

MACC – MICHIGAN ALPINE COMPETITION COUNCIL – CALL IN MEETING 1-16-2019

Minutes of the call-in meeting:

Ginnie Uhley called the meeting to order at 8:32 PM.

Attendance – Officers:

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

Attendance – Team Racer Representatives:

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

General Updates – Ginnie Uhley – Ginnie appreciates everyone’s hard work from the first weekend, including the work Boyne did to make sure everything was raceable. There were a few minor issues that came up, but everyone worked together to sort them out quickly. There were a few delays, nothing timing related. There were some issues with the MACC lift tickets, and racers being told they were only good on superbowl. Ginnie has already met with Boyne and this won’t happen again.

There was also a miscommunication involving a practice course that was set up. It was set up for our racers, but nobody was aware that it was ours. We will make sure to clarify this for everyone going forward. Ginnie also talked with Mark Skop, he said it was supposed to be really cold this weekend, high of 1 on Sunday. They did do some re-engineering of the start on FIS, so it isn’t as steep. They also fixed the electricity in the course shack. He also guaranteed that we will have North Boyne on Friday for the first 3-day weekend. Ginnie will put together the schedule for that weekend and get it to Debi. Someone asked if Ginnie talked to Boyne about the finish shacks. Ginnie talked to Boyne, and they had an injury that prevented them from working on the shacks over the summer. They are willing to buy any materials needed, if we can do the work. She will schedule a meeting to discuss further. We can offer some input to Boyne to help them decide what needs to go into the shacks. Someone asked if we could have a single finish shack to work both courses. Ginnie said we should get our ideas together, so we can pitch them to Boyne. She will have more updates this weekend, as to when we can meet and discuss in depth.

Secretary – Ryan Bloodworth – I apologize, as the minutes from the last meeting weren’t sent out yet. I will get them out ASAP so they can be approved in the next meeting.

Updates – Alex Carrico – No updates.

Finances – Mike Hietbrink – Couldn’t get into bank for a balance. If anyone has receipts, get them to Mike this week.

Awards – Zach Jablonski – Looked into shirt prices, and they range from \$7-15. Price largely depends on the design and the number of colors. In order to get an exact price, we will need to know what we are putting on the shirt. Zach also wants to know if we are doing hats and/or shirts. And will we be giving these away or selling them to racers? Ginnie suggests a combination of both, something to give out to racers, but possibly providing the option of purchasing something nicer. Dave Carrico added that his assistant coach does this for a living, and he could help us with both making a logo and printing it onto shirts. He can do some mockups and see where we are at. Ginnie said each club should send Zach suggestions if they have any. Dennis asked when we would be giving these away. Ginnie said probably the banquet. Dennis suggests forming a committee to design these. Ginnie would prefer that Zach decides what he wants to do and reaches out to anyone if he needs help. Moving onto the glasses, Ginnie said people seemed to like the glasses, and asked if any had broken. Zach said he hasn’t heard of any problems.

Registration – Jeannette Uhley – We currently have 135 total racers. 3 more added after last weekend, with one being brand new. 19 guest racers plan on joining us this weekend. 7 on course 1, 12 on course 2. Steve said he needs to send Jeannette an updated registration table, so they have the same data. He will send that tonight.

Timing – Shawn Hughes – Procedure-wise everything went well the first weekend. We were mostly on time, but we could speed things up a bit next weekend. Shawn asked if we could change start dialog to, “racer ready, 3, 2, 1, Go?” Ginnie thinks that might be hard to implement, might be better to try that on another weekend. People may have been slower the first weekend, as it was their first time on a course in almost a year. More than likely they will be quicker going forward, might be worth holding off on making changes until we see how this weekend goes. Alex says she’s never heard anyone request to change to “321 go,” maybe reps could ask their teams. Shawn said this is mostly because the timers were complaining that people took too long in

the start. Steve said when he does other races, there are other ways to speed it up. Sayers said its normal in other racers to give a 10-15 second warning, then say go. The timer at finish should talk to the starter up top and let them know when they have 10-15 seconds until next racer. Someone said we could also send people faster and assume that they will take longer in the start. This would also help speed the races up.

Computers – Steve Coatney – Race results are up to date, only change that needs to be made is moving Dave Carrico to supervet A men. Before the first race weekend, Dave asked which group he should be in, but was told the wrong group. Steve proposes that we allow Dave to move to supervet A men. Ginnie asked if anyone else has changes to the results. Ginnie asked for results to be finalized with Dave changing classes. Rob first, Dennis second. No objections, motion carries.

Steve added that we are good on the hardware side, did buy some new printers for finish shacks. South shack is already setup for this weekend. Ginnie said the finish on the south shack should be closer, but not perfect. There should be more snow, but it's not perfect.

