

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 1-21-2025

Minutes of the meeting:

Drew Hilger called the meeting to order at 8:33 PM.

Attendance – Officers:

Drew Hilger – P	Shawn Hughes – P	Ginnie Uhley – P	Mike Hietbrink – P	Ryan Bloodworth – P
Kurt Adams – P	Jenessa Hilger – P	Mike Sayers – P	Nick Carrico – P	Dave Carrico – P
Grace Kerbrat – P	Bill Perlmutter – A	Dennis Parrott – P	Zach Jablonski – A	Alex Carrico – A
Chuck White – P				

Attendance – Team Racer Representatives:

Alan Osterdale AA – P	Gary Konsza SD – P	Chip Dayton SW – P	Sue Holmes RN – A	Gary Bloodworth SN – A
Rick Van Houdt TR – P	Mike Jablonski TB – A	Denise Miller TR – A	Kathy Bauer TR – P	

General Updates – Drew Hilger – Any questions about the minutes? Motion to approve from Mike Sayers, seconded by Dennis. None opposed, minutes approved.

Updates from Boyne – Superbowl and FIS are both open, they are planning on holding a race over there on Thursday. So, the question is, does the timing work? Lots of excavation has been done to replace the lift, so we will need to wait and see if all the timing lines are still intact. Will have it sorted out by race time.

Awards – We have always tried to have the awards at the Snowflake, but at this point, they don't seem to have a spot for us. This weekend, we will have our awards at the bottom of the Superbowl chair, at 4pm before the lifts close. Waiting until 5 tends to get a bit too dark outside. Also, do we want to have awards on Friday night only, Saturday only, or both? Sounds like most people are good with just Saturday at 4pm. Kathy asked about possibly holding the awards at Helga's House again? Drew said he can ask. BYOB could be an issue at Helga's House, whereas the base of Superbowl is probably a little better for BYOB.

Insurance – Boyne increased their liability requirement from \$1 million to \$5 million coverage. We were able to get it increased, but it will cost us almost \$1,000 more. It went from about \$1,400 to \$2,400. Dennis motions to approve the spending, Gary seconds. Nobody opposed, motion passes. Another one of their requirements is to have a concussion protocol. We now have a document with our requirements, which includes requiring training for any teams with a racer under the age of 18. It isn't currently officially in our rules, but we will add it next year when we review the rules. Dennis – We could include the concussion resources, along with helmet details, on the webpage under a safety tab.

Updates – Shawn Hughes – No updates. Will be going up Wednesday evening, so will work with Chuck and Jim to make sure the timing works on both sides.

Finances – Mike Hietbrink – Around \$12,000 in the bank. That includes the new insurance payment, but we will get a rebate from the old insurance. We still need to pay for the awards.

Registration – Ginnie Uhley – No new registered racers, still at 77, guest registration is open. No guest racers yet.

Course Operations – Dennis Parrott – Would like to thank Alan and Art for filling in. We are a little light on workers for this weekend, several people haven't checked in. Scott Pyles was noticing some cross talk on channel 6. We hadn't noticed that before and didn't hear anything from anyone else. Did anyone else notice it? Nobody else seemed to notice it. If everyone could pay attention this weekend, and if it's a problem, we can switch to a new channel. Will want to make sure all our equipment gets back to FIS/Superbowl. Will need the orange guy and the sign board at the top. The other orange guy at the mechanical room. Drew – Everything was left by the North Boyne timing shack, asked Boyne if they can get it all moved over. Ryan – There were a couple new racers that may be good course ops workers. Drew – Ben will likely be a course setter. Ginnie will send Taylor's contact info.

Course Officials – Jenessa Hilger – There was an informal protest for Steve Anderson. He DQed on Sunday but didn't realize it. There was an issue in the flush, and multiple people said he missed it. Also, some videos of the races have been posted. Kurt – What is an informal protest? Drew – Informal basically means we just documented the situation. She just documented what happened so that everyone is aware of the situation.

