

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 5-8-2024

Minutes of the meeting:

Drew Hilger called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

Attendance – Officers:

Drew Hilger – P	Shawn Hughes – P	Ginnie Uhley – P	Mike Hietbrink – P	Ryan Bloodworth – P
Kurt Adams – A	Jenessa Hilger – P	Mike Sayers – P	Kermit Anderson – A	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 – 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 – P

General Updates – Drew Hilger – Motion to approve minutes from March 6th from Alan. Dennis seconds, minutes are approved.

Big update from Boyne – For the last few years, we have been working with Devon, but after Boyne did some restructuring, he is no longer our point of contact with Boyne. Their plan is to hire a new person in the fall who will report to Kayla. She is a racer, so hopefully she will be good to work with. One immediate thing that affects us is that this means Boyne still needs to approve the schedule. They may have an issue with Feb 22-23rd, so we are still working through that.

Our survey will be going out soon, it is written and programed, just needs to be tested a bit. Then it will be sent to our mailing list, about 250-300 people. There are some questions in there about the schedule, and what people prefer. Grace – Does it make sense to hold off on approving the schedule until we do the survey and get approval from Boyne? Drew – We could do that, but if we don't approve it now, we will have to have another meeting in a couple weeks. Dennis – Since devon was year-round, and now the position is seasonal, it sounds like it could be a problem for us going forward. Drew – Typically, we give the dates to Boyne in Feb/Mar, and then we iron them out and formally approve them in the spring meeting. Going forward we will deal with Kayla year-round, if we need to work with someone. Sayers – Proposed schedule is the best we can do, so I'd rather approve it now and only have another meeting if needed.

Motion to approve the schedule from Sayers, Alan seconds. Schedule is approved by MACC.

Election of officers. We need to re-elect our officers for next season. Motion to approve the current slate of officers from Sayers. Alan seconds, officers are re-elected.

Updates – Shawn Hughes – No major updates. Will help out where needed over the summer, including helping out with the rules committee. Drew – Looking at the rules may be good for the second half of the summer, after we get the survey results back.

Finances – Mike Hietbrink – Season ending balance around \$11,000. Not doing the world cup awards helped save a lot of money. Motion to accept the financial report from Dennis, Sayers seconds. Financial report accepted and approved.

Registration – Ginnie Uhley – We had 80 total racers this season, 9 less than last year. Due to the shortened season, this information isn't that analytical, but it is worth noting. Registration went well this year; Dennis did a great job streamlining it for us. Any questions? Chip – For guest racing, if they sign up online, is there a way for them to get a bib and stuff at the top of the hill, instead of having them check in inside. Ginnie – We can look into better ways to handle it. There are quite a few logistical issues with handling guests. Chip – Situation I saw was with someone that saw us at the top of the hill but didn't have time to go inside and get a bib. If they can sign up and pay online and get a bib from the starters, we might be able to snag some guest racers last second. Shawn – Started some time ago on a tablet/computer for the Othmar, to have a device for people to use to register onsite. Maybe we could have something like that at the top of the hill as well. Drew – Being able to do it at the top of the hill would be ideal. Could also do the finish shacks, that way the timers could enter the information into the computer as well. Dennis – The way it works now, you can only sign up for the weekend ahead. Usually, we open it up shortly before the weekend, especially if conditions are bad, and the status of the race is unknown.

Course Operations – Dennis Parrott – This was a very trying season. We were very short on resources, but that is because we are at 80 racers. If we don't get higher numbers, we will need to look at doing things differently. Bibs and radios are at my house. On the registration/guest racing front, there are some tweaks coming, security/etc. There are also some other things we can use to help streamline the process, like google forms linked to PayPal. Drew – One thought, apparently North Boyne is being moved up the priority list for snow making next year. Superbowl is still the same priority, but the equipment might be better next year. Dennis – Will also be sending a receipt to Mike for a box of batteries.

Course Officials – Jenessa Hilger – No updates.

Handicaps and Statistics – Chuck White – Since we only had two races of each discipline, there isn't a whole lot of data to show. Comparing GS and slalom HCs, we skewed a little towards GS. In general people thought races on North Boyne were easier than FIS. Drew – We also got some GS training in on Friday, so that may have helped people. Chuck – Will dig into the data a little, but not expecting any changes since the data is all based off one weekend. Not planning on doing a formal committee. Will crunch some numbers and see if any changes need to be made. We talked about this during the weekend we did race, since we only had 4 races total, we didn't do a most improved. We also need to make a decision about how to handle the baseline team numbers. The report sent to Ginnie had participation numbers for this season, which we base our team votes off of. Is there a motion to keep the team votes the same for 2025 as they were for 2024. Dennis motions, Alan seconds. Team votes will be the same next year.

Dennis – Do we want to change rules to account for the possibility that we could have another short season in the future? Shawn – Yeah, we probably want to change the rules so that we don't have to hold votes all the time. Drew – The last thing we want to do is make changes to the rules mid-season. Once people pay, we should follow the rulebook as much as possible, and not change things halfway through.

Course Setting – Kermit Anderson – Not present.

Equipment – Dave Carrico – No problems, as we didn't even use our equipment this year. Drew – I've been talking to Kayla about how we will sort out all our equipment issues if we are going to be on North Boyne more going forward. There are some benefits to trying to race on North Boyne as much as Boyne will let us. But there is also something to be said about racing on Superbowl.

Timing – Kurt Adams – Not present.

Race workers – Bill Perlmutter – Not present.

Awards – Zach Jablonski – Not present.

Publicity – Grace Kerbrat – Do we need a new letter to go out after this meeting? Drew – I would wait, I'll draft a cover letter for the survey, which will likely go out with a newsletter. Grace – Only other thing is for race reps to remind all the racers to take the survey as well when it goes out. Drew – It would be good to ask in the survey about team affiliation, and that way we can break down the results by team and let the team reps know about their teams' thoughts.

Webmaster – Mike Sayers – Nothing to say. Will get the minutes and schedule up when ready.

Secretary – Ryan Bloodworth – No updates.

Next meeting will likely be mid/late October. Any preference on meeting night going forward? Sayers – With three-day weekends, Wednesdays don't leave a lot of time to get ready for the weekend after the meeting. Dennis – Agreed, but also making decisions earlier than that can be tough when we might not have all the information yet. Drew – Can move it to Tuesdays if people want, was just doing Wednesdays cause that's what we had been doing. Shawn – Doing it a day earlier would be nice, as it can be tough for some of the officers to do all their work between the Wednesday meeting and the races. Ginnie – We moved it to Wednesday, because Boyne wasn't giving us final answers until Wednesday, so it was hard to have a meeting before that. Drew – Without knowing what Boyne will be going forward, we should still be able to do our planning earlier in the week. Is anyone opposed to moving meetings to Tuesday? Nope. The fall meeting will likely be the last Tuesday in October. October 22nd.

Kathy – You guys did a great job despite the circumstances. Good job everyone. Drew – Agreed, good job everyone.

Motion to adjourn from Alan, seconded by Sayers. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.