

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL - MEETING 11-19-2018

Minutes of the in person meeting:

Alex Carrico called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

Attendance: Officers

Gary Bloodworth – P	Shawn Hughes – P	Steve Coatney – A	Mike Hietbrink – P	Jeanette Uhley – P
Mike Sayers – A	Debi Koltoniak – P	Jim Geisling – A	Zach Jablonski – P	Drew Hilger – P
Bill Perlmutter – A	Ginnie Uhley – P	Dave Carrico – A	Lou Oles – A	Alex Carrico – P
Jason Kanakry – P	Kermit Anderson – A	Ryan Bloodworth – P	Kathy Bauer – A	Dennis Parrot – P

Attendance: Team Racer Representatives

Chip Dayton SW – P	Denise Miller – A	Alan Osterdale AA – P	Scott Pyles RN – A	Chuck White - P
Stephan Morgan JD – A	Gary Konsza SC – A	Mike Jablonski TB – P	Pat Groves TO – P	
Rob Reader SD – P	Mick Serafinski TR – A	Holly Polopolos AA – A	Sue Holmes RN – A	

Confirmation of Secretary: Doug will be stepping down as secretary, as he will not be racing this year. Motion to appoint Ryan Bloodworth as secretary. Alan makes motion, Chip seconds. No opposition, motion passes.

Race Schedule Confirmation – Skipped.

Finances – Michael Hietbrink – Finances similar to the end of last year. \$6800 in account. No major expenses to report. No major expenses expected in the near future.

Sponsors – Jim Geisling – Not present, skipped.

Awards – Zach Jablonski – Delayed to later in the meeting.

Registration – Jeanette Uhley – Online registration form has all the same questions as the pdf form. Once everything is filled out, it goes directly into spreadsheet. Also sends a confirmation email to registrant after they sign up and pay. Concerns were raised over credit card fees from Paypal, and who will end up paying the fees. As of right now, MACC will probably end up paying the fees. In the future, we will need to agree on a solution. Possible options discussed: MACC paying the fee, adding an additional service charge to credit card payments, working the fee into registration fees with a discount for not paying by credit card. Site is ready to go live immediately, just needs to tie in bank/paypal info. Dennis asks the board to make a decision on who pays the credit card fees. Ginnie believes MACC will end up paying the fees this year, as we have already posted the registration fees. Motion for MACC to pay the fees this year and raise the registration fees next year to cover fees if necessary (along with any fees for running website, currently at \$240 according to Dennis). Rob makes motion, Gary seconds. No opposition. We will also be able to accept credit card payments in person, for guest racers. Website can go live immediately, Debi will send out the link.

Timing – Shawn Hughes – No new costs anticipated. Nothing else to report.

Computers, Software & Results – Steve Coatney – Not present, but sent a report with Shawn. Delayed to later in the meeting.

Equipment – David Carrico – Per Alex, no equipment issues.

Per Ginnie, Boyne was supposed to be working on the shacks, but nobody has seen them yet to confirm.

Course Setting – Jason Kanakry – We will need another drill set. Per Jason, Joel has someone who wants to buy old gates. Mild concerns over being short course setters for MLK weekend. Three, maybe four people will be gone that weekend.

Director of Course Officials – Drew Hilger – Per Alex, nothing to report.

Course Operations – Dennis Parrott & Gary Bloodworth – Per Dennis, if the changes in the rules get approved, we will have a different method for inspections. This will add another piece of signage at the top of the hill. There will be a minor cost to pay for this, but it will also need storage at the top of the hill. Planning to buy some additional radios to replace some failing course ops radios. Crew is currently 21 known, 2 probables. Half the crew hasn't checked in. No crew number issues anticipated. We plan on working with outside starters to train them on proper times to send maintenance workers.

Computers, Software & Results – Steve Coatney – Report read by Shawn Hughes: Ron Zawlocki, proposed forming a SVE2 mens class, there are 3-4 who would join. Some minor expenses for software, printer ink, and other supplies. There are also some complaints about how the current scoring is affected by team size. Per Alex, we will be discussing this in depth later in the meeting.

Dennis requests a copy of the current registration form from Debi Koltoniak in pdf format. The current format on the website is a jpeg. Website will have multiple links: one for new racers, one for returning racers, and a third for guest racers. It is still possible to send in the old form with a check.

