

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL - MEETING 04-16-07

Minutes of the meeting conducted in person.

President Mike Jablonski called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

Attendance: Officers

Mike Jablonski P Shawn Hughes P Scott Tater P John Thomas P Steve Coatney P
Mike Sayers P Debi Koltoniak P Jennifer Shorter P Kate Fitkin P Dan Costigan P
Doug Fellman P Jim Michon P Craig Mcleod A Ginnie Uhley-Rose P Dave Carrico A

Attendance: Team Racer Representatives

Yas Miyawaki AA (P) Mark Banninger A (A) Peggy Konsza SM (A) Dave Corcoran SN (A)
Bruce Johnson GM (A) Paul Mooradian R (P) Mark Arthers P (P) Ken McLaughlin SW (P)
Romelle Taylor JD (A) Gary Konsza SM (P) Gary Bloodworth SN (P) Peggy Lowe SW (P)
John Stewart SD (A) Mick Serafinski TR (P) Mike Ault T (P) Greg Glassco SD (A)

Others in Attendance: Ted Jablonski, Denise Miller, Patty Costigan, Nick Koltoniak

Officers Reports:

President – Mike Jablonski

The season went well even with the bad weather at the start. All in all it was a pretty successful season.

Searchmont went well this year. The weather was variable as always. Despite a bad season last year with lower skier days, the nonprofit group is going ahead with the purchase of the resort. Closing is scheduled for the end of May. Mike will stay in contact with them to keep abreast of the situation as it progresses. They have also asked for any comments or suggestions on how they have done things in the past and how they could make them better. There was one comment by Scott on the course setting, as there was a spot that could have been dangerous. We will have our course setters look at the courses next year.

Dan Costigan suggested a 3-member safety committee to look at these issues as they come up: weather, snow conditions, or any other safety related items. Cary had also sent Mike an E-mail on safety. Will follow up on this topic in the fall.

The banquet went well this year. Attendance was as follows: Adults 186, Sponsors 11, youth 12, and children 8, for a total of 217. Total profit was \$270.00. We need to get through the awards and give aways quicker to give the DJ more time and also allow more time for socializing. The program is too long. Recognition of the older racers was very well received.

Next years schedule has been set and cleared with Boyne and Searchmont. It is Jan 5&6, 26&27, Feb 8,9&10 (Searchmont) 22&23, and March 7,8,&9 (Marks). This would leave the 12 & 13 open if we have to move the first weekend back like we did this year for lack of snow. The suggestion was made to just move the first weekend right now to the 12 & 13. New years eve falls on the Monday before the 5&6th weekend, so that would screw up the meeting. A vote was taken by show of hands with the majority for the 12 & 13. Mike to check with all involved (Boyne) to see if it is ok with them.

Kate Fitkin made another request that we not have MACC meeting on Monday holidays.

On the subject of moving the Searchmont weekend to Blue Mountain, there are several concerns with the proposal that are not favorable. A suggestion was made that before we even consider the proposal we need someone or a group to go and personally witness Blue Mountain run an actual race to see how they do. It was decided that Blue Mountain is not viable at this time and needs more investigation.

It was suggested we check out Boyne Highlands as an alternative to Searchmont if anything should fall thru with them. This seems like the best alternative at the moment and Mike will do some preliminary checks to see if this is possible. The other suggestion was a possible night race on Hemlock. Request was made that if we go to Boyne Highlands that we try to find a group to do work assignments for us, similar to the set up at Searchmont.

Vice-President - Kate Fitkin

There will be some tweaking to the announcers for next year. Some were good; others were not so good. Denise Miller requested info on the announcers so that they could put it on the sheets.

Miller Lite Race went well this season. We had more teams and everyone had fun. We could have done better had we some of the better MACC racers had raced on the MACC teams.

Finances – Scott Tater

We are in good financial shape, even though we are ending the season slightly lower in cash reserves than we started ~\$6000 vs. ~\$7700. Some of the reasons are the lower numbers this year, spending more for awards, and the purchase of additional headsets and gates. We did get positive feedback on the new awards. In conclusion, we are still in good shape financially.

Computers, Software & Results – Steve Coatney

Season went well. If people have suggestions on how to improve things, let Steve know. Some improvements this year were the posting of the overall finish order for each of the courses, which people really liked. Also, putting the guest racer's name in the results, rather than just listing "guest racer" was well received. Next year will post most improved on the web and keep the list current.

