

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 4-7-2021

Minutes of the meeting:

Alex Carrico called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 – A	Alfred Cureau JD – P	Gary Bloodworth – A	Chip Dayton SW – P	Gary Konsza SD – A
Mick Serafinski TR – A	Mike Jablonski TB – P	Pat Groves TO – A	Sue Holmes RN – A	Denise Miller TR – A
Rob Reader – P	Kathy Bauer TR - A			

Review Minutes – Alex Carrico – Motion to approve the minutes from Mar 3rd. Nobody opposed, minutes approved.

Review of the Season – Alex Carrico – Covid procedures worked well, racers did a great job of following them. As far as we know, there were no covid cases tied to MACC. Course changes were the biggest thing that people disliked. However, it was because of the changes that we were able to get all races off successfully. We will need to discuss in the fall if we want to keep this arrangement or go back to what we did before. Race awards at the bottom of the hill were a big success, everyone seemed to like it. Someone suggested that we continue to do it in the future, but that is not in the plan. If we are allowed to go back to the snowflake next season, we will. Boyne makes money off of MACC in the snowflake, so we should go back if we can. World cup awards have arrived. The plan is to give the world cup awards to each of the race reps at some point over the summer.

For the 2022 race schedule, it is the exact same dates as presented earlier this year. This avoids MLK and presidents' weekend. There are a few two-week gaps, but there are no back to back weekends. This pushes the last weekend to Mar 11-13th. Boyne has confirmed these dates. Questions? Grace voiced some concerns about going late into March. Alex said Boyne is never going to prioritize snowmaking on Superbowl and FIS. Back to back weekends is not a problem with Boyne, but it's a problem with Alex, Drew, and the board. It's difficult as a board to have back to back weekends. If this is something that reps would like to consider, they can choose to not vote it in. Drew added that he skied Mar 10-11th this year, and we would have been able to race, even with how warm it was this year. Mike said we have done back to back weekends in the past, but doing it with the last 3 day weekend is particularly hard. Also, turnout tends to suffer when we do back to backs. Motion to approve the schedule, Mike Jablonski motions to approve, Mike Sayers seconds. All clubs vote yes. None opposed, schedule approved.

Drew will be heading rules committee this summer. If anyone has interest in joining, let him know. Handicap committee will be led by Chuck White. Please let him know if you want to join. For our sponsorship program, we have drafted some documents, we will finalize them by the fall meeting. Our website redesign was started a few years ago but got pushed due to other projects. This will be a priority this summer. Mike Hietbrink will be working on our IRS filing for raffle license.

Updates – Drew Hilger – Not a whole lot to add. If anyone has any rules that need to be reviewed, let him know. If anyone is interested in working with sponsors, let him know as well.

Finances – Mike Hietbrink – Just under \$10,000 in account, after IRS fees it will be just over \$9,000. It was a good year from a financial perspective due to not buying awards. Email him if you have any receipts that need to be paid. Those banks amounts are after the world cup awards.

Registration – Ginnie Uhley – Not many updates. Final total of 101 registrations this year. Special thanks to Dennis for making sure online registration worked well. Current plan is to keep the same online registration system for next year. Some minor changes behind the scenes, but nothing that the racers will notice.

Handicaps and Statistics – Chuck White – Showed a presentation. First one is registration and attendance. Was a little late requesting final database from Steve, so the numbers might be off by one. Course one was a little heavier than two. Race numbers were fairly steady, usually around 70 people per race. Broken down by teams, results were pretty typical. Team Rust was the biggest (both registered and average). Jim Dandy improved their numbers quite a bit this year. Looking at attendance by class, it was quite heavy at the top, but B also had quite a few racers. Alex added that team votes are calculated by team numbers. And after running the numbers, the only team that would change based on this year's numbers would be Toledo. They would go from 2 votes to 1. Because of covid, it may be unfair to adjust votes based on this year's registration numbers. Chuck

continued with the presentation. For handicap data, the course setup made things interesting this year. With both courses having a mix of skill. Preliminary looks at handicaps seem solid, with distribution looking fairly even between slalom and GS. Alex said we should vote on changing the voting privileges for next year. If we use the 2020 registration data, it will leave the votes the same for next season. Motion to use the 2020 registration data for votes. Mike Jablonski motions, Ginnie seconds. None opposed, motion passes. Team votes will stay the same for next year.

Course Operations – Dennis Parrott – The realignment of classes between both courses helped immensely this year. If we did not do it, it would have been almost impossible to staff course 1. Continuing this alignment going forward may be necessary next year as well. Would like to thank Drew and Alex for making the whole season possible. Would also like to thank my team, they kept patching things together to make the races work. Thanks to everyone who made the season possible. Asked Kermit if Will and Gary will be course setting next year. Kermit said Gary is a part timer, he enjoys coming in and setting a course once in a while. Will would really like to join the team though, and he is very excited about it. We will likely use Gary as a guest setter, as he was helpful for setting the slalom course on the last Friday race. Dennis continued, saying resource needs for next season will be fairly low cost. Batteries and possibly radios, around \$60 each.

