

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COMMITTEE MEETING 09-20-2004

Minutes of the meeting conducted in person at Merrill Lynch.

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM by President Mike Jablonski.

Attendance:

Mike Jablonski	Shawn Hughes	Scott Tater	Craig McLeod	Dale Peppel
Mike Sayers	Mike Seranfiniski	Steve Coatney	Conston Taylor	
Ken McLaughlin	Doug Fellman	Yasumasa Miyawaki	Foster Butler	

Officers Reports:

President – Mike Jablonski

Searchmont has been changed to the fourth race weekend February 18-20, 2005. This is also President's Weekend, so if you have reservations you may want to check on them.

Plans for 2005, not many changes to make. We worked out some of the rough edges on the new equipment and hill changes last year we will strive to continue to improve our performance this year.

Still looking for a name for the race series. Up North Series was suggested. Last spring Great Lakes Race Series was put forth. Mike will keep a cumulative list of the names. If anybody has a suggestion for a name, send it to Mike and he will keep the list. We need everybody to come up with at least one name. Start sending them to Mike.

Vice President – Kate Fitkin

Kate was not present, but wants to work on bringing in new members and has suggested that we let new or prospective skiers take run a down the south hill with some supervision. This will provide new skiers, who have never raced before, with a feel for going through a course.

Finances – Scott Tater

We have \$5100 less \$180.00 for a bill just received. Still working on our tax-free status, but looks good. Insurance for board runs \$1500 per year.

Computers, Software & Results – Steve Coatney

We are using the same software and hardware as last year, so problems should be reduced. Will work with Shawn to help clean up any problems with timers.

Need a volunteer for hardware setup, should probably be a timer person. Shawn agrees it should come under his jurisdiction. He will try and work out the details with his people and give us his recommendations.

Timing - Shawn Hughes

Plans for the coming year are to keep improving over last year. Same software, so hopefully problems are behind us.

Web Site & Rules – Mike Sayers

New apps are on the web. Let's get them in. Guest racers will be allowed to race the first and last weekends. While rewriting the rules found a note that said racers who forget their bibs and want to rent one will be charged a \$5.00 deposit. Ginnie said they have done this in the past, but does present problems with change and people trying to get their money back at the end of the day. There was a big discussion on how to remedy the situation. One suggestion is to use a big sticker that can be written on and just stick it on an inside out bib or right on the racer's jacket or speed suit. Racers who forget their bib will be put at the end of their class. Mike to make a proposal at the next meeting.

Race Workers – Jim Michon

Not present. Mike brought in some bibs and armbands that Jim had gotten for the COC and maintenance workers. Craig would prefer the armbands and will get a hold of Jim for the information on the armbands.

Awards & Sponsors – John Thomas

Not present. What do we want for an award? Some suggestions are wine glasses, martini glasses, and coasters for all the glasses we have. If you have any suggestions let me know.

Registration & Bibs – Ginnie Uhley

Ginnie had a question on the legal aspect of using old bibs with old sponsors. No one thought it was a problem and everyone listed is still a sponsor. We have 7 regular size bibs and 1 large left. There are 19 guest bibs left. It was decided that this was enough. 70 new bibs will be ordered for new racers and anyone who can't find their old one. There were at least 35 people who didn't sign their waivers last year. Scott to send E-mail or call these people this year. When you fill out your apps in the next few days be sure and sign the waiver.

Course Setting – Bob Simpson

Not present. New drills were purchased.

Course Operations – Craig Mcleod

Craig plans on more pre-season communication / correspondence with his crew. He plans to get the COC's up to speed before the season starts.

Publicity & Recruitment – Debbie Lewis-Koltaniak

Not Present. Sent along a MACC marketing proposal. See attachment.

Correspondence – Doug Fellman

Newsletter – Conston Taylor

1st newsletter will be paperless.

Old Business:

A suggestion was made to run course 4 and 5 at 10:00 and 12:00 all the time. Would be great for course workers, but bad for the timers, who are already a scheduling problem and this would not help. Mike Sayers noted that the races have run the best the last couple of years and when we tried this in the past it didn't work. Mick Serafinski has agreed to work with Shawn to try and develop new timers so this can be worked out.

The other idea was to go to 4 courses, depending on the number of racers.

Upgrades: There were not a lot of upgrades on returning skiers, mostly new skiers. We need to do a better job at qualifiers.

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.

Next meeting October 18, 2004 This is a call in meeting.

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Respectfully submitted,

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