weekend, while the season is fresh for everyone.

**Finances – Mike Hietbrink** – Not present.

**Registration – Ginnie Uhley** – One more registered racer, up to 79. Ginnie unfortunately broke her clavicle, so will not be racing this season. Should be up Sat/Sun for registration, but Kathy will be up Friday to help with registration.

**Handicaps and Statistics – Chuck White** – All set for this weekend. Just need to get the new racer's info from Ginnie loaded into database. The new pacesetter schedule is out, it will basically be the same for every race. Drew – What would it take to print out times on Friday? Chuck – Would probably take a starter and a timer. Drew – Could we have the racers radio down to the finish? Chuck – We would probably have to give it a race number. Everyone knows their bib numbers, so we might be able to run it in split second just using the bib numbers. Dave – Someone would still have to be at the top and bottom to make sure that all the times are correct, if someone skis out, etc. Chuck – Yeah, we would definitely need at least one timer to work the computer.

**Course Operations – Dennis Parrott** – As of right now, given the nature of our numbers, we have the fullest crew we can probably get. Currently have 13 people, split pretty evenly between the two courses. We will make it work, and we will also make sure that people know how to slip courses this weekend. Will do some slip training Friday, and some technique coaching on Sat/Sun. Will make sure radios end up on the course Friday. Back of the start, near the wand, on the course, and at the exit of the finish pen.

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

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

**Equipment – Dave Carrico** – Will set up the display inside on Friday, but the timer will have to know who is on course in case the skier before them skis out. Drew – Yeah, could be an issue, but we will do our best to mitigate it. Shawn – We just need to make sure that everyone that starts triggers the finish, we can talk about that in our prerace meeting. Dave – Will charge all the drills tonight to make sure they are good.

**Timing – Kurt Adams** – No updates. A little thin on workers on the one course, but we'll make it work, probably by recruiting Chuck to help us out.

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

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

**Publicity – Grace Kerbrat** – Newsletter is ready to go, as it's pretty much the same as last week. Will let people know that guest racing waivers will be at the top, but plan to be there for the competitors meeting if possible. Will have signage; is there a specific place it should go at the top? Drew – Would suggest putting it near the entrance to the start area. Good visibility, but out of the way.

Banquet Update – Alex Carrico – Tickets are on sale now. The banquet will be Saturday, March 9th. Same room as last year, in the civic center cafeteria. Doors open at 6, dinner at 7. Same price as last year. Will send details to Grace for the newsletter. If anyone has any questions, they can reach out to Alex. Drew – Can we make sure we promote the chairlift swing in the newsletter as well? Kurt – Can you send me the banquet details as well for the announcers. Alex – Will cc you as well. Grace – I know the schedule is pretty tight this weekend, can I also get a radio so I can hear any updates? Dennis – Yeah, we have some spares, so I'll get you one Friday morning if you stop by the civic center.

**Webmaster – Mike Sayers** – Made some improvements to the website. Everything that needs to be on the web is on the web. Won't be at Boyne this weekend but will be available if any updates need to be posted this weekend.

New business – Drew – One item, schedule for next year. Will send out a copy of it after the call. Looking at dates, the schedule would look like Jan 11/12, Jan 25/26, Feb 7-9, Feb 22/23, and Mar 7-9th. We will want to look at it a bit, and probably get it to Boyne right after marks weekend. We don't want to wait too long to get it to Boyne. We'll look to talk about it in the next two weeks and get it in right after that.

Motion to adjourn from Mike Sayers, Chuck seconds. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.