

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL - MEETING 02-19-08

Minutes of the meeting conducted by call in.

President Mike Jablonski called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Attendance: Officers

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

Attendance: Team Racer Representatives

Yas Miyawaki, AA - A	Mark Banning, PH - A	Peggy Konsza, SC – A	Dave Corcoran, SN - P
Bruce Johnson, GM – A	Paul Mooradian, R – A	Mark Arthers, PH - P	Ken McLaughlin, SW - P
Romelle Taylor, JD - P	Gary Konsza, SC - A	Gary Bloodworth, SN – A	Peggy McLaughlin, SW - P
John Stewart, SD – A	Mick Serafinski, TR – P	Mike Ault, T - P	Greg Glassco, SD - A
Dave Whalen, GR - A			

Officers Reports:

President – Mike Jablonski

Searchmont: we had 110 racers, slightly down from previous years. Thursday and Friday were excellent with great weather, sunshine, and no wind. Saturday was a little cooler. Sunday was more typical with low temps and strong winds. The people at Searchmont did an excellent job this year. The races were pretty much on time and there were plenty of course workers. This was considered to be the best run Searchmont weekend we have had.

The trip back was a different story. Due to high winds and blowing snow, I-75 across the upper peninsula was shut down and most people stayed in Sault St. Marie. Some made it back taking back roads, others stayed at Searchmont.

Next race is our annual AC-DC weekend when we switch courses. Course 4 & 5 will be on the north hill and 1,2,and 3 on the south hill.

We will try and do the awards in the Snowflake lounge again. Tryout of the sound system is set for Thursday. If all goes well we will be in the Snowflake; otherwise in the Civic Center.

This coming race weekend, MACC and the Toledo Ski Club are again hosting an open house for the racers at the TSC lodge from 7:30 –10:30 PM. There will be free beer and munchies.

The banquet is March 8th in the Civic Center. We will have the entire banquet room, a DJ, and lots of prizes. Tickets are \$30.00 if purchased by Thursday March 6th. Anytime after that, the price is \$35 with sales being cut off by Saturday noon.

Vice President - Kate Fitkin

All announcers are set except for Course 3 on Sunday at 2:00 PM

Finances – Scott Tater

Not present; no report. We currently have approximately \$12,000 in the bank, with award expenses still to come. However, we should be OK.

Computers, Software & Results – Steve Coatney

Searchmont went well. This weekend we are back at Boyne and should be all set.

There was one problem from Searchmont. Art Ellwanger had overtaken the racer in front of him. He skied off course and went to a course worker and told her he wanted a rerun then skied through the finish line and headed back up the hill for a rerun. The message was not relayed and the course was being torn down when Art reached the top. A protest was filed and a jury held. The jury decided to credit Art with a second run with the same handicap as the first run. Any other correction to the results must be known tonight or they are final.

One of the rules that we have not been following (because of a software glitch) is that only the top 50% of the racers in a class will receive points unless you are within 20% of the winning time. It was recommended that we let things go as is, because we are 2/3 of the way thru the season and it would be a lot of work to correct this for the past results and then make the correction in the software for next year. All approved to let things go as is.

Timing - Shawn Hughes

There was no timing work at Searchmont, so there is nothing to report. The schedule is ready for this weekend. No other issues.

Web Site & Rules – Mike Sayers

There is nothing new to report on the rules. Everything is posted on the web. Results are up on the web. Most improved is on the web.

A revamp of the web site is coming. This will be a new look that is a lot more maintainable.

Race Workers – Jim Michon

Not present. Bill Perlmutter will run Saturday morning sign ups. Race reps need to remind racers to sign up for the work assignments.

Awards & Sponsors – John Thomas

Not present. Some awards still to be received, but should be here within the next week. Sponsors remain the same.

Registration & Bibs – Ginnie Uhley

Not present; no report.

Equipment – David Carrico

Not Present. Mick had talked to Dave and we are all set with equipment.

Course Setting – Dan Costigan

Two new drill bits have been ordered. We only use the B-netting when it is felt that it is needed for safety purposes. Dan asked Mick if they could set the finish for the south courses out about 20 yards to make it easier to better use the hill when setting courses. Mick will see what he can do. Doug asked if the finish area could be set down the hill a little farther. Mick explained why they set the finish there due to the hill falling off and not being groomed toward the condos. Mick to evaluate it, now that they are going to try and set it further out.

There will be a GS practice lane setup after the noon race on Sunday.

There were some comments made concerning the offsets in the course setting 2 weeks ago. Dan responded that all the courses are set the same. They do not intentionally set some courses more turny than others. If they are, it is just the way the course was set and not done purposely.

Course Operations – Craig McLeod & Ted Jablonski

Not present; no report.

Publicity & Recruitment – Debi Koltoniak

Focus is on the response from reps on their new members. Have only heard from 3 clubs so far. Right now, the Thunderbirds lead with 6 new members. There will be a special recognition and award for the GSPS club, because they are all new.

We are working on a way to improve the prize distribution at the awards banquet to speed things up. Will discuss with JT. Toledo Ski Club-MACC party at the Lodge is this weekend.

Romelle asked about bringing up a lot of guest racers and could we do anything? Debi said we would give them the \$5.00 ff coupons.

Newsletter – Jennifer Shorter

Not Present. Jennifer will be putting out the newsletter with items on the banquet and Toledo Lodge Party. If there are other items for Jennifer, let her know by noon tomorrow.

Correspondence – Doug Fellman

Old Business: None

New Business:

There was a suggestion that maybe we should have a Legends class. Mike S. made a proposal that we need to look at all our classes for the age break down and number distribution. Currently we go from 15 to 39, then 40 to 49 for Vet and 50 and up for Super Vet. Need to talk to the racers and get their opinion on this.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Next meeting will be a call-in on Monday March 3, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Fellman Secretary