

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 2-17-2021

Minutes of the meeting:

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

Attendance – Officers:

Alex Carrico – P	Drew Hilger – P	Ginnie Uhley – P	Mike Hietbrink – P	Ryan Bloodworth – P
Shawn Hughes – P	Steve Coatney – P	Mike Sayers – P	Kermit Anderson - P	Dave Carrico – P
Grace Patti – P	Bill Perlmutter – A	Dennis Parrott – P	Zach Jablonski – A	Debi Koltoniak – P
Chuck White – P	Jenessa Hilger – P			

Attendance – Team Racer Representatives:

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

General Updates – Alex Carrico – No questions about minutes from last meeting. Dennis motions to approve, Alan seconds. Nobody opposed, minutes are approved.

There were no races last weekend. The Friday races were cancelled due to too much snow. The Saturday/Sunday races were cancelled due to soft snow. Haven't heard any negative feedback due to safety concerns. Posting cancel news to social media and website worked well. Talked to Mark, everything is good for this weekend.

Since we were unable to try out FIS plan, do we want to try again for the GS race this Sunday? If we do a three-run race, using FIS would make the race longer. Opinions? Dennis – Are we going to use the same procedures for the cantor cup? Alex – Yes. Dennis – I think we should try them this Sunday then. Kermit – Let's do it. We can space out 6 feet and the hill is much better for GS. Alex – Nobody has any problem with using FIS on Sunday, so we will do that.

Unfortunately, we were not able to do awards last weekend. Awards are in plastic bins and sitting in the FIS finish shack ready to go. We will try again for the awards this Saturday, same time, at 3:00. If they go well, we hope to do it on the marks weekend as well. We will give out awards for previous two races and this Saturday.

Drew and Alex spent the last week thinking about how to make up races. They figured that going straight to the racers to get their opinion was the best approach. Went through a few ideas. One of the ideas was to add a new race weekend, which is simply not an option. Even if Boyne lets us add another weekend, we simply couldn't do it to our racers. The other option that came up was to add an extra race to a day, creating a 3rd course for that day. That seemed unfair to make people work an extra race, and a logistical nightmare to staff it. Dennis – Given what I have seen patching together staff, there is no way we could do a third race. Alex – The two major arguments for not having makeup races: Its unfair for the people that didn't show up last weekend, and it's unfair for the people that can't make it this weekend. We can't always appease everyone, and we will not make decisions to make a small number of people happy.

We proposed two plans in the poll we sent to all racers. Plan 1 is to run 3 runs on Sunday (GS). First two runs will be normal, then there will be a 3rd run which will count as makeup race. Before the 3rd run, it will be up to Kermit to determine the safety of the course. If we need to reset a few gates, we can. If anything is changed, the course would then be reopened for inspection. If conditions are very poor, we can cancel the makeup race as well. If it goes well and runs smoothly, we can do the same thing next weekend to make up the first GS race. This will make the work assignment slightly longer but will only be one work assignment. Any comments? Dennis – What happens if during the morning race we get a 3rd run, but for the afternoon we don't? Alex – We would cancel the makeup race for both. This happened in the past when morning race was fine, but afternoon had to be cancelled. Dennis – This seems like the best way to do things. A 3rd race would never work, but a 3rd run should. Shawn – The races will be a little longer, but I would think that people would be willing to work an extra run if they get to race an extra run. Kermit – No problem for course setters at all, we will get it done. We will have to keep an eye on the course a little more, maybe do extra slips to make sure it holds up for a 3rd run. Alex – Steve said earlier in the week that it shouldn't be a problem. Chuck – Shouldn't be an issue, but we will need two separate processing times. Drew – I think we have to plan for a delay between runs 2 and 3 to give the timers and course setters a break. Shawn – That's a good idea. Dennis – What about pacesetters and handicaps? Chuck – As long as the pacesetters run the 3rd run just like everyone else, we should be good.

The second plan is to make up the slalom and super g on marks weekend. Without the banquet, we can count our race on Sunday as well. We would setup the cantor cup as usual, but racers would take 2 super g runs and 1 slalom run. The two super g runs would count as the makeup super g. The single slalom run would also count as a makeup race. All 3 times would then be

combined to get a Cantor Cup time. This also makes the Cantor Cup a little more balanced. Right now, the Cantor Cup is heavily favored towards slalom, so this actually makes it more balanced. We wouldn't need pacesetters for the super g since everyone is running the same course. Mike – We have a table in our rules for how many races you throw out, so we would want to take that into consideration. Alex – Right now, you have to drop a slalom and a GS, super g doesn't count as a GS. Depending on how the makeup races go, we will adjust the table as needed.

