

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL - MEETING 04-24-06

Minutes of the meeting conducted in person.

President Mike Jablonski called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

Attendance: Officers

Mike Jablonski P Shawn Hughes P Scott Tater P John Thomas P Steve Coatney A  
Mike Sayers P Debi Koltoniak P Jennifer Shorter A Kate Fitkin P Dan Costigan P  
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 A (A) Peggy Konsza SM (A) Dennis Doherty SN (A)  
Bruce Johnson GM (A) Paul Mooradian R (A) Robert Morey SM (A) Ken McLaughlin SW (A)  
Romelle Taylor JD (P) Gary Konsza SM (P) Gary Bloodworth SN (P) Peggy Lowe SW (P)  
John Stewart SD (A) Mick Serafinski TR (P) Mike Ault T (P) Greg Glassco SD (A)

Others in Attendance

Nick Koltoniak T Denise Miller TR

Officers Reports:

President – Mike Jablonski

The numbers were up this past year for both registration and participation. Overall, it was a very successful season.

Banquet report: total of 186 paid adults, 163 at the discount price and 23 full price, plus 7 sponsors free, 8 youth, and 16 children. Profit from the banquet was \$1385.00.

2007 season schedule: A new schedule was proposed to allow a break for the Masters Qualifier in Marquette on Jan 19-20. The Toledo and Thunderbird ski clubs had been poled with no objections. There were no objections from the floor so Mike will check with both Boyne and Searchmont to see if this new schedule can be worked out. The new schedule is posted on the web; stay tuned to the web for future updates.

One sad note, a fellow racer Greg Polopolos, passed away in early April from an unknown, but quickly fatal illness. Greg will be surely missed, as both he and his wife raced. He was a good racer and great individual.

Vice-President - Kate Fitkin

The team racing at the end of the season went well. We ended up with 3 teams. Looking forward to more participation next year.

Finances – Scott Tater

The financial status of the organization is good. We have approximately \$6000 in the bank with approximately \$3000 more to add to it. Scott is just waiting for any expenses or invoices that have not yet been turned in to show up. Typically there are a few stragglers out there. If you have any invoices that need to be paid or reimbursements required, please turn into Scott ASAP. He would like to enjoy his summer too.

Computers, Software & Results – Steve Coatney

Not present. Everything OK with computers and results. Cantor Cup went well this year. Two awards were given out, the overall winner and best over handicap. This was well received and in most cases two different people in each class got the awards. Question was asked on the most improved for the season. There was a mistake made in this calculation. The correct results are posted on the web. The winners were Chuck White for the men and Jill Geyer for the women.

Timing - Shawn Hughes

Good year. Had a couple of new problems, we learned something from this and it should make us even better next year.

Web Site & Rules – Mike Sayers

Web is up to date. Will leave the race schedule for next year on the web that allows for the Master Qualifier and will remove the other one. If there are changes to the web that anyone would like to suggest, do it now, as it is easier to make the changes now rather than in January.

Suggestion was made to have payments on line for registration. There was some discussion on the topic cost and how to accomplish. Scott Tater said he would check into over the summer and report at the next meeting.

The topic of racers with no team was brought up. This had been discussed earlier in the season, more specifically if a team could get the racers points if they signed him up. This was not allowed and the matter tabled till now. It was decided to not change the rules, which states: "12.1.1. Racers who join the MACC must join one of its ski teams by the second race weekend in which they participate. (Racers new to the program can compete during their first weekend with no team affiliation, with the understanding that they will join a team before the next weekend.)" This rule will attempt to be enforced next year. To aide new skiers next year each team will be requested to write a synopsis of their team to be put on the web. Synopsis should include cost to join, activities, and other pertinent information. The MACC application will be revised adding a statement noting that the racer must join a team. There were several other suggestions to remind skiers to join a team: flag new skiers on the starters sheet and have the starter tell them to join a team, Another, was to have the announcers announce it . The other possibilities are to send them an E-mail or a letter.

Race training for C and D racers on the race weekend was brought up. Debbie Koltoniak will check to see if Terri Warren is willing to provide this training.

#### Race Workers – Jim Michon

The "pinkies" list is out. Need a good system to identify these people and let them know before the next race weekend that they are in default. Posting the "pinkies" on the wall of the Othmar seems to have helped and will continue next year. Better education of everyone on the importance of the work assignments, for the benefit of the whole program and to the individual races is necessary. The "pinkies" from this past season will be listed on the web. Mike and Jim will work with Dennis Parrot to see if he can make the on line registration better. Need better verification that people are going to be there, especially in some of the critical permanent assignments.

#### Awards & Sponsors – John Thomas

There are no new sponsors and we have not lost any. Per John, it is "one big love fest " with our sponsors. John will check on any special sales that we may be able to get an extra discount for MACC racers. Genessee Vision and Laser Center has changed and is now the Center Road Vision Care. They will continue to be a sponsor.

#### Registration & Bibs – Ginnie Uhley

Ginnie needs a current list of sponsors for new bibs. John has requested that Ginnie wait to order and he will look for a corporate sponsor to buy the bibs. The paper bibs for the forgetful worked out well. We may have lost some magic markers in the process, but it helps to remind people to bring their bibs.

Denise Miller is going to help out next year with the guest racers. She has designed a new sign-up form for them that will have a tear off portion to write their name on to give to the starter so it can be announced and a second tear off that they can take with them that contains the race schedule, web address and other info. She will also follow up with an E-mail or letter to each guest racer thanking them for participating and asking them to join us again either as a guest or permanently. Debi will help Denise with the form.

#### Equipment – David Carrico

Not present; no report.

#### Course Setting – Dan Costigan

Just finished rebuilding the gates. New gate bags were purchased.

#### Course Operations – Craig McLeod

Not present; no report. Mike to get with Craig. This position may need to be restructured for next season.

#### Publicity & Recruitment – Debi Koltoniak

Publicity went well last year. Debi to check with Boyne about the possibility of setting up a table at the Ski School sign up desk for an MACC rep to man and pass out info during the first race weekend. There will be a \$10.00 coupon for use next season for those racers who sponsored new racers.

Debi is also proposing a new format for the banquet next year. We would need to line up a banquet chair early, so this can be planned out and discussed. Also looking at a possible MACC night at the water park.

Correspondence – Doug Fellman

Newsletter – Jennifer Shorter

Not present; no report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Scott Tater proposed to add an Open Elite class. The proposal was well accepted. Scott will draw up a formal plan with more details on the structure of the class and the handicap range. He will present this in the fall.

Kate Fitkin nominated Mike Jablonski for President. Denise Miller seconded. Mike accepted and was elected unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Next meeting: September (Date to be determined) (This will be an in person meeting only.)  
Meeting will be at Merrill Lynch at 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Fellman