

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 2-5-2020

Minutes of the meeting:

Alex Carrico called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM.

Attendance – Officers:

Gary Bloodworth – A	Shawn Hughes – P	Steve Coatney – P	Mike Hietbrink – P	Jeanette Roberts – P
Mike Sayers – P	Debi Koltoniak – P	Zach Jablonski – A	Drew Hilger – P	Bill Perlmutter – A
Ginnie Uhley – P	Dave Carrico – A	Lou Oles – A	Alex Carrico – P	Jason Kanakry – P
Ryan Bloodworth – P	Kathy Bauer – A	Dennis Parrott – P	Renee Cherette – A	Chuck White - P

Attendance – Team Racer Representatives:

Chip Dayton SW – P	Denise Miller TR – A	Alan Osterdale AA – A	Scott Pyles RN – A	Alfred Cureau JD – P
Gary Konsza SD – A	Mike Jablonski TB – A	Pat Groves TO – P	Sue Holmes RN – P	Rob Reader SD – P
Mick Serafinski TR – A				

General Updates – Alex Carrico – The minutes for the last two meetings went out and need to be approved. There were a couple minor corrections, but nothing major. Alex motions to accept the minutes with the minor corrections, Debi seconds. None opposed, minutes are approved. On a side note, Shawn isn't getting Ryan's emails. Ryan will look into this.

In the race last week, we had some crashing into the finish line on the GS. We will need to make sure we add urea to the finish as well, if the snow is soft. We may also need to make the finish longer/wider. There was a forerunner on course 1 without a bib. This is a big deal because it means the racer didn't sign a waiver. We also need to make sure all forerunners sign up, so we can make sure we don't allow too many. They also only get one run and it is untimed. Let's make sure we talk to the starters, so this doesn't happen again. There was also one racer that left their bib in their coat and was allowed to go without it. There are paper bibs in the start shack, so this should never happen. The gate keepers don't know all the racers, and they need numbers to do their jobs.

Updates from Boyne – Mark is going to bring equipment over to North Boyne for Friday's race. The registration printer will be brought over to print start sheets. Timing shack printer needs to be brought over as well. We have been confirmed for race 10 on North Boyne. We will be in the Top Notch room for registration on Friday (and for race 10 as well). The water fountain is shared between the tennis building and the Othmar but has not been moved yet.

Apparel orders are in and brought up this weekend. Orders can be picked up from Alex or Ginnie at the awards or registration. Banquet planning is all set. Jeannette has a link to purchase the tickets online. If anyone is uncomfortable with buying the tickets online, they can see Jeanette or Alex to purchase tickets. Price is the same as last year. Going forward, Jeannette and Alex will be keeping office hours. Registration for guest racers will end 45 minutes before each course. This applies to picking up comp tickets as well, you need to be there before Alex races to get tickets, 9:15 at the latest.

Updates – Drew Hilger – As a follow up to our course crew discussion last meeting, there was an email response from Heather that was sent to board. Other than that, there has been no further discussion. We reached out to our sponsors, but nobody has signed up to individually sponsor a race this weekend.

Finances – Mike Hietbrink – We currently have around \$10,500 in the bank. If anyone has any receipts, let me know. We filed a request for a license to raffle, but it was denied for now. It is still pending, but they are asking for more information, which we probably won't be able to get in time for the banquet this year. Alex – If we do not get the license, the raffle format at the banquet will be the same as past years.

Awards – Zach Jablonski – Zach is not on, but Dennis has the awards for this weekend in his vehicle.

Registration - Jeanette Roberts – Only update is that there is one guest racer on Sunday. Steve asked for an updated file to print start sheets. Jeanette said that Ginnie will be filling in for her, so she will have all the information for him.

Timing – Shawn Hughes – We had a timing issue last weekend. Some of the gate keeping cards were filled out on the back, but the timers only looked at the front. These weren't caught until after the weekend, meaning that there were some DSQs given after the awards were already given out. We will make sure this doesn't happen again. We will also make sure the starters know that nobody can go without a bib.

