

## MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 3-4-2025

### 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 – 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	Kathy Bauer – 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 – P			

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**General Updates – Drew Hilger** – No questions about the minutes. Motion to approve from Mike Sayers, Alan seconds. Nobody opposed, minutes approved.

Updates from Boyne – Awards will be at the Snowflake on Friday. We will be hosting a pizza party, spending about \$500 from MACC funds. Motion to spend money on pizza party from Alan, second from Mike Sayers. Nobody opposed, motion passes. GS will be on North Boyne on Friday, the plan is to use Nastar gates and timing equipment from Boyne, pending confirmation. Will also get directions from Boyne for what we need to do with the finish fencing, start area, etc. Will need to get registration gear moved over as well. If you need anything moved, just get a list of what is needed to Drew. Rick – We need to keep in mind that we are expecting an inch of rain tonight, followed by a flash freeze. We are going to end up with a lot of loose snow, which we can hopefully push off, but could be a problem. Drew – We are optimistic, but hopefully the overnight temps are low enough to not cause too many problems. Will keep an eye on it for sure.

2026 Schedule – We have had some discussions with Boyne. We have another meeting on Thursday. Our hope is to get a tentative schedule out before the season pass sale ends on the 18th. Also, we have been talking to Boyne about a couple ideas on how to get back to racing on FIS. One idea is to try to hold races at the same time as other groups. This could let us race on FIS while they race on Superbowl. And then we could flip courses for the second day. This could also get us some exposure to other racers. Another thought would be if we were willing to adjust our 3-day weekends to Sat-Sun-Mon. It is likely people prefer taking Fridays off, but there are some advantages to Mondays. Monday is cheaper to ski, and Sunday evenings are quite quiet around Boyne. Dennis – It might be good to do a short survey. Grace – Most people are not going to like Mondays, as its harder to take Mondays off. Could do a poll through Facebook. Sayers – A lot of office environments have meetings Mondays, but we are talking one of two weekends. Drew – It might make sense to try it for the midseason weekend, but leave Mark's weekend as is. Ryan - That would mean a Sunday night banquet, if we moved the marks weekend. Alex – You mentioned the discount for the season pass, have we talked to Boyne about the comp tickets at all? If that could be sorted out before the pass sale ends. Drew – That's on the agenda, along with lane fees, etc. Another discussion point would be the possibility of a MACC discount code. Grace – In line with your meeting, heard some information from a Boyne employee, that they really don't know the value of MACC. They asked Dana about the value of MACC. The current leadership really doesn't know anything about MACC, along with other previously loyal customers, so if we have any anecdotes, etc. that we could pass on, it could help. Share with Grace or Drew and we will pass along the message. Drew – Discussions throughout the year have been getting more favorable. Sharing the survey data helped too, to show where racers are staying, etc.

**Updates – Shawn Hughes** – No updates. Looking forward to meeting with Boyne next week to get next year off to a good start.

**Finances – Mike Hietbrink** – Not present. Per Drew – Mike asked everyone to submit receipts for reimbursement if needed.

**Registration – Ginnie Uhley** – Guest registration is open. No signups yet. No updates for general registration. Currently at 78 racers this season.

**Course Operations – Dennis Parrott** – Coming from course 2 to work course 1, we have 5 people. We will likely need people to help with course 1, especially if the snow is bad. Radios need a little work before the weekend, so nothing at the Othmar that needs to be moved. Drew – We can do a slip between runs, that may need to be the norm going forward instead of the exception. It would be good to put it in the newsletter that we will likely be short and need to slip between runs. Dennis – Other thing is

that we have been missing rakes and shovels. We haven't needed them much, but this is a weekend where those tools will likely come in handy. Drew – There are four rakes at the top of North Boyne, two of them are likely ours, but not 100% sure. Can definitely use them this weekend. We should buy a shovel for this weekend as well. Grain shovel, metal scoop, with a good handle. Grace – Lots of Boyne's equipment was Devon's, and he took his stuff with him when he left. So, anything left is likely ours. Drew – We have stickers for gates, but it needs to be warm to put them on, so it's a bit of a project. Nick – We have a bunch of extra stickers as well. Dennis – Will have a shovel and some batteries for expense report.