Equipment – Dave Carrico – Bad news, sent two headphones in for repair, but they are too old to be fixed. With these two broken, we now have no backups, and will need to buy new ones. A new set is \$325 each for start shacks, slightly cheaper for the bottom shacks. Current timers are also old; a replacement timer is probably going to be needed within 3-5 years and will cost about \$5000. Immediate need is for about \$600 in headphones. We currently only have 3 that are working, but only one of those work for the top shack, because it needs a longer cord. We should be good for this weekend, but we will be shut down if any others break.

Course Setting – Jason Kanakry – Not present.

Course Officials – Drew Hilger – An informal protest was made, and after talking to the gate judge we decided not to overturn the DSQ. Although the protest offered video evidence, we decided to use our current precedent that we do not use video to overturn a DSQ. Steve agrees with not using it to overrule something, but it may be worth using the footage as a training chance for gate keepers. Carrico said in coaching high school, they have gone back and forth over video, and highly recommends not using video at all. Ginnie agrees with Drew's call of not using it. Dennis said he remembers a discussion about whether it's even legal to use video to resolve a protest in other race leagues. Rob said this has changed, and now they do allow video evidence to be checked.

Course Operations – Dennis Parrot – We did a good job last weekend in course ops. This upcoming weekend we are going to make a few refinements to the sign at the top of the course, and we are working to fix bibs. There was a slight maintenance issue on course 2, in the slalom, where the grooming made a ridge. We are also working on having the starters help with maintenance, by letting the workers know when the course should be slipped. We have gate judges on every course for this weekend with a full maintenance crew. Some expenses were also turned in to Mike. Up until now, Dennis has been managing the signupgenius site, but will be turning everything over to Bill after this weekend. Dennis got a couple emails from people who have permanent jobs, but also got signupgenius emails. He would like people to know that they can just ignore these if they already have a job, but we are still going to send them out to all racers, as there may be a point where they need a gate judge job, especially on the three-day weekends. Shawn and Dennis were going to help this weekend by bringing some hot chocolate/coffee to workers on the course. Ginnie agrees and says we will need to keep an eye out for everyone due to the weather. Dave Carrico agrees, and says they do goodie bags for their gate keepers in high school. Also, small carpets can help a lot to keep you warm.

Race workers – Bill Perlmutter – Not present. Dennis said as soon as the signupgenius email went out responses started coming in. We have gate keepers for all racers. Bill did ask Steve for a list of all racers to cross with workers. This was given to bill late today, and there should be a report to follow in the next couple days. Ginnie has confirmation that Dana and Keli will be taking pictures for us as their work assignment. Chip added that there are a few pictures on the MACC site from last weekend.

Publicity – Debi Koltoniak – Debi will send out a notice to make sure everyone is aware that it will be very cold. She will include info about three-day weekend if Ginnie wants. Ginnie said we just need to update the schedule, and we can send out additional info after this weekend. Debi said Drew has another rule to include in the next newsletter, about hiking up when a gate is missed. She will also mention the signupgenius information that Dennis talked about. Ginnie and Alex will review and send any extra requests to Debi in the morning.

Webmaster – Mike Sayers – The season is underway, and everything is current on the website (except supervet A men, because of Dave). On the website, there are 3 pages that give overviews of the handicaps, and more advanced details on how they are calculated. Some of these documents were outdated and had old information which has now been cleaned up. This year, we made some slight changes to the slalom handicaps, which ended up lowering the slaloms for some racers, but not by that much. This is because the GS handicaps are typically lower than slalom, and we ideally want people to have the chance to strike in both races. Alex says thanks for explaining why the slalom was changed. Mick asked if that's something that we are supposed to approve, or if it's a normal change that is supposed to happen regularly. Mike said it falls under the scope of the stat-guy's responsibility. Ginnie asked how often we should do it, and is there a specific reason we tend to do it every two years? Mike

said we could/should do it every year. Dennis asked what the root cause for this is. Mike said its probably related to the fastest skiers on the hill getting faster at slalom, and this can affect the slower racers' handicaps. We don't have perfect pacesetters, and this makes the numbers shift around a bit. Therefore, we have to go in and clean up the data every once in a while, in order to keep slalom handicaps and GS handicaps close. Nothing else is changing between now and the end of the season.

New Business:

Dennis parrot has agreed to chair a subcommittee, working with Debi, Jeannette, Mike Sayers, and many others, to improve the website. Dennis plans on working with a lot of people to gather ideas. Steve mentions he would also like to be on the committee.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Alex motions, Steve seconds. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 PM.

Next meeting will be a call-in meeting on Feb 6th, starting at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Bloodworth, Secretary.