

## MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 10-28-2021

### Minutes of the meeting:

Alex Carrico called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Kerbrat – P	Bill Perlmutter – A	Dennis Parrott – P	Zach Jablonski – P	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 – P
Mick Serafinski TR – P	Mike Jablonski TB – A	Pat Groves TO – P	Sue Holmes RN – P	Denise Miller TR – A
Rob Reader – A	Kathy Bauer TR - A			

**Review Minutes – Alex Carrico** – Motion to approve the minutes from last meeting. Nobody opposed, minutes approved.

**General Updates – Alex Carrico** – 2021 awards were all distributed, except Snowdrifters. Will continue to work on getting those out.

**Covid Updates** – Was hoping to have more info, but Boyne hasn't posted any official stance on Covid procedures for this year. Boyne says they will come out with something but haven't yet. It is likely that it will be similar to last year, and we will start planning this year assuming the rules will be the same. We will hold off on posting registration info until we know more. We do plan on allowing 3 people in the finish shack though. And racers will be allowed to take off mask in the start gate, but not in line. We also plan on having awards and banquet. Refund policy will also go back to normal.

**Banquet Updates** – Boyne is currently holding events in the banquet hall, so Denise will be planning a banquet again. There may be slight changes, but we are planning an in-person banquet.

**2022 Schedule** – Usual setup for this year. 10:30 and 1:00 races on the first day. 10:00 and 12:30 for all other races. Courses are still TBD until registration data comes in. More than likely, we will do a mixed course again to make sure we have good worker distribution. Classes should stay the same as last year.

**Awards** – The plan is to have awards at the Snowflake, but if we can't, we will do them at the base of the hill again. We will have actual awards this year.

**Apparel** – Last year, apparel company bailed last minute. We will have apparel this year, Dennis created a page/app to collect orders, which we will submit to the store. We will then distribute at a race weekend. T-shirts, long sleeve shirts, hoodies, and hats will be available.

**Updates – Drew Hilger** – There are five proposals for rule changes this year. First, an amendment to disallow the VP from voting. Currently the president can't vote, and this would extend the rule to the VP as well. Side note, let Alex know if your race reps are changing from last season. Second, a new rule to add minimum time from the end of the first race to start of the second race. The minimum time is 1 hour, with the option of 45 minutes in extreme circumstances. Third proposal changes the rule that lets you accumulate points. We broke it into two rules, one for individual points and another for team points. Fourth, we clarify the rule that states racers must join a team and adds the option of not joining a team if they choose. Fifth proposal puts a limit on how many times you can guest race, limiting it to 3 times a year. This prevents people from guest racing each race, so they don't have to work. Steve says for proposal three, he agrees with intent, but it will take some changes in the software, and it might be easier to just say you can't join a team after a certain point. Will look into it, to see if it's feasible for current software. Drew said we could have them race as a guest if they don't qualify for points. Mike Sayers added that it might be better to say they have a day or two after the weekend, rather than the end of the weekend. As long as it's before the next MACC meeting.

**Finances – Mike Hietbrink** – Mike is fixing meeting issues, so Alex is reporting. Currently \$10,831 in account, both PayPal and Huntington are accurate. Proposing fees remain the same as 2021, we did make money last year, but it was mostly due to not buying awards. IRS paperwork has been filed, no idea how long it takes, but should have enough time to get license for banquet. Email Mike if you have questions.

**Registration – Ginnie Uhley** – Review of numbers from last year. Breaks down registration numbers by course, class, etc. Registration form and payment will be online again, same system as last year. Should have guest racing sign up online as well. Discussed getting new bibs, but given all covid restrictions, lets plan for new bibs the following year. Proposal to change guest bibs to numbered stickers. Could do stickers similar to Nastar, cost is about \$15 for 100, could go right on helmet. Reg hours 8-9:15 and 11:30-12 on race day.

**Handicaps and Statistics – Chuck White** – Over the summer we thought about handicaps in terms of a few different questions. Are GS and slalom handicaps consistent? Are handicaps consistent across courses? Did they drift at all from last year? Did missing slalom race affect world cup standings? Correlations between team points and team size/class size?

