

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 2-18-2025

Minutes of the meeting:

Drew Hilger called the meeting to order at 8:32 PM.

Attendance – Officers:

Drew Hilger – P	Shawn Hughes – P	Ginnie Uhley – P	Mike Hietbrink – A	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 – P
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 – Any questions about the minutes from the last two meetings? No questions, motion to approve from Dennis. Alan seconds, nobody opposed, minutes are approved for both meetings.

Updates from Boyne – Boyne has a lot of new snow, conditions look good. We approved the new schedule in our last meeting, however there is a slight wrinkle with Boyne. There is a scheduling conflict on North Boyne on Sunday. Therefore, we can either do our GS on Saturday, or we can do it on Superbowl on Sunday. Probably cleaner to leave it on Sunday, then we don't have to worry about people bringing the wrong skis or anything like that. A few reps agree. Grace asked if Boyne would let us use FIS instead. Drew asked Boyne about that and they said no. They are likely to let us shut down the whole hill for the Cantor Cup though. We are also still good for awards in the Snowflake on Saturday. One thing that will help working with Boyne in the future is to spend some money in the Snowflake during the awards. We can show Boyne that we have some extra value.

Updates – Shawn Hughes – No updates.

Finances – Mike Hietbrink – Not present. Per Drew – Mike has applied for the raffle license. We stored the chairlift swing from last year to raffle off this year. For the banquet, normally we price it as thin as we can, so instead of making money on the food, we want to make money on the raffle. We would like to invite Mark and Denise Arthurs to the banquet, since they stored the chair for us in their barn. Dennis motions to pay for their dinners out of MACC funds, Ginnie seconds. Motion passes.

Registration – Ginnie Uhley – Guest registration is open, no new racers. Drew – Rob Reader reached out about a few people guest racing one of the days. Ginnie – Talked to them over the weekend and they are likely going somewhere else instead.

Course Operations – Dennis Parrott – As usual, looking a little thin for workers. Banquet ticket sales are ready to go whenever we want to turn it on. Will also update the guest racing schedule to reflect the schedule changes. Grace – Reminder that Ray Blythe isn't racing, but he is up and willing to help if you need assistance with anything. Dennis – Sounds good, will reach out to him. We will likely have 3 workers on each course and may need the racers to help with a slip if the snow isn't firm enough. One of the issues with Superbowl is that it has a pretty flat start. A platform to add a foot or two would make it a better hill. Drew – The start shack is higher than you think, so that could possibly be accomplished with grooming. It's another thing we can talk to Boyne about once the season is over. We could also possibly run another wire from the FIS start to the Superbowl finish. That would change the hill quite dramatically. That would help out quite a bit for GS. Could also potentially extend the finish on Superbowl. Dennis – We have raced on that hill with very few issues for at least 20 years. Understand the caution, but we have been racing without issue for a long time. Drew – Yeah, with the new management things are shifting towards safety.

Course Officials – Jenessa Hilger – Informal protest for documentation. As racer 1 came down the course they fell, and racer 2 came down and fell as well. A spectator requested a rerun for racer 2 which was granted, because there was an issue with the timing of the run as well. However, the timing crew was able to go back and get a time, so after everything was figured out, racer 2 wasn't allowed to count the rerun since they got a time. Racer was notified and he understood.

Handicaps and Statistics – Chuck White – Results have been posted for about 2.5 weeks. One new racer was included, she guest raced and then signed up after the race on Sunday. Motion to approve the results from Alan, seconded by Dennis. Nobody opposed, results are approved. After last race weekend, we had a discussion about how to get the results posted online quicker.

Ended up modifying the header of the report to say unofficial results. Grace also requested PDFs, so code has been added to save the unofficial results as a pdf as well. This should speed up the process of posting the results online after a race.

Course Setting – Nick Carrico – We are setting both courses on Superbowl, so we shouldn't have any issues. No updates. Drew – Friday of the Marks Weekend we will be on North Boyne, but we can use their gates.

Equipment – Dave Carrico – Are we also using their timers for the last weekend on North Boyne? Drew – Probably, but will confirm. Dave – No other updates.

Timing – Kurt Adams – No updates.

Race workers – Bill Perlmutter – Not present.

Awards – Zach Jablonski – Not present. Drew – Talked to Mike Jablonski and he is coming up with some options for the world cup awards. That is in progress.

Publicity – Grace Kerbrat – Went to the MRA Test Fest. We sponsored the keg, and talked to a bunch of people, including some old MACC racers. Also found some new people that may be interested. Expecting some guest racers for this weekend and hopefully the last weekend. Definitely made some good contacts. The dates for the MRA Test Fest next year is Feb 3-5th – If we want to plan out a race for next year. Drew – Nice, we definitely want to keep a relationship with MRA, as it is a good group of contacts to have, even if there isn't an immediate tangible value. Grace – For other updates, we had a bunch of business cards with QR code and social media info made. Will put them out at the registration table in the Othmar. Also made some generic flyers that don't have the 2025 schedule. Will have them at the banquet if anyone wants some. Drew – May be good to make an announcement at the top of the hill before the race starts to remind people to spend a little money at the Snowflake. Grace – Will also mention the banquet tickets will be going on sale soon, and that we still have the chairlift swing to raffle off. Dennis – I'll send you the banquet ticket link and will have it up and running by the time the newsletter goes out.

Banquet Updates – Alex Carrico – Everything is ready to go, ticket sales can go on sale. Food will be slightly different as the options have changed, but everything else will be the same as past years. Dennis – In the past we have had an adult and kid price, the issue is that we created a new category for gluten free meals. So, if we have changes like that in the future, having some extra time for changes to the website would be nice. Grace – Are there any specific details that should go in the newsletter? Alex – You can put the location and the time, 630PM doors, dinner at 7PM. It will take place in the Matterhorn B room (cafeteria). Grace – Will also say to bring cash for the raffle. The bar is run by Boyne, so it will be electronic payment only. Also let Grace know if any signage is needed for the banquet.

Webmaster – Mike Sayers – Added the minutes to the website. Changed the schedule to say Sunday's race is on Superbowl. Will add the banquet link to the website once it's up. Dennis – Will send the link to Mike when I send the info to Grace.

Secretary – Ryan Bloodworth – All set on attendance.

New business – 2026 Schedule – Drew – When we sit down with Boyne at the end of the season, we are going to target a Jan 10th/11th start and then try to go every other weekend after that. Will obviously have to talk to Boyne to see what they are thinking. The other thing on the table will be potentially doing a race at the Highlands. There is some overlap in management now, so they might be more willing to let us have a weekend at the Highlands.

Sayers – Was contacted by someone that said they had training at Nubs. Grace – I think their adult race training moves around but will relay that info to the reps next season when they send it out.

Drew – Ginnie suggested the Friday of Marks Weekend, that we do a MACC pizza party. We can buy some pizzas with MACC funds for everyone. This will spend money in the Snowflake and increase comradery. It would be a good social get together for the group. We can do awards at 4PM, maybe get pizza closer to 5PM. Will work on details and get a formal proposal for next meeting.

Dennis motions to adjourn, Mike Sayers seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.