

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – MEETING 04-25-2005

This was an in person meeting held at

President Mike Jablonski called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Attendance: Officers

Mike Jablonski P Shawn Hughes P Scott Tater P John Thomas A Steve Coatney P
Mike Sayers P Debi Koltoniak P Conston Taylor P Kate Fitkin P Bob Simpson A
Doug Fellman P Jim Michon P Craig McLeod A Ginnie Uhley P Dave Carrico A

Attendance: Team Racer Representatives

Yas Miyawaki AA (P) Mark Banninger P (P) Peggy Konsza SM (A) Dennis Doherty SN (A)
Bruce Johnson GM (A) Paul Mooradian R (A) Robert Morey SM (A) Ken McLaughlin SW (A)
Foster Butler JD (P) Gary Konsza SM (P) Gary Bloodworth SN (P) Jean Seefeld SW (A)
Cynthia Ross SD (A) Mick Serafinski TR (P) Mike Ault T (P)

Guest Attendees: Nick Koltoniak (Forced to come. He had to drive his wife.)

Officers Reports:

President – Mike Jablonski

Comments on 2005 season:

Brand image has improved, good job on getting awareness of the racing program out there, the changing of hills was a good idea and may be expanded next year, we got new racers, guest racer program going good, Cantor Cup ran smooth, the awards banquet was a success made over \$800 dollars, the awards presentation at the banquet was a bit long and will not make that mistake next year.

Plans for 2006:

Searchmont may not reopen, because of required repairs so we may need an alternative. We have two available weekends in Feb. if Searchmont falls thru. Boyne Highlands, Marquette Mtn, Holliday Valley have been suggested as alternatives. Should know about Searchmont in Sept and will make the decision then.

We need to keep recruiting new members for next year. There are High Schools and Colleges out there with no organized ski racing programs that we may be able to take advantage of.

Mike Sayers proposed changing the minimum age from 16 to 15 for next year. Mike to write up a proposal for 15 year Olds.

Boyne should have new starting blocks for next year.

We need to think about the awards for next year so we can select one in the fall. Comment on the coasters given out this year was that they had no date or what place they were for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.

Vice-President - Kate Fitkin

Everything is going good in marketing. Larry Cappel might do an early season instructional weekend this year. It has been very iffy due to snow the last several years. We could try renting a lane from Boyne, need to check with Boyne Scott said he would help.

Finances – Scott Tater

Scott passed out a financial summary we have \$6,152.85 in the bank. Need sponsors. There was some discussion on banquet ticket prices and whether we should just have some finger foods after the race and pass out the trophies. This was voted down. Mike to work out the banquet ticket prices and let everyone know.

Computers, Software & Results – Steve Coatney

This is the second year with the new timing software and it is working much better, less corrections. There were a few problems with false finishes due to the weather/reflections. Cantor Cup format worked better this year. We were short workers for the first race. 50% turn out for the Canto Cup. Could delay the start next year because of how fast the race went. Need to make a recommendation on how we calculate the most improved award. Need to get the info off the trophies and keep track of it.

Timing - Shawn Hughes

Will be more in attendance next year. Supervisor system works well.

Web Site & Rules – Mike Sayers

Mike passed out a numbers summary for the 2005 season showing comparisons all the way back to 1992. The summary showed turnout per race, class attendance, class attendance by race for 2005, course attendance for 2005, average attendance by team and team votes for 2006. This info showed we should probably remove 2 classes for 2006, Vet-A women and Vet-B men. Both classes will stay for next year.

Any news on skiing you can send to Mike and he will put on the web. If it is all written out it is easier and he can put right up.

We need to make a rule change to 501 C 3. Changing some responsibility could clean up work assignments. Make inside starter a part of timing crew. Outside starter would come under the COC. The announcer should come under Debbie.

Some discussion to this proposed rule change. Some club reps wanted to keep the jobs of assigning starters and announcers. Starter should be on the job 15 minutes before the race starts. The announcers job is a more skilled job than was previously thought and we need a pool of good people we can draw on. Need to write a guideline for announcers. The jobs will stay with the clubs. Mike to propose something to handle announcers.

Race Workers – Jim Michon

Thanks to all the people who worked and helped at this past year races. Maintenance and COC will try to put on the web. Race Reps need to in force rules this would help. They also need to inform new people on what goes on and what to do. Gate keeping classes would help. Jim has made up a form to help him keep track of the workers and offenses

Awards & Sponsors – John Thomas

Not present. Sponsors are the same as last year.

Registration & Bibs – Ginnie Uhley

Paper bibs worked out well. Need a process for paying for the bibs.

Equipment – David Carrico

Not present. No report

Course Setting – Bob Simpson

Not present. No report

Course Operations – Craig McLeod

Not present. No report. Need a better process for COCs and maintenance workers. Had problems with these two work assignments last year, assignments not filled or workers late.

Publicity & Recruitment – Debi Lewis-Koltoniak

The publicity went well last year. Tom Lining did a great job with the pictures. Need to enhance the photo opportunities. Will work with Ed Grice to update photos. Jim Neff taped the last weekend of racing and did several interviews for his TV program that will air next season.

Correspondence – Doug Fellman

Newsletter – Conston Taylor

Old Business: None

New Business: Kate Fitkin nominated Mike Jablonski for president and was seconded by Foster Butler. The vote For Mike was unanimous by those present.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

The next meeting will be in October date and time to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Fellman