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*Michigan United  
Conservation Clubs*

**82nd Annual Convention**

June 21-23, 2019

Lakeside Resort & Conference Center  
Houghton Lake, Michigan

**MUCCC<sup>TM</sup>**  
*1937 to 2019*

# MUCC President George Lindquist welcomes you to our 82nd Annual Convention!

Welcome to our 82nd Annual Convention. I extend a warm welcome to all of you that have made it to Houghton Lake for such an important weekend. The world is run by those that show up!

Countless trips from my home in the U.P. to the varied reaches of Michigan have been made in my first year as your president. Having a lasting impact on how we use and protect our natural resources is important to me, as I'm sure it is to all of you. The many miles back and forth have been well spent, as we (MUCC) have amassed significant legislative, policy, habitat and education victories since we last convened in June of 2018.

At this year's Annual Convention, we have serious work to do. The conversations will revolve around important conservation issues that will help to dictate the future of our outdoor heritage. We will tackle issues such as chronic wasting disease, contaminants, public land use, shooting range regulations and much more. Every vote counts — please take this responsibility seriously, and remember who you are representing. It's not just you or me; it's your entire club, your region and the whole state that will be affected. When in doubt, the natural resources come first.

We need and value your help as a volunteer, and if you have any interest in serving as an MUCC Executive Board or MUCC Policy Board member, please reach out to current members in those roles or a staff member.

It has been an honor serving you in my first year as president of this great organization. I look forward to this weekend and the year ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George E. Lindquist". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

George Lindquist, MUCC President

# Convention Announcement

*When...* **June 21-23, 2019**

*Where...* **Lakeside Resort & Conference Center**

100 Clearview Drive  
Houghton Lake, MI 48629  
989-422-4000

Convention registration will be held on Saturday, June 22 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. at Lakeside Resort & Conference