Handicaps were consistent across GS and slalom, as well as across both courses. There was no drift in GS handicaps, but a slight 3% decrease in SL. The missing race didn't give an advantage to any racers. For team size, when you exclude small teams of 7 or fewer racers, there is no correlation between team size and results. And for class size, there is no correlation either. Final recommendation is to make no changes at this time, as none of the results show an unfair advantage to any single group.

**Course Operations – Dennis Parrott** – Online registration last year was a success, the only problem we had should be fixed for this year. Online guest registration will be ready for 2022 season as well, payments will be accepted through PayPal. Online banquet ticket sales will need to be revisited, as we don't have the same banking system as 2 years ago. A few tasks left before launch, which will need to be worked out with various people.

Course ops looks good so far. 17 people plan on racing again, basically a 50/50 split between elite classes and A-D. Will work on getting gate judges spread out better to make sure all courses are staffed evenly. The new course alignment really made it much better for worker numbers. Probably wouldn't have been able to race without it. Gate judges were not as balanced though, with course two almost always having 5 judges. Course 1 had 3 or less judges multiple times. For one of the weekends, this seemed to be due to course 2 having only 8 racers without preassigned jobs. We have to consider class attendance data moving forward. We may also need to make sure people are spread out between Saturday and Sunday, possibly by preventing drop in judges on Saturday.

For the website redesign, we are looking at more of a refresh rather than redesign, focusing on a few key issues.

**Course Officials – Jenessa Hilger** – Working on videos to show standardized rules, so workers know what they are supposed to be doing. Also working on posts for social media to give tips to refresh everyone.

**Course Setting – Kermit Anderson** – Course crew is lined up, should be all set. Need a couple batteries, so will get those ordered.

**Equipment – Dave Carrico** – Need to buy a few batteries as well, all other equipment should be good.

**Timing – Shawn Hughes** – Last year we had a couple challenging weekends, but we should be better this year with having 3 people in finish shack. One little speed bump, broke a couple bones, so probably won't be skiing this year.

**Race workers – Bill Perlmutter** – Bill not on call, no updates.

**Computers – Steve Coatney** – This year expenses will be about \$650 for two computers, plus paper and ink will be about \$150. Buying Ginnie new registration laptop should be about \$300. We might need some other software to put on it, might be a little more. Shouldn't be more than \$1500 total.

**Awards – Zach Jablonski** – Presented four options. 11 oz Stemless wine glass (1), 20 oz beer glass (2), 13 oz beer mug (3), and 13 oz mug (4). Team votes were as follows: Alan 3, Ryan 1, Chip 4, Gary K 3, Ginnie 1, Dennis 1, Debi 1, Pat 1, Sue 1 – stemless wineglass wins. Zach added that if people have ideas for Cantor Cup award to let him know.

**Publicity – Debi Koltoniak** – Typically we put together a brochure, not sure how much its used, but we should really focus on social media. Grace gave a social media overview, saying we would like to feature race teams more. Will send out questions to get team info, photos, etc. Will also do promos for guest racing, etc. Alex asked if there is a way to take the brochure info and turn it into a social media graphic? Grace said yes and will work with Debi to convert it into social media document. Debi will also look into updating the banners that we post outside Othmar. May depend on prices and if money is in budget. Debi will continue to send out e-newsletters. Drew will continue to add notes to the newsletter, may still be primarily covid related, but he will continue to give updates through newsletter.

**Webmaster – Mike Sayers** – Website now changes to make it better for phones. Adjusts page as shape changes. Can easily update the page once we have registration info, and can also add publicity info, etc. Website will also need to be updated if

contact info or team reps change. Drew asked if can we put a link to weather at Boyne Falls on the site? Mike said it shouldn't be too difficult. Alex mentioned that we could also link to Boyne's snow cams.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM. Our next meeting will be on Sunday to vote on the proposed rule changes.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.