

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL-IN MEETING 3-18-2025

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 – A	Dave Carrico – P
Grace Kerbrat – P	Bill Perlmutter – A	Dennis Parrott – P	Zach Jablonski – A	Alex Carrico – A
Chuck White – P	Kathy Bauer – A			

Attendance – Team Racer Representatives:

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

General Updates – Drew Hilger – Boyne has agreed to the following weekends for next year’s schedule: Jan 10/11, Jan 24/25, Feb 6-9, Feb 21/22, and Mar 6-8. FIS likely won’t be available. But Boyne is likely looking to wire up both starts to both finishes. This would let us use the start of FIS, and the Superbowl finish. Boyne doesn’t want to use FIS without completely closing off the hill. We can use North Boyne for the Friday Super G. They are also working on some snow making upgrades, which may result in some changes to North Boyne. Tower line will likely be going away. Same thing on Superbowl, once snow making equipment is upgraded, tower line will be going away.

We did some surveys on Facebook and asked if people had a Friday or Monday preference. Then we asked specifically about moving to Monday to use FIS. Both polls showed people prefer Friday.

Dennis – After racing was done on Sunday, had a conversation with Art. We both agreed that if we are going to try to run the Cantor Cup as is, given the small numbers, why don’t we just do a Nastar style start, where people just constantly run. Chuck – That would be tough for timers, as they wouldn’t be able to time and race. Drew – We will want to discuss, maybe find a new format, something people will find more fun. Numbers were declining some before we switched to the super combined, but maybe we want to switch back to the dual slalom. Grace – Skiwis talked about maybe just doing one race, and maybe find some volunteers to help run the race. We could also treat it more like an open race, and lean heavily into the costumes, maybe make it a fundraiser. Drew – Could also do some kind of team format. Dennis – Long ago, used to run a golf league. Twice a year we ran scrambles. Had a stats guy who ranked everyone, we would then draw lines to make equal groups. You had to make a team that had one of each skill range (A, B, C, D, etc.). Drew – That’s a good idea, I think we should put together a committee to put together some ideas. If you are interested, email Drew. Any questions about the dates for next year? No.

Motion to accept the schedule, with weekend 3 being Fri-Sun? Sayers motions, Ginnie seconds. Nobody opposed, schedule is approved.

Registration fees – One thing we knew was likely coming is lane fees. Everything else with Boyne should stay as is, but they will be charging us lane fees. It will be \$375 per day for prepping the hill, maintaining timing equipment, setting up netting, etc. This works out to be \$4500 for the season. With this year’s numbers, that’s \$60 per racer. If we use the raffle money to subsidize costs, we could break even around \$145 per racer next year. This is a flat fee, so if we were able to bring in more racers, costs would go down for each individual racer. Also, any cancelled races would also reduce our costs, as we wouldn’t have to pay lane fees for that day/weekend.

We could also scale back awards a bit to save some money. In terms of the fees, Boyne is giving us a discount, since we do a lot of the work ourselves (set courses, set finishes, etc.) Dennis – Because of the age of our staff, what would Boyne charge for some of those extra services. Our worker pool is shrinking, and at some point, we may want to look at hiring out some of the work we do. Drew – That is a good point, but we may want to wait a year to look into those options. Dennis – Yeah, it’s more a curiosity for now. Just want to know what our options would be, and what services Boyne could potentially offer.

Let’s update the schedule on the website, just list the dates.

Grace – Will send out a wrap up of the 2025 season newsletter. Will talk about the awards and share pictures of the Cantor Cup. Do we want to include any kind of letter from the president? Or just the schedule? Drew – Will do a letter, that's a good idea. We can also ask the racers if they have any ideas for the Cantor Cup next year.

Motion to adjourn from Sayers, second from Ginnie. Meeting adjourned at 8:54.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.