Timing - Shawn Hughes

This was a good year for the timers also. No real major changes planned for next year.

Web Site & Rules – Mike Sayers

There was an adjustment made to the slalom handicaps, because of the big disparity between the GS and slalom handicaps. The slalom handicap went down and the GS went up. The change had no effect on the recent upgrades. This type of adjustment has been done in the past.

Rules: Mike has received several E-mails with revisions to the rules that should be made. He has written up a draft with the rules changes, which was sent out to everybody. There was a lot of discussion on rules and some proposals for new or changed rules were made.

Some of the proposals and discussions were:

1. Add wording about forerunners, who can do it, age limit, race experience, maybe get bibs for them.
 2. Put in a class for over 70 racers. It was decided to survey the 70 + racers to see if they wanted this.
 3. Minimum number of racers needed for a class be established.
 4. Racers should have the ability after first weekend to switch class
 5. Racers should have to beat someone to get team points
- The rule changes will be discussed again in the fall. Everyone needs to read the draft Mike has made so it can be voted on. Any new rules that someone wants to make should be written up so a formal proposal can be made and voted on.

Race Workers – Jim Michon

Pinkies are down from last year. Pinkies went from 3 pages to 1, so we are making progress. Posting the list at the Othmar has helped. Also need to tune up the web site, since we had a couple of glitches with sign ups. Will not be assigning any penalties at this time for work assignment misses.

Awards & Sponsors – John Thomas

Everyone seemed pleased with the awards this year. If anyone has ideas for awards for next year let John know or bring to the next meeting.

The idea of a trophy case was brought up to put our trophies in and display them. Will have to do some investigating on cost of the case and determine if and where Boyne would let us display it.

Registration & Bibs – Ginnie Uhley-Rose & Denise Miller

Need E-mail updates for Jennifer. Get a lot of bounced E-mails, because we cannot read the writing on the forms. Need to put a note on the signup by the E-mail to "print legibly".

Denise reported that we had 35 guest racers this year with a couple of repeats. We need to reformat the sign up so there are 2 cards with the racers info on it for those that race both days of a weekend.

Equipment – David Carrico

Not present, no report.

Course Setting – Dan Costigan

For next season, we will keep 10 bags of urea at the Othmar for emergencies if we have warm weather. Also could use an additional drill motor. Mike said to get it. Dan will check with Jim to see if he can get a discount.

Question was asked by J.T. if we need any more GS panels. Dan said he could use 10 of each blue and red. J.T. will try to obtain, with the current sponsor covering the cost.

Course Operations – Craig McLeod & Ted Jablonski

Ted reported that this year went pretty well. Put clipboards in the Gate Keeper bibs making it easier to write info down during the race. Steve commented that they were seeing a lot more comments from the gatekeepers, so this is working. Next year they hope to get more computerization of the course worker sign up. Since we have shovels, there is a need for rakes for the course workers to help groom the courses.

Publicity & Recruitment – Debi Koltoniak

Debi asked about the \$5 off guest racer cards and how they were working. Some people had given them out. Denise did not see any come in, but some guest racers mentioned them. We will keep this for one more year and see how it works out.

Debi also proposes that we keep the \$10 off for each new racer someone sponsors.

Some suggestions for next year:

List new racers in newsletter

Issue press releases to local newspapers

Display posters at Mt Brighton, Mt Holly, Alpine Valley and Pine Knob.

Place articles in newsletter or local papers on 70 + racers, families that race together, coaches that race, and other topics.

Newsletter – Jennifer Shorter

Not present; no report. Jennifer had related to Mike that she enjoyed doing the newsletter and would do it next year.

Correspondence – Doug Fellman

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Formed a committee to come up with proposals on shortening the Banquet. The committee will consist of Mike Sayers, Debi Koltoniak, Scott Tater, and J.T. Scott will chair.

Scott suggested having 4 courses next year running at 9:30 and 11:30, then having training in the afternoon.

Dan will see if we can get some video of gate judging to show new racers or anyone else interested.

Election of president: Mike Jablonski elected for another year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Next meeting: Tentatively scheduled for Sat morning Sept 29, 2007. This will be an in-person meeting at Boyne Highlands, taking place the same weekend as the Boyne Ski Racing Summit.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Fellman, Secretary