

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL - MEETING 01-30-06

Minutes of the meeting conducted by call in.

President Mike Jablonski called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Attendance: Officers

Mike Jablonski P Shawn Hughes P Scott Tater P John Thomas P Steve Coatney P
Mike Sayers P Debi Koltoniak P Jennifer Shorter P Kate Fitkin P Dan Costigan A
Doug Fellman P Jim Michon A Craig Mcleod A Ginnie Uhley P Dave Carrico A
Conston Taylor P

Attendance: Team Racer Representatives

Yas Miyawaki AA (A) Mark Banninger A (A) Peggy Konsza SM (P) Dennis Doherty SN (A)
Bruce Johnson GM (P) Paul Mooradian P (P) Robert Morey SM (A) Ken McLaughlin SW (A)
Foster Butler JD (A) Gary Konsza SM (P) Gary Bloodworth SN (A) Peggy Lowe SW (A)
John Stewart SD (A) Mick Serafinski TR (P) Mike Ault T (P) Greg Glassco SD (A)

Officers Reports:

President – Mike Jablonski

2nd weekend went pretty good. A couple of courses had problems with course workers, working to correct the problems. Comment by Shawn that there were some starter /timer problems with no shows, and he had some starters with no assignments. He will try and work with the people that want the job and will be there. Mike Sayers commented that there was some problems with the outside starter, but the inside starter was better this year. COC needs to be taking attendance of his workers 15 minutes before the race.

Searchmont: Jennifer has sent out a blast E-mail with the Searchmont race notice and requirements. Mike is checking on the alcohol rule that says you must buy from them. We need to determine whether this applies to locations other than the lodge. Lift ticket prices will be the same at the window as they are in the race room. Safety bars must be down on the chair lifts. A helmet is required for the Super G. All racers will use the “C turn” for the Super G. Format for the Super G will again be one training run followed by one timed run.

Still having some problems with bibs. Racers forgetting their bibs have been writing on an old bib turned inside out, which is difficult to read. Paper bibs will be available at Searchmont for purchase, if required. Need to educate the starters inside and out that racers must have their regulation bib or they need to get a paper one. Shawn is trying to educate the starters. Ginnie will put up a sign at the start shacks for the final two Boyne race weekends.

Vice-President - Kate Fitkin

Still need a couple of announcers.

Racer Training: More training available on Presidents weekend. Cost is \$80/day and racers have to pre-register. Information is available on the website. Training put on by PV Alpine

Finances – Scott Tater

Mike has sent Scott \$3610 in checks for deposit. With that, we should have approximately \$17,200 in the bank. There is \$400 in outstanding checks. Mick asked if Scott had received his invoice for batteries and cable ties. Scott has it and will issue a check next week. J.T. has some invoices also.

Computers, Software & Results – Steve Coatney

Apologized for the problems with the timing equipment. One was a problem with a power strip coming unplugged and the battery going dead. The other happened when the timer buffer, which accumulates events, filled up and would not accept any more numbers. Now that we have experienced these problems and know how to correct them, they shouldn't happen again.

There was some confusion over a bib number. Terry Avink has bib 12, which previously was used by Tony Blancato. Tony is now using Bib 3. There was a question on whether Terry is registered for this year, which was confirmed.

Paul Mooradian raised an issue about guest racers getting the points they won as a guest racer if they join and continue to race. There was some discussion on this and Debi found some info on the brochure that states we do not count these points. It was decided to not give this racer the points and review the policy for next year, possibly with some time limit on when the guest racer would have to let us know his intentions to keep his points.

Timing - Shawn Hughes

Pretty good weekend a couple of no shows. Will also get the timers and starters up to speed on the rules, especially the correct bib requirement. Wireless data transfer from the timing shacks is being tested and will be up and running fully by next season.

Web Site & Rules – Mike Sayers

Web site is current.

Race Workers – Jim Michon

Not present; no report.

Awards & Sponsors – John Thomas

All World Cup awards have been ordered. It is a tough time for our sponsors, with disappointing sales. Schumaker's has only come through on their commitment to pay for our World Cup awards for 2 out of the last 4 years. However, they give us lots of prizes at the end of the year, so we are continuing negotiations with them. The other sponsors are in the same shape.

Sponsors right now are: Norm's Ski Shop, Volkl/Technica, Nichols Ski and Patio, Boyne, Searchmont, and Genesee Vision Center. Gone are Boyne River Brewery and Rochester Ski Co. Are still negotiating with the new owners of Don Thomas/ Summit Sports. If anyone has any ideas for new sponsors, let J.T. know. J.T. requested a list of all racers and their E-Mails.

Registration & Bibs – Ginnie Uhley

Ginnie reports that Steve has her computer with the Registration base so she can't report on the exact number of registrants. Steve stated that we are at 270 registered racers. Will make a sign for the bibs rule.

Equipment – David Carrico

Not present; no report.

Course Setting – Dan Costigan

Not present; no report.

Course Operations – Craig McLeod

Not present; no report.

Publicity & Recruitment – Debi Lewis-Koltoniak

34 new racers indicated someone on their applications as sponsoring them. Conston leads with 14, 15 others are sponsored by individuals, and five did not indicate an individual. Program seems to be working and we should continue with it. Debi is to write up a paragraph for Jennifer to put in the newsletter. Everything else is going well. We are listed on Jim Neff's web site and trying to get on other sites.

Correspondence – Doug Fellman

Newsletter – Conston Taylor

Conston welcomed Jennifer Shorter to her new position as newsletter editor. She will be putting out the newsletter tomorrow evening. He stated that Jennifer has promised to continue Conston tradition of typing up the news in the nude. Any one is interested in helping Jennifer with her typing, please call.

If anyone is not getting the newsletter or there are problems with E-mail, let Jennifer know.

Old Business: Tom Lining is not taking pictures this year. So, if anybody has current pictures, send to Mike Sayers for posting on the MACC web site. Looking for possible replacement for the official MACC photographer. If anyone is qualified and willing to assume this position, contact Mike Jablonski.

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Next meeting: February 20, 2006 (This is a call in meeting.)
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Respectfully submitted,

Doug Fellman