

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 11-11-2025

Minutes of the meeting:

Shawn Hughes called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

Attendance – Officers:

Shawn Hughes – P	Art LeVasseur – P	Ginnie Uhley – P	Mike Hietbrink – A	Ryan Bloodworth – P
Kurt Adams – P	Jenessa Hilger – A	Mike Sayers – P	Nick Carrico – P	Dave Carrico – P
Grace Kerbrat – P	Bill Perlmutter – A	Dennis Parrott – P	Zach Jablonski – A	Alex Carrico – A
Chuck White – A	Drew Hilger – P			

Attendance – Team Racer Representatives:

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

General Updates – Shawn Hughes – Updates from Boyne, had a long conversation with Kayla, things are looking good. They are working on the wiring on the racing shacks. They will also be getting a microphone for us when we use the Snowflake. Alex volunteered to help get the banquet setup again. Registration is now open.

Updates – Art LeVasseur – Will be reaching out to key people who are involved in the organization. Will want to get some information on what everyone does.

Finances – Mike Hietbrink – Not present.

Registration – Ginnie Uhley – Registration is open. Currently, 14 people have registered. Working with Dennis on guest registration. It will be open as we move along. Kurt – Any new racers? Ginnie – Not yet, they are all returning racers.

Course Operations – Dennis Parrott – As mentioned, registration is open, it is working well. We are moving forward on a long-term plan to create a login system to protect assets that are used by some of the directors. We would also like to use that for racers in the future to streamline registration, allowing them to simply confirm that their information is still up to date. No course ops updates but will be reaching out to everyone soon to see who is planning on returning.

Course Officials – Jenessa Hilger – Not present. Shawn – We forgot to approve the minutes. Mike Sayers motions to approve, Alan seconds. None opposed, minutes approved.

Handicaps and Statistics – Chuck White – Not present.

Course Setting – Nick Carrico – Will reach out to crew to see who is in for this year. No new equipment is needed at this point. Shawn – They are rewiring both start/finish shacks and connecting them to where we could start and finish at opposite shacks. One of the reasons we asked to do that is because they don't want us on FIS on the weekend. We are hopeful that we can use the FIS start and the Superbowl finish.

Equipment – Dave Carrico – Hardly used our equipment last year. We will see how everything works with the new wiring. Most of the crew should be coming back.

Timing – Kurt Adams – No updates.

Race workers – Bill Perlmutter – Not present. Shawn – Is 8pm a good time for our meetings? Or do we need to start later? Nobody seems to have a problem with it.

Awards – Zach Jablonski – Not present. Shawn – We need to decide soon about what we want to do for awards. Hard without knowing how many racers we will have though. Drew – We probably want to order cups now and maybe hold off on printing them until closer to the races. Shawn – Talked to Zach a couple weeks ago and he said he was going to put something together. Will follow up with him after the meeting.

Publicity – Grace Kerbrat – No real updates. Will send another registration email, and any updates after this meeting. If anyone has anything else that needs to be pushed, let her know. **Shawn** – The newsletter service we are using has almost doubled their price to \$18 per month. We may look into moving to another service.

Webmaster – Mike Sayers – Minutes are up from last meeting. Schedule, homepage, info to join, and contacts have all been updated. Schedule has some blanks on it, mostly for classes, that will be updated once we get all the registration data in. Is there a qualifier? **Drew** – Last year we let racers just race both courses, then assigned them a class after the first weekend. **Dennis** – Not having class info can cause some issues for guest racers. **Mike** – We don't want to post wrong info though, would like to wait until we have more data. **Shawn** – Would like to assume that things will be the same as last year. There may be some minor adjustments, but things should be pretty set by Christmas. **Drew** – Maybe we just put 'tentative' next to the classes. **Shawn** – Yeah, we can put a disclaimer on there that just says the website will have the most up to date version of the schedule.

New Business –

Shawn – There was a suggestion that we accept video evidence in hearings. **Sayers** – I think if there is video, we would be crazy not to use it, but we really should be making the call before the awards. Not waiting until days later. **Dennis** – Completely agree. **Dave** – Video replay is not accepted in high school racing. **Drew** – That made sense 10-15 years ago, but GoPros and smart phones are so much better nowadays. There are more of them, the quality is better, metadata can be used, etc. **Dennis** – The only issue is that the whole course should be covered, if only part of the course is covered it wouldn't be fair between racers. **Drew** – The big issue we ran into in the past was that a gatekeeper wasn't sure, and there was clear video that we weren't allowed to use. **Art** – I agree with Mike, someone has to raise the issue in the first place, so it's kind of secondary evidence to visual observations. Why shouldn't you use the video to verify? As for timing, there should absolutely be a time limit on when you can use the video. **Drew** – Don't see a time limit in the rules. **Sayers** – We used to have a jury meeting at the end of the day, not sure if that is in the rules. The reality is that the complaint needs to be made before the awards on Saturday, and before everyone leaves on Sunday. That's kind of how we do it now. **Drew** – As far as the deadline, that would be to file the protest? Goal is to have it resolved by awards. An hour after the conclusion of the race? **Ryan** – We can't make the time too short, because sometimes racers don't even know they were disqualified until the results are posted. **Grace** – What about Live Timing? Could that help with getting results out quicker? **Drew** – Don't know how reliable Live Timing is. In the past it didn't handle everything great. **Shawn** – It's a direct feed from the timer, doesn't always get manual updates to results that the timers have to put in during race.

Shawn – We won't write the rule tonight but sounds like we want to add a deadline to protests, that may be fluid around the posting of the results. Maybe add some discretion, to allow for late protests, if necessary, if the board feels like the protest has merit. **Ginnie** – Our results aren't final until the board votes on them at the following meeting. That allowed people to protest up until then. People also sometimes leave on Sunday before the results are posted, and don't necessarily know what happened until the unofficial results are posted online. **Art** – Has the board ever not approved the results of a race? **Sayers** – In the past it has happened, although rare. Usually, it's because some action still needs to be taken to resolve a protest.

Grace – There is some confusion and room for improvement in the general protest and jury section of the rules. Timing of submission, etc. There are likely a couple sections that need to be looked at and revised. **Art** – Will offer to look over the rules and submit some proposals. Will send something out within a week to some of the board members to work out.

Shawn – One more thing, there is nothing on the website about our history, or when we started, etc. **Sayers** – Website goes back to 1997. **Drew** – Started as MDSC going back to the 60s. **Shawn** – If we want to add details we should get some from some of the older racers. **Rick** – Started racing in the early 70s. **Ryan** – Will talk to Gary and see what he knows about MDSC/MACC from the past.

Secretary – Ryan Bloodworth – Attendance is recorded, no updates.

Sayers motions to adjourn, **Dennis** seconds. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.