

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL IN MEETING 12-12-2018

Minutes of the call in meeting:

Ginnie Uhley called the meeting to order at 8:32 PM.

Attendance: Officers

Gary Bloodworth – P	Shawn Hughes – A	Steve Coatney – P	Mike Hietbrink – A	Jeanette Uhley – A
Mike Sayers – P	Debi Koltoniak – A	Jim Geisling – A	Zach Jablonski – A	Drew Hilger – P
Bill Perlmutter – A	Ginnie Uhley – P	Dave Carrico – P	Lou Oles – A	Alex Carrico – P
Jason Kanakry – A	Kermit Anderson – A	Ryan Bloodworth – P	Kathy Bauer – A	Dennis Parrot – P

Attendance: Team Racer Representatives

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

Voting Roll Call – Ryan – Reps for each club that will be voting tonight:

Ann Arbor	Steve Coatney
Snow Drifters	Drew Hilger
Skiniks	Gary Bloodworth
Skiwis	Chip Dayton
Thunderbirds	Mike Jablonski and Dennis Parrott
Team Rust	Mick Serafinski and Dave Carrico
Toledo	

Proposed Rule Changes – Alex – Since we went over all the rule changes in depth during the last meeting, we will just be going over changes that have been made since then, and answering any questions. For rule 2.1.1, we will be changing it to make helmets mandatory for all races, but we will be making chin guards optional, with it highly recommended that they don't wear chin guards for the Super G, due to safety concerns. When the question was asked if this rule would be grandfathered in for current racers, Alex said it will not.

A question was asked about rule 10.1.1, asking that the wording be cleaned up a little, as the wording was a little ambiguous.

Gary Bloodworth voiced concerns about the run order in the rules, and how the classes with the lowest handicaps racing last every weekend is unfair to some of the racers. Ginnie said that the rules just define how racers run within each class, but there is nothing in the rules that specify the order the classes run. Alex added that the rules define a default order, but the rules leave an opening that allow us to reverse classes for some race weekends.

Some grammatical errors were pointed out, Alex asked that these be emailed to her, and she will correct them.

Old Business:

Motion presentation to vote – Ginnie

1. Request for motion to approve the proposed constitution changes. Denise motions, Dennis 2nds. None opposed, motion passes.
2. Request for motion to approve the proposed by-law changes. Dennis motions, Mick 2nds. None opposed, motion passes.

Steve has some concerns about rule 5.2.4, and the fact that almost all race courses need to be slipped in some fashion before a race. Alex pointed out that part of the reason for this rule change was due to the fact that most of the racers don't slip properly during inspection, leading to more harm than good. Dennis added that in the last few years, snow conditions have been poor, and having all the racers slip while inspecting hurt the courses more than it helped, mostly due to the fact that most racers snowplow through the course, and don't actually slip it properly. Dennis agrees that most of the racers need more guidance/direction, in order to learn how to slip properly. Ginnie pointed out that course maintenance is in charge of the course, and this rule will help them maintain the course before the race starts. Steve withdraws his objection. Scott adds that every race weekend will have different snow conditions, and it is impossible for us to legislate rules for each possible situation. This rule is a good default starting position, which by default prevents racers from slipping, until they are told otherwise.

3. Request for motion to approve the proposed rules as written, with changes noted. Dennis motions, Denise 2nds. Chip opposes. With only one objection, the motion passes.

Team point calculations – Chuck White – Chuck recapped his team points analysis from the last board meeting, explaining how team size and class size can greatly affect the outcome of the team points. He recommends changing to where we count  $\frac{2}{5}$  of a teams racers (instead of our current  $\frac{2}{3}$  rule). And he recommends that we reduce the team points earned for classes under 9 people (by subtracting one point for each racer under 9). Steve adds that he liked the changes proposed by Chuck, and that they would be easy to implement. He also added that the class sizes have bothered people for a while, and they never had a good solution to address it, which he thinks this is. Gary asked if Chuck tried running the numbers with sizes smaller than 9. Chuck said he did, and using 9 gave the best results. Gary said that there were only 7 races last year that had 9 or more racers, so almost all racers will have their points affected by this. Chuck agrees, but it will happen across the board, so it will affect all teams, making the team averages slightly lower than past years. Steve thinks this proposal is good, and we can always tweak the numbers in the future if needed. Denise agrees, and likes the idea that we can actually reward people for beating a lot of competition.

Gary asked about Mike Sayers concerns with using  $\frac{2}{5}$  of the team scores instead of  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Mike said he discussed it, and now agrees that using  $\frac{2}{5}$  of the racers is better, as it does a better job of removing the bias based on team size. Ryan voiced some concerns about this slightly changing the spirit of the rule and could mean that some racers never have their scores contribute to their team points. Dennis pointed out that this could also have the opposite effect, and could allow bad racers to still race, even if they are afraid that their scores would bring their team down.

Ginnie requests for a motion to approve the team point calculations, as recommended by Chuck. Rob motions, Denise 2nds. None opposed, motion passes.

Motion to adjourn by Alex, Chip seconds. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Next meeting will be a call-in meeting on Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.