Handicaps and Statistics – Chuck White – While gathering printers, noticed that there was still speakers/sound equipment in the office. It's hard to use it as an office when all that stuff is in there. Drew – Will follow up with Boyne. Chuck – Last meeting we had enough people for one vet class. We did get a couple late registrations that put us over the threshold for another Vet class for 3M. We currently have 14 registered in that class. Ryan - Hard to get a good sample size from one weekend, when we only had 5 racers on Sunday. Grace – Was going to look at what the rules specifically said, but the updated rules don't seem to be posted. Shawn will send Mike an updated pdf. Dennis – We have been making patches to go on the glassware, will adding a new class affect our award situation? Drew – The class isn't on the glasses, so it won't affect awards at all. Is there a motion to add a vet class for 3M? Chip motions to add a 3MV class, nobody seconds. Chuck – In that case the results on the web aren't going to change. Sayers motions to approve the results, Dave seconds. Ginnie – Do the upgraded racers know about their upgrades? Chuck – Yes, both racers are aware. Ginnie – And the qualifiers know which class they have been placed in? Nobody knows if the new racers were clearly and directly told their proper classes. Ginnie will email them to let them know which class they belong in. Chuck – The courses are a little imbalanced now, the idea of moving class 1 to the other course has come up. We could probably do that without too much disruption, as it shouldn't affect the worker count too much. It would just balance the number of racers. Ginnie – There were 42 racers on one course and 29 on the other, that's the reason for looking for a class we could move that wouldn't affect the workers too much. Mike Sayers motions that we move class 1 to other course, Dennis seconds. Nobody opposed, motion carries. Ginnie – Registration will be at the Othmar, with the same hours as last race weekend. Drew – Does moving class 1 affect the pacesetter schedule? Chuck – Will look and see.

Course Setting – Nick Carrico – No updates.

Equipment – Dave Carrico – Need to check with Boyne to make sure we have everything we need over on Superbowl. Will also need a speaker for the awards. Skop always setup a speaker up for us. Also, we may need heaters for the finish shack as well.

Timing – Kurt Adams – No updates. Just need to make sure all the equipment gets there and is working. Do we have a plan for if we can't race on FIS? Drew – We would probably find out Thursday night, and we will just have to announce it via social media. Optimistic that we will be able to race on FIS though. Kurt - We also need to make sure the start sheets match what is listed online, they didn't always line up last weekend.

Race workers – Bill Perlmutter – Not present.

Awards – Zach Jablonski – Not present.

Publicity – Grace Kerbrat – For the newsletter, should we include the concussion protocol? Drew – A link to that would be great. Grace – Will also mention class 1 moving to course 2. Will let people know we plan to be on FIS/Superbowl, and awards will be at the bottom of the hill at 4pm. Will mention guest registration and registration hours. Drew – Can you also mention the upgraded racers? Grace – Did get flyers printed and dropped off at Nubs and the ski shops in Petoskey. Have more for Boyne, but didn't know who to talk to. Do we have a contact? For registration signage for this weekend, does Boyne care where we post stuff? Can we put out a yard sign saying we are doing races? Drew – Will check with Boyne. Grace – Also need details for the test fest. Drew – Need to follow up on that. It sounded like the keg event might not be until 9pm on Wednesday but will follow up and get you all the details.

Webmaster – Mike Sayers – Updated the schedule page. Also added the concussion document under the MACC tab. Posted the minutes as well. Drew – Might also be good to mention that we are running the GS on Friday, so people bring the right skis. Ginnie – We might have one more new racer, that hasn't qualified. Drew – We could just let them run both courses again. Chuck agrees.

Chuck – Going back to Kurt's comment about the order. The rules don't really specify what order the classes go in. We currently have women run, then the open class 1, then the men, then potentially the other open class (which is empty right now). Everyone agrees we should run both open classes in between the women and men.

Secretary – Ryan Bloodworth – No updates.

New business – 2026 Schedule – Talked to Boyne and they want to finalize the schedule in the fall. We are trying to convince them to finalize the schedule in April/May. Would like the first race to be in the beginning of Jan. Then running every other weekend, if possible. Dennis – What are you hearing from Boyne about lane fees? Are we likely going to be subjected to that? We will need to know schedule details asap so that we can buy season tickets while they are cheaper. Drew – Will talk to Boyne, but it's likely we won't know more until the end of February. Grace – Was wondering what our backup plan is, if Boyne doesn't want to work with us until the fall. Or if costs go up too much. Drew – The challenge is that we don't really have a backup plan. The only place people want to move to, if we need to, is the highlands, which is still Boyne. So, at this point we don't have a real backup plan.

Motion to adjourn from Dennis, seconded by Alan. Meeting adjourned at 9:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.