Course Officials – Jenessa Hilger – Over the summer, Jenessa is going to try to put together some videos to help with gate keeping and rules. Last weekend, we had some course setters film some practice runs in order to help put together instructional videos.

Course Setting – Kermit Anderson – Kermit echoes Dennis' thanks. It was a tough season for everyone, and we were able to pull off a lot of good races. Thanks to everyone, especially Alex and Drew. For course setting, we didn't break a single gate this year (one spring, but no gates). We may need to buy some new drill batteries; the current ones aren't holding a strong charge. Will probably be about \$200 for a pair of batteries. For the crew itself, we should have the same crew next year, with Joel back, hopefully. Will also did a great job. Even if Joel doesn't come back next year, we will be in great shape. Paul Williams might be back as well.

Equipment – Dave Carrico – All our equipment worked this year and should work for another year. Going forward, we should look into modernizing though. LED display is possible but wouldn't be much of an upgrade. If we wanted something to show more details though, it should be something like buying an outdoor TV. Alex said we are working on getting some money so that we can do that. Dave said sounds good, we will make next year happen with what whatever we have.

Timing – Shawn Hughes – Thank you to everyone. No real updates though.

Race workers – Bill Perlmutter – Bill is not on. Alex gave an update. No green cards this year, and we added some changes to how workers checked in. We might be able to use the same changes next year. Dennis and Bill can discuss and refine over the summer. Dennis added that from his perspective, the only issue we had was putting the responsibility of checking in workers, into the hands of the chief, when the only person we can rely on is the starter. It worked ok, but it could be improved. Alex added that the couple times she was the outside starter some of the gate keepers were already in place before she even got there. She did rely on the chief to make sure they got all the workers between the two of them. Alfred said on the courses he was chief, it was a little chaotic, but they made it work. It might be a good idea to do a role call over the radio before they start. Alex said it would be good to suggest that to Bill, and he can refine the procedure over the summer.

Computers – Steve Coatney – Steve joined the call late, so Alex gave an update. There was one change to the world cup results. When Steve sent Drew and Alex the results, they looked for ties. There was one tiebreaker that was announced incorrectly, and they will be emailing the two racers to let them now. Does anyone else know of any issues with the final results? Motion to approve the results. None opposed, results approved.

Awards – Zach Jablonski – Zach is not on. Alex would like to thank Mike for bringing all the awards out from the basement vault. Would also like to thank anyone else that brought out their extra awards.

Publicity – Debi Koltoniak – Coming up for the last two weekends was great for my heart and soul. It was a real pleasure to see everyone. Will do a quick e-newsletter to summarize this call. Can the schedule be sent out to racers? Alex says yes, the dates can be posted, but not the races/classes/etc. We will still work on that into the fall. Debi asked if she could get racer emails and email people that didn't race this year due to covid. It's important to make that connection to everyone that took the year off. Will work with Grace this summer to keep the social media active through the summer and fall. Can we do a Kickstarter for the timing equipment instead of doing a raffle license? Alex said we haven't thought about it. We had a donation to help with the timers, so it is possible that something like that could help but doing it as a raffle may be a little less like begging. Debi said it might be good if we just express that some members have donated money to help, and we would welcome other donations. Mike added that once we resolve the IRS issues, and are allowed to run a raffle, it will help us raise more money consistently every year. Alex said the plan for the raffle was initially for the timers, but we were able to get that money this year. The raffle every year would be good going forward to help us keep costs low every year. Alex thanks Debi for helping to support us even though she wasn't racing this year. Also, thanks to Grace for all the social media effort.

Webmaster – Mike Sayers – Will be showing up to Boyne every weekend next year. Got vaccine and a new knee. Next year it might be a good idea to put something on the website earlier, even before the Wednesday meeting, just to let people know that we will be making a call that could impact the upcoming weekends.

New Business:

President Nomination – Mike Jablonski moves to nominate Alex for president for 2022 season. Mike Sayers seconds. None opposed, Alex accepts the nomination for one more year.

Boyne Highlands – Drew reached out on behalf of MACC regarding opening communication with Boyne Highlands. They used to do a downhill in late March every year. It would get like 500 racers. They have been scheduling it on our race weekend the last couple years, so we reached out to see if there was any way we could find a date that worked for both of us. Finding a date that works has been tough, but they have our schedule, so if they can find a date that works it would be great. Long term it might be great to have a race over there, but not as early as next year. Sayers said we have talked to them in the past, and they haven't really been open to it very much. Highlands has had better snow the past few years though, especially in early January. Steve said they have to work around a few other races as well. Alex added that in the last five years, Highlands has been pushing their race program a lot harder. They have new people running the program, and they want to grow their program, so hopefully we can find a way to work with them. Drew clarified that if we are going to do something with Highlands, we will make sure we work out the details far ahead of time, to make sure all racers know about it before they start buying season passes.

Next meeting will be in the fall, with more details to follow as we get closer to the meeting time. Committee meetings will be outside the calls, if you want to join any of them, feel free to reach out to the leaders. Alex gives one last thank you to everyone, for all their help making this year a success. Have a good night and great summer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM. Our next meeting will be this fall, date and time TBD.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.