Computers – Steve Coatney – We should approve the results from last weekend. Only open issue is if we should change Tom Hicks' class. Alex said she hasn't heard back from him, but it sounds like he doesn't really care too much about the points. If he's fine with staying, we should leave him there. Steve agrees that he should stay. It's similar to Mallory's situation, where it's hard to place someone properly off a limited number of runs. Are there any issues with the rest of the results? Dennis noted some issues privately, he doesn't think we should be changing results a week after the race results were posted and awards were given out. Alex said that this happened because of the gatekeeper that only marked the back of the card. This was missed initially, but while going through cards on Monday, we noticed that there were four DSQs that didn't get noticed. After the DSQs were posted, a racer reached out to Alex, and she explained to him what happened. She told him he could protest if he wanted to, but he didn't. This was an accident that we don't think has ever happened before. We found the error, the people involved know what happened, and we are fixing our procedure, so this doesn't happen again. If this does ever happen again, we will notify anyone affected by it, and make sure we communicate better. Going forward, if Steve notices anything like this, Alex should be notified before the results are posted, so she can talk to anyone affected by it before the results are put on the website. If we want to change this process, we can talk about it over the Summer. Steve pointed out that our workers do their best, but mistakes are still made, and we can take this conversation offline if we want to talk further about ways to improve. Mick motions to approve the results, Debi seconds. Dennis is opposed. Motion passes, results are approved. Steve said they should be all set for setting up on North Boyne. We may need to print start sheets from his laptop, but he will make it work. Chuck asked if we are good with the second monitor. Steve said that won't be an issue on North Boyne and he has the adapters we need to make sure we are good on Superbowl as well.

Equipment – Dave Carrico – Per Alex, Mark is bringing the display over to North Boyne. We will also be using the equipment already at North Boyne, but our crew will need to set everything up.

Course Setting – Jason Kanakry – Talked to Mark, he's bringing over a drill and one bag of each color to top of North Boyne. Alex said she heard some comments about slalom course for course 2, complaining that there were a lot of DSQs. It was a bit warm, but we may want to limit tricky gates on course 2 going forward. Jason will talk to the course setters about this.

Course Officials – Rob Reader – No protests from the last weekend.

Course Operations – Dennis Parrott – We have a full crew for this weekend, all three days are well covered. Todd Lau and Brian Finkel have joined the course 1 crew. Going forward, if we notice issues with the finish, the racers should let the course crew know, so it can be cleared out.

Race workers – Bill Perlmutter – Not present. But sent a worker report to Alex.

Publicity – Debi Koltoniak – Last time we raced on North Boyne we brought our banners over. Do we want to do that again this weekend? Alex said that's a good idea. She believes Dennis is grabbing some smaller items, so he can probably grab the banners as well. Dennis said he will call Debi when he is at the Othmar to make sure he grabs the right banner. Debi said she has the newsletter ready to go out. She will mention that Friday's race is at North Boyne, that guest registration closes 45 minutes before the race, and a reminder that everyone must work two jobs if they race all 3 days. She will also mention that the race on March 6th will be on North Boyne, along with updated banquet and apparel info. Alex said to also remind everyone that guest racers can also register online.

Handicaps and Statistics – Chuck White – We are continuing to monitor GS vs slalom handicaps. They are still looking good; most are within one point. We have had some discussions about pacesetters for course 1. We are going to run a trial of expanding the pacesetters to include class B races, to increase our data pool. Steve pointed out that our pacesetters aren't necessarily the same as tradition pacesetters and could potentially be called something else. But they are there so we can collect times that stand out, which helps us set the handicap range more accurately. Having an A or B racer on course 1 is good, to make sure we are consistent.

Webmaster – Mike Sayers – The home page is being updated. It now mentions that the registration room on Friday is the Top Notch room, and that it's in the civic center. Posted the current minutes but will repost them once the minor corrections are made.

Ginnie Uhley – We have one guest racer this weekend. Ginnie will have all the registration info with her if more people want to sign up.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24pm.

Next meeting will be a call-in meeting on Feb 19th, 2020.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.