

## MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 12-17-2024

### Minutes of the meeting:

Drew Hilger called the meeting to order at 8:33 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	Nick Carrico – A	Dave Carrico – P
Grace Kerbrat – P	Bill Perlmutter – A	Dennis Parrott – P	Zach Jablonski – A	Alex Carrico – A
Chuck White – P				

### Attendance – Team Racer Representatives:

Alan Osterdale AA – P	Gary Konsza SD – A	Chip Dayton SW – P	Sue Holmes RN – A	Gary Bloodworth SN – A
Rick Van Houdt TR – P	Mike Jablonski TB – A	Denise Miller TR – A	Kathy Bauer TR – A	

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**General Updates – Drew Hilger** – Questions about the minutes? No. Motion to approve minutes from November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting? Sayers motions, Dave seconds. Minutes are approved.

Boyne Updates – Boyne hired a new director of competition. Jack Talcot. He will be our point of contact until the spring, as the job is seasonal. The Holly/Oxford ski team is planning on coming up our second weekend, and they would be looking to potentially race with us. We could split them between courses, and also ask them to work. Could have them do course maintenance. Sayers and Kurt agree. Dennis - Would be unlikely to be there to help manage it. As far as having them work, having them jump in with the chief to do some slipping would probably be fine. Course ops staff is still looking pretty thin, so not sure who would be available to cover while he's out. Drew – If you can put together a list of what you do as course ops director during the races, we can help look for someone to cover. Dave – During races in high school, the only people slipping the course are coaches. So not sure if the athletes are that well versed in slipping. The coaches can slip, but they are also there to be chaperones and trainers. Drew – Will talk to the coach and make sure the athletes are capable and willing to slip.

**Updates – Shawn Hughes** – Put together changes to the rules to reflect the class restructuring we voted on last meeting. Ryan will send the pdf out to everyone. Sayers – The website has a lot of the same information, not quite exactly the same wording, but very similar. Kurt – What happens if we only have one racer in a class? Drew – We will decide to create vet classes based off of registration data, so if there are only a couple racers in a class, it will just be a small class. Dennis – It seems like it would be possible to split a class at any point, even after the first race weekend. Drew – One thought is that we originally said we needed a minimum of 12 racers in a class before we split it. We probably want to put that in the new rule as well. Grace – Do we want to add a date to the rule, so that people will know when we will have the classes finalized? Sayers – We vote to approve the results of the first race weekend in our meeting after the race, so that vote would potentially finalize the classes. Drew – Don't think we need to formally give a date, but we do want to communicate with our racers so they know what to expect.

Mike motions to approve the rule changes as Shawn has drafted it, with the addition of the rules saying a class has to be 12 people before being split. Alan seconds. Nobody opposed, new rule wording approved. Ryan will send out a copy to everyone.

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

**Registration – Ginnie Uhley** – Currently we have 54 racers registered. We are still working on guest registration. Drew – We launched registration without the link to Boyne's waiver, because we are still waiting to get it from them. We will have to communicate with racers to make sure they sign the Boyne waivers before the first race.

**Course Operations – Dennis Parrott** – Wife will be having a tumor removed in early January and will be in the hospital for a while. Race participation will be low. The plan is currently to work with whoever will be in charge for each race day to help things work out. We will likely have to fold the chief and starter jobs into one to free up an extra worker. Will also put together a cheat sheet for everyone.

**Course Officials – Jenessa Hilger** – No updates. Dennis – With respect to gate judges, don't know if I have enough cards to fully stock the bibs for the first day. Jenessa – Will bring up extra the first weekend, to make sure we have enough to cover.

**Handicaps and Statistics – Chuck White** – Still need to get the course ops crew and timing crew info from Dennis and Kurt. If you don't have exact numbers, best guesses will have to do. Also, if Ginnie or Dennis can pass along the registration data, will start working with the data to make sure it imports properly. Ginnie said she will get the data to Chuck.

**Course Setting – Nick Carrico** – Drew – Talked to Nick about getting new gate shafts. Got a new quote for under \$600. Found a different vendor that ships them in a different way, dramatically reducing the cost. Alan motions to approve the purchase, Dennis seconds. Motion passes.

**Equipment – Dave Carrico** – Ready to go, just need to know which hill we will be racing on. Concerned about the bottom of Superbowl, and whether they groom it or not. Could make getting gear and people to the chair very difficult. Drew – Will talk to Boyne about it. Dave – Could you text me Talcot's number so I can talk to him. Pretty much the same crew as last year, have about 5 people ready to go. Kurt – I have all the drills and stuff from Kermit, so will get them to someone before Saturday morning. Will put them in the finish shack on Superbowl. Will charge them as well.

**Timing – Kurt Adams** – No updates, going through the setup process. Currently know of one person that is not returning, still waiting to hear from quite a few.

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

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

**Publicity – Grace Kerbrat** – Once we get the updated wording for the rule change, will send it out in a newsletter. Will also remind people to register. Do we have a date that we want to target for telling people to register by? Dennis – We have never really closed registration, and we dropped the late fee. Ginnie – We don't really have a close date. Shawn – There has always been a cutoff the morning of a race, if you wanted to be seeded on the start sheets. Drew – What we should do is work on our first cut of the roster and classes and publish that. We could use that as a carrot to get people to register. Use that as an incentive to get people to sign up if they want to see where they would fall on the roster. Dennis – It's almost more important that the clubs know who has registered, so the team reps can reach out to racers that haven't signed up yet. Drew – We should create it and push it to our race reps. Chuck – Can do a preliminary roster once I get the registration data. Also like the idea of giving a date people need to sign up by if they want to see where they fall on the roster before the first weekend. Ginnie – Will work with Chuck and figure out how to get this to the team reps. Drew – Haven't seen anything on social media pushing registration. Is that something we need to get out there? Grace – There is an issue with the business page, not letting me post from the business account. May need to post from personal account. Drew – We will want to announce the winner of the skis at the first award ceremony.

**Webmaster – Mike Sayers** – Website also doesn't have anything saying registration is open. So just a reminder that if anything needs to go on the website, make sure you send an email with the information that needs to be posted. Will put an update on there that registration is open. Will post the roster as well when Chuck sends it out.

**New Business – MRA Test Fest Race** – In February, the Michigan Retailer Association has a big 3 day gathering at Boyne. Sue came up with the idea that we could run a race for some of the sales reps that week. It would take a lot of volunteers though. It would be Wednesday, Feb 5th. Dennis – We would also want to maximize our publicity, make sure we are hanging banners, etc. Drew – We could try to run a race, but not sure if we have the manpower. Another option would be to sponsor a keg at the Wednesday night gathering. We could host a table with a couple people to promote MACC. Dennis – We would need at least a timer, inside starter, course setter, couple people to slip, and someone to handle publicity and waivers. Would need about a dozen people, with the right skills. Drew – Will put a list together and we can reach out to our racers if they would be willing to volunteer. We would have to work with MRA ahead of time, but we would also probably need some kind of registration system. Motion to sponsor the keg? Alan motions, Ryan seconds. Nobody opposed, motion approved.

Drew – Our meetings will be the Tuesday before each race going forward. However, for the first weekend, this would be New Years Eve. Took a quick poll and there is more support for the 30th than the 1st, so our meeting will be at 8:30 on the 30th.

**Secretary – Ryan Bloodworth** – Good on attendance. Won't be able to make the meeting on the 30th. Shawn has agreed to take notes for that meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.