**Course Officials – Jenessa Hilger** – No updates.

**Handicaps and Statistics – Chuck White** – Results are up. Rick asked about his handicap dropping down 9 points in 3 runs. Sayers – It's calculated off a rolling average, so we take the last 8 runs. So, if we drop old slow races, mixed with new fast racers. It can change quite a bit quickly. Rick – One other request, can I race in 4M instead of 4MV? Chuck – Nope, the rules are set to not allow that switch. It was in the proposal we voted on. Ryan – At least one other racer asked about that as well. We might want to discuss that over the Summer and potentially make a change to that rule. Chuck – We could do a rolling vet cutoff as well. Sayers – That gets complicated quickly and may be hard for everyone to process properly. Sayers motions to approve results, Rick seconds. Results are approved. Chuck – Saw a note from Kurt to timers about the Cantor Cup. The way that works is to have both laptops set up. We will have a jump drive setup to copy the race file and that can be physically moved over along with the license dongle. Kurt – If you just write down instructions, we can carry that out. It also may not be a big deal for you to do, depending on the race timing. Drew – We can also set a time delay between races. We can let everyone know ahead of time, that way they know if they have time to inspect, etc. Grace – Think it would be valuable to decide that timing ahead of the races, so it can go in the newsletter. Most important thing would be to let racers know if racers need to inspect both courses ahead of time or if they will have time between runs. Drew – Should we do x minutes after the last racer? Chuck – If things go well, 30 minutes should be sufficient. It could take a little longer, but that's a good target. Drew – Can do the awards down by the parking lot below the Superbowl lift.

**Course Setting – Nick Carrico** – Will use Boyne's gates on Friday. For Sunday, the goal is to have both Cantor Cup courses set before we start.

**Equipment – Dave Carrico** – On call, but no update due to audio issues.

**Timing – Kurt Adams** – No updates. Will figure out any timing logistic issues with Chuck.

**Race workers – Bill Perlmutter** – Not present.

**Awards – Zach Jablonski** – Not present. Mike Jablonski - Everything is in line to be ready for the awards on Saturday. Drew – We decided to do a wooden plaque for the winner this year. We also made one for all past winners. Grace – For awards, after the banquet, do the trophies need to go back to the trophy case again? Sayers – They need to go get engraved as well. Grace – I can take them, just need to know where and when. Mike Jablonski – Can take care of the Othmar plaques as well. Drew – Boyne will deliver the trophies to banquet, but if Grace can take the plates off to have them engraved and get them back to Boyne that would be great. Shawn – Art's name is spelled wrong on Othmar plaque, if we can fix that as well.

**Publicity – Grace Kerbrat** – For the newsletter, will mention the pizza party. Will let people know that the GS is on North Boyne. Will ask that everyone be ready to help slip. Will add Cantor Cup details about the 20-minute gap between runs. Banquet ticket details will stay in there. Alex – Please make sure to mention that we won't be selling tickets at the door. Tickets must be purchased through the website by Friday around 10 PM. Also, for the banquet, we will have some music playing overhead. We will not be having a DJ this year though. Doesn't need to go in the newsletter but just wanted to give the reps a heads up. Drew – The bar will be open until 10 pm. Dinner/awards will likely be over around 9 pm. Raffle tickets will be the same format as in the past, if someone can find the details in an old newsletter.

**Webmaster – Mike Sayers** – Website is up to date. Updated the schedule page a bit. Posted the approved minutes. Please look at the pages that have info and if you see any errors/emissions, let Mike know.

Drew – Will talk to Dave after meeting to make sure everything is good. Did talk to Boyne about roping off the hill on Saturday and Sunday, may need some help. Also, if we can bury the timing wire better on Sunday, that would be great.

Dennis – At the end of the season, we also collect all the assigned radios. If you can drop them off at the Othmar, or hand them directly to Dennis, that would be great.

**Secretary – Ryan Bloodworth** – No updates.

New Business – Mikayla won her 100th race. Nastar racing is free for the rest of the year in honor of that. Can we make guest racing free as well? Dennis – Probably wouldn't be that difficult. Motion to do so from Ginnie, seconded by Dennis.

April 15th target for spring meeting, 8pm.

Motion to adjourn from Mike Sayers, Alan seconds. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.