Alex shared a spreadsheet with the poll results. Racers voted yes for plan 1 with 77%. Concerns were shared as well, listed in document. Plan 2 votes were also 77% yes. Went over racers course 2 comments as well. Alex – One of the questions asked if we do the same thing for slalom as the GS? Alex and Drew talked about this and it seemed like it would take too long and would be very exhausting for some racers. Drew – We also didn't want to put too much weight on a Friday race. There were also other suggestions from racers for making up races – unfortunately, none of them are feasible. Mike – If this passes, we will have to push the afternoon race time back a little bit. Alex – Agreed. We will let Kermit and Dennis determine if 30 minutes is good. Kermit – For the GS, we have tons of time. Unless something goes wrong (injury/timer issues) we should be able to get three runs in the regular time. Pushing the second race back by 30 minutes should be more than enough time, even if we have to slightly change the course. Dennis – I think it will work just fine. On Sunday, people do want to get out of there early, so pushing it only 30 minutes is best. Kermit – With course 1 being first on Sunday, how about we run it at 1230 and just communicate to everyone that we may have to push the race back if needed. Alex – Ok, we will keep the 12:30 start time on Sunday. We will make it clear to all the racers that we are planning to run at the same time but there may be delays.

Dennis motions to approve plan 1 on Sunday, Alan seconds. Alex calls for votes from each team and motion to approve plan 1 passes:

Alan (AA) – Yes
Ryan (SN) – Yes
Chip (SW) – Yes
Rob (SD) – Yes
Mick (TR) – Yes
Ginnie (TR) – Yes
Dennis (TB) – Yes
Debi (TO) – Yes
Mike Sayers (TO) – Yes

Mike Sayers motions to approve plan 2, Dennis seconds. None opposed, motion passes.

Updates – Drew Hilger – For the Cantor Cup, we talked about not needing pacesetters for the SG, but we should still have them for the slalom. Alex – We can also change the course if the snow is good. Drew – The other issue we thought of, if a protest is filed from Jenessa's class the system may be biased. If that happens, Ginnie and Chuck will help out and make a ruling. Alex – Nichols purchased new gate panels, she gave them to Shawn, and he will be bringing them up next week. Thanks Nichols! Steve – Not a huge issue, but how do we want to do the handicap averages when we do three races in a weekend? Chuck and Kermit both agree that we should just do them after the weekend. Chuck – It doesn't make sense to change them mid weekend.

Finances – Mike Hietbrink – \$11,298 in accounts.

Registration – Ginnie Uhley – No new registrations. We ran out of medium bibs, Alex approved bid to get more. We ordered 25 new ones. Alex – I believe we are still charging \$20 to any racer that needs a bib (new or replacement) which covers the costs of ordering new ones.

Handicaps and Statistics – Chuck White – Not much to report, just a minor revision to the pacesetter list for this weekend. Will get a new one out and send it to Ginnie once its ready. Will add a pacesetter schedule to the slalom race for the Cantor Cup.

Course Operations – Dennis Parrott – We have a barely adequate staff for the weekend, but we should be ok. New thing added to gate judge bib. In the past, on the gate card you had a list of things to watch out for, we will add something similar.

Course Officials – Jenessa Hilger – No race, no protests. Dennis and Jenessa have been working on a strategy for gate keeper rule education. Started by creating a MACC racing youtube channel. Not much so far but starting to get the pieces in place. Will also put together some gate keeper tips on subjects that may have some confusion.

Course Setting – Kermit Anderson – Course setting team is a little short this weekend, but we have some volunteer help, so we should be all set. Alex, can you remind someone to bring the drills? Alex – They should still be up there, but I'll talk to Jason to make sure everything is up there.

Equipment – Dave Carrico – No equipment problems.

Timing – Shawn Hughes – Need to get with Steve for makeup timing procedures, but that’s it. Alex – Make sure you share those procedures with timers as soon as you have them. Shawn – Totally agree.

Race workers – Bill Perlmutter – Not on. Alex - No changes to worker collection plans. Dennis – Sign up genius says we should be good on gate judges.

Computers – Steve Coatney – No results from last weekend. Will talk to Shawn about updating timer procedures for makeup races. Is the cantor cup going to be treated as both regular races and Cantor Cup? Alex – Yes, slalom run is a makeup, and the two SG runs are a makeup. Then we will combine all three runs to get a standalone Cantor Cup time.

Awards – Zach Jablonski – Not on. Mike also not on. Alex – Mike and I emailed this week; he will be bringing lots of awards this weekend. End of year awards will be ordered at the end of the season since we aren’t on a time schedule. We may need to buy some cheap cantor cup awards if we decide to do that.

Publicity – Debi Koltoniak – In the newsletter we will include awards details, we will also make sure everyone is clear on the makeup races. Will the schedule be updated to have makeup race on it? Alex – The time will not be changed, so the schedule won’t be updated, it just needs to be advertised on social media and newsletter. Debi – Will reinforce Othmar hours, also want to thank Jenessa and Dennis for putting together a gate keeper training plan. Videos are always a great way to help teach everyone the rules. Also want to thank Grace for her social media efforts. The most important thing is that I will see everyone in person this weekend. Yay! Will also make a reminder to have workers check in with chief of course when they show up.

Webmaster – Mike Sayers – Not as much to post this weekend, hopefully. Will upload the schedule. Will post that the SG will be two runs.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM. Our next meeting will be Mar 3rd at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.