Director of Race Workers – Bill Perlmutter/ Dennis Parrott – The gate judge registration will be handled using SignUpGenius this year. Ginnie asked about the difficulty of using SignUpGenius. Per Dennis, some people will accept it easily, others will probably need more help. We will need to come up with some documentation to show people how to use it.

Publicity/Recruitment & Newsletter – Debi Koltoniak – Most of the files have been updated. Debi will update the flyers/brochures with the new website info. We should send out an e-news letter as soon as possible, with snow being expected up at Boyne. Per Alex, our priority is getting the online registration up, and pointing all racers to it. Per Dennis, once the gate judge SignUpGenius is ready, we will need to add a link on the website. In the meantime, a statement saying, ‘we will be switching over to SignUpGenius for gate judges, and more info will follow’ should be good.

Webmaster – Mike Sayers – Not present, skipped.

Ginnie – Have not heard back from Boyne about using North Boyne for three day race weekend. There are some concerns about the last race weekend, everything is booking up very fast, it sounds like the Grand Lodge is already fully booked. We do still have confirmation that our banquet will still be happening at the clock tower restaurant, not sure what to expect with the snowflake though. Waiting on further updates from Boyne.

Jason – Similar lodging situation for the last weekend of Feb, for high school states. There are also a number of schools that will want to do training/guest racing that weekend. He is telling everyone to get a hold of Ginnie, for approval. Ginnie has concerns that Boyne/high schools may use the other side of Superbowl without asking us. She is hoping to use our good will towards the high schools to negotiate the use of North Boyne or North McLouth. Rob said the Boyne committee still hasn’t decided what hills will be used for high school races.

Awards – Zach Jablonski – Zach showed images of different trophy options, including a rocks glass, coffee cup, pint glass, and medals. There are some concerns about people not wanting glassware, or some glassware (wine glasses) being inappropriate for the racers under 21. He asked Debi to send his contact info in the newsletter, for anyone that has a trophy suggestion for next year. Outside of glasses, most trophies are either cost prohibitive, or don’t work well when a racer may end up with one or ten, by the end of the season. Jason recommends winter hats as an option, possibly for registration. Zach will get with Jason to figure out potential costs for potential clothing options. Rob motions for rocks glasses as trophies, Shawn seconds. No opposition, motion passes.

Rules Committee documents – Alex Carrico – Alex worked with a few reps over the summer to put together a list of rule changes. These changes were handed out in three documents: proposed constitution changes, proposed rule changes, and proposed by-law changes. Alex then read over most of the proposed changes in the rules document. Noted below are the changes that invoked additional discussion.

- a) In the introduction, Ginnie recommends changing the wording to remove “for adults.”
- b) For 2.1.1, Jason would like it to say that you may not wear a chin guard for Super G.
- c) For 3.3.1, the wording on the third part is a little unclear. Rob will find better verbiage and send to Alex.
- d) Gary has an issue with the race order. He thinks that the racers with the lowest handicaps racing last every weekend is unfair to some of the racers. He recommends having two weekends out of the year, where the order is flipped, and the race order would go from D to Elite, instead of Elite to D. Ginnie said we are looking into mixing up which groups race at a time, which should address this issue. The reason this is not in the rules, is because it is a decision of the race committee based on factors like class size, total racers, etc.

Team Point calculation – Chuck White – Chuck was asked to do some analysis on the system we use to determine team points. He found that our current system does tend to favor smaller team sizes and racers in smaller classes. He then did some theoretical statistical analysis to determine a fair system for team points that wouldn’t be as affected by team/class size. He presented a document that thoroughly breaks down his findings. Noted below are some of the main points:

- a) For counting racers, our current system uses a 2/3, min 4 rule.
- b) If we switch to a 2/5, min 1 rule, it gives much more balanced results.
- c) For counting points, we currently don’t take class size into consideration at all.
- d) Subtracting one point for each racer less than nine, helps to limit the bias of small class sizes.
- e) These systems would only affect team points, individual points would stay the same (25, 20, 15, etc.)

By-Laws and Constitution documents – Alex Carrico – Similar to the rule changes earlier in the meeting, Alex read over the proposed changes to the by-laws/constitution documents. None of the changes invoked additional discussion.

New Business: None.

Motion to adjourn by Chip, Debi seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Next meeting to be determined.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.