

Minutes of the in-person meeting:

President Virginia Uhley called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Attendance: Officers

Gary Bloodworth-P	Shawn Hughes – P	Steve Coatney – A	Mike Hiebrink-P	Katelyn Meyer-P
Mike Sayers – P	Debi Koltoniak - A	Jim Geisling - P	Zach Jablonski-P	Drew Hillger--P
Doug Fellman – P	Bill Perlmutter –A	Ginnie Uhley – P	Dave Carrico-P	Lou Oles - A
Alex Carrico-P	Jason Kanakry- P	Kermit Anderson-A	Dennis Parrot-P	Scott Pyles – A

Attendance: Team Racer Representatives

Chip Dayton SW – P	Denise Miller - A	Alan Osterdale AA - P
Stephan Morgan JD-A	Gary Konsza, SC – A	Mike Jablonski TB - P
Rob Reader SD – P	Mick Serafinski, TR-P	Holly Polopolos AA – A
Sue Holmes RN –A	Pat Groves TO - P	

President – Virginia Uhley – Ted Jablonski is retiring from the course operations director. Ginnie nominated Dennis Parrot who has been doing the job all year for the position 2nd by Mike. There were no objections Dennis is the course operations director. Ginnie thanked everyone for their services this past race season. A special thank you was given to the course setting crew for their outstanding job in a very tough season. Doug was also thanked.

Searchmont has been contacted by both Ginnie and Scott about racing there next year with no response from the Ski Runners. Next year's schedule was passed out. The last two race weekend are back to back to avoid Presidents weekend which is the only blackout date besides Christmas. Mike brought up the fact that Feb 9,10,11 race weekend is the same as the Masters race at Okemo. Jason asked if we could consider someplace other than Searchmont or Marquette. He suggested Norway in the UP. We would be glad to look at other places and Jason said he would look into it and see if Norway would be acceptable to hosting us. Ginnie made a motion to accept the schedule as presented Alex 2nd no objections motion carried.

Vice President – Alexandra Carrico: I will be assembling the rules committee to review the rules. Have some volunteers and will add a few more people. New rules and or changes will be sent out in the Fall.

Finances – Mike Hiebrink: We have \$11,150.36 in the account.

MDSC Representative – Lou Oles: Not present.

Registration – Katelyn Meyers: We can use the bibs one more year, we typically use for 3 years and we have only used these for 2. Looking at on line registration, more reliable and time saving.

Course Operations – Dennis Parrot & Gary Bloodworth: Course operations had a successful year delivering on time starts and maintaining the courses in very challenging weather conditions. The on-course radio experiment was successful, the interface between course officials and course setting worked fine. A skill gap became obvious, with the difficult conditions, that of course maintenance. How to use the rake if needed, gate replacement if it comes out, GS gate panel placement. 2018 projects and recommendations: develop full program for on-course radio deployment and use, address course maintenance skill gap, review existing documentation and update, work with course officials and formalize connections, repair and upgrade gate judge bibs.

Sponsors and Awards - Jim Geisling / Zach Jablonski: Awards went well this year, plan to get several ideas early next year And have them sent out for a vote. Jim is looking at developing different levels of sponsorship. This year we had some people sponsor single race (Roger Meyer Honey) could do more of this. If anybody has any idea let Jim know.

Race Workers – Bill Perlmutter / Dennis Parrot: Dennis is looking at a commercially available technology (Sign up Genius) for the work assignment web site. This will allow Bill to take over the responsibility for the sign-up web site (He currently is clueless on what Dennis does) and allow Dennis to devote his time to his new position as Director of race workers.

Course Officials - Drew Hilger: Drew was not present, but called into the meeting. The protest system went well this year and Drew accomplished his goal of no formal protest. People like the fact that someone was interested in their concerns and looked at the situation. It was also good to see the actual protest in writing and the resolutions.

Course setting – Jason Kanakry: Jason thanked everyone for the compliments on the course setting crew and said he passed them on to the crew. The gates are showing some wear especially the hinges. Everybody is going to 27mm gates for slalom and he would like to purchase new gates for slalom approximately 90. Jason was given permission to spend the money.

Equipment – David Carrico: Timing equipment is OK. One set of headphones needs repair, looking at some new speakers.

Timing and announcers – Shawn Hughes: Everything good with timing. Added some new people this year. Will work with Dennis on the radios. Question was asked about the live timing. Shawn said the problems appears to be this the wireless carriers. Hopefully we can get it working next year.

Computers, Software & Results – Steve Coatney: Steve just returned from Boyne so wasn't at the meeting. Will need some paper and ink for next year. Brought back a printer to get repaired or replaced. There are a couple of software problems to work on over the summer: team results and ensuring that at least one true GS is dropped for World Cup. Wi-Fi working well and Shawn made some improvements over Marks weekend. There are a few expenses to turn in (what a surprise).

Publicity/Recruitment & Newsletter – Debi Koltoniak: Debi was having surgery and was not at the meeting. Film that was made over Marks weekend is on U Tube Ginnie to send out link. Mike to post link on the web page. Film will make for good publicity.

Webmaster – Mike Sayers: Web is current. Mike sent out his year-end report. Registration was down 1 from last year, quorum stays at 6 votes go up by one to 11.

Old Business:

New Business: Alex nominated Ginnie for president 2nd by Mike, no objections. Congratulations Ginnie

Secretary – Doug Fellman

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next meeting is an in person meeting to be scheduled in the fall

Respectfully submitted by Doug Fellman, Secretary