

Attendance: Ernie Brumbaugh, Bob Frye, Dick Fultz, Ken Dawson, Tim Feldkamp, Carole Mueller-Brumbaugh, Larry Kinney

Actions Taken

1. If no OPEN Michigan Cup race date is available, races may petition to change the date of a race to a date that is not an OPEN Michigan Cup date provided that it does not conflict with another Michigan Cup schedule event. This must be done seven days before the rescheduled day. The petition will be voted up or down by polling the Michigan Cup designate of each Club. Clubs/Teams must designate the official polling person on the roster submission by Jan 1. Michigan Cup Committee President will conduct polling.

Passed Unanimously

Rationale: Last year the Holley Cup was moved to a non-Mi Cup date and after the race was completed a petition was received to count the race. Also last year the first three races in the Cup Series were cancelled or moved to non-Mi Cup dates. This leaves the option open to petition prior to the race.

2. Team rosters must include age of skier as of Dec 31, 2003 and the actual birthday.

Passed Unanimously

Rationale: To impress upon clubs that it is the obligation of the club to provide this information. Accuracy of Michigan Cup results are ultimately the responsibility of the clubs/individuals. Mistakes can be pointed out by contacting Ken Dawson directly or sending an email to the nordicskiracer website.

**3. Ties in Michigan Cup medal placing will be broken by the following two rules:
1) Most head to head wins, 2) Most total Michigan Cup points. If tied after that the tie will stand.**

Passed Unanimously

Rationale: General feeling was that the goal of the Michigan Cup Series is to determine a champion. This method is both fair and accomplishes that goal.

4. Youth Development

It was put forth by Mike Muha and recognized by the Michigan Cup Committee that an effort needs to be made to increase the number of younger skiers in our sport. Wendy Blogg-Anderson was unanimously elected to recruit and head a committee to develop and suggest programs that accomplish this goal and make recommendations to the Mi Cup Committee and to act as a liaison with races to increase youth skiers events at those races.

Passed Unanimously

Rationale: Youth skiing is the future of this sport and we need to do as much as we can. Please offer any assistance you can to Wendy or coordinate your efforts with her by at least keeping her informed.

5. National Masters

National Masters is scheduled for Jan 17-24 in Marquette, Michigan this year hosted by Superiorland Ski Club. The Michigan Cup committee voted to not conflict with these dates and wholeheartedly support Michigan Cup skiers' participation. No senior/masters Mi Cup races will be scheduled on these dates.

Passed Unanimously

Rationale: This is a once in a decade opportunity and many Mi Cup skiers will want to participate. Also, since this is a Michigan event it was felt that Mi Cup should fully support the Superiorland Ski Club in their efforts to Michigan's first National Masters Event.

6. General Maintenance

- a. Karin Fish will continue to compose the Michigan Cup brochure in printable form. Motion passed to grant Karin a gratis advertisement in the brochure if she was developing her own business. Karin is not developing her own business so this point it mute.
- b. Mike Muha will continue to maintain a Michigan Cup page on the nordicskiracer website. Congratulations on a job very well done it your first year, Mike.
- c. Michigan Cup brochure numbers will be reduced to 1500 this year to both save money and cut down on waste.
- d. Great Lakes Marathon Series will continue. New pins need to be purchased at approx. \$400 to be paid for by races.
- e. A new supply of padded envelopes will be ordered for mailing of the results, medals and pins. Approx. \$50.

- f. Ernie Brumbaugh to provide Mi Cup info to Bob Frye for Great Lakes Ski Council publications.
- g. Sara Cockrell will continue to ask as communication central at sarac@coslink.com.

7. Sponsors

Cross Country Ski Headquarters, Cross Country Ski Shop, Kinlochen Nordic Shop at Crystal Mountain, Rugged Elegance Adventure Tours and XC Ski Groomers.com have all graciously agreed to sponsor the Michigan Cup again in 2003.

The Great Lakes Nordic Ski Council has again agreed to include the Michigan Cup in it's marketing efforts for a sponsorship on the Michigan Cup website and brochure. This includes mailing to media outlets and ski media tour.

9. Race Schedule

Updated tentative race schedule is attached to this memo. Changes are as follows:

Michigan Cup schedule takes a break Jan 17-24 for National Masters.

Garland races have moved to Feb 28-29

Crystal Highlander date has moved to Jan 31. Crystal Connection Relays have been discontinued.

Boyne Highlands is being rewarded for an exceptional effort with the Mi Cup festival last year with a two race weekend on March 13-14. They really went all out. It was too bad that more skiers didn't show up.

XC Ski Headquarters will host the relays on March 20 and hold a year end festival on March 21.