MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 2-4-2025

Minutes of the meeting:

Drew Hilger called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM.

Attendance – Officers:

Drew Hilger – P	Shawn Hughes – P	Ginnie Uhley – P	Mike Hietbrink – P	Ryan Bloodworth – P
Kurt Adams – A	Jenessa Hilger – P	Mike Sayers – A	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 – A	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 – A	

General Updates – Drew Hilger – Updates from Boyne – Last weekend we had a slightly different setup as they didn't groom as close to the finish shack as possible. This caused some issues with the finish. Boyne saw the crowd control fencing we needed, and they didn't really like setup. Boyne's preference is that we don't race on FIS, unless they are planning on closing the whole hill off. They said as a solution, we could have our GS race on North Boyne. We would still need to move the orange guy and registration stuff, but don't need to take gates over.

Our options would be to move race 9 to North Boyne or Superbowl. If we move to North Boyne, we could use Helga House as well. It would also make sense to move the GS to Friday for the last weekend. For the super combined on Sunday, they will likely close off the full hill for us. Another issue is getting on the lift before 9am. This has been a no go from Boyne, so start times for all morning races have been pushed back to 1030. The afternoon race would start at 1pm.

For our awards, they are willing to have us at the snowflake at 4pm, and they will make sure we have a microphone.

Dennis – Seems crazy that we won't be able to race on FIS anymore. Drew – Could race over there on Fridays, or if there is training going on where they would close off the whole hill. Boyne's new policies are focusing more on safety, and having FIS/Superbowl open while we are racing is pretty unique. North Boyne is closed off completely when we have races over there. Dennis – Do we think this may change in the future? Drew – There is a possibility with more racing going on, we may be able to pair up with other groups to close off the whole hill. After the season, we will meet with Boyne to have a full discussion.

Grace – Are they going to extend the early season pass discount if we don't know our schedule until later in the season? Drew – We have had discussions about that, and Boyne knows that's why we want to schedule things ASAP. We have also talked to Boyne about discount codes that may address those issues. Grace – Have heard some concerns about next season, and the uncertainty. Drew – We are working with Boyne, and while there is still some uncertainty, but we are doing everything we can to solidify plans for next year. Dennis – So if we do schedule things early, what stops Boyne from changing things on us last minute, like they did this year? Drew – Our schedule is set with a full-time employee from Boyne, even though our day to day is with a part time employee. Shawn – The frustration is shared, but we have reached out to Nubs/Highlands/etc. It doesn't look like there would be a path forward to give us similar numbers somewhere else.

Chip – If we can bury the timing wire to have a pass through would that be acceptable? Drew – No, they want to completely close off FIS if/when we race on it. Shawn – Don't like the situation, but it is what it is. We need to do it to get through the season, then we can figure out a solution for next year. Chuck – So if we do this, could we store all the registration equipment at the Helga House between race 9 and 10. Drew – Will ask Boyne.

Motion to run our GS races on North Boyne and make these changes to the schedule from Dennis. Second from Alan. None opposed, motion passes.

Motion to adjourn from Dennis, second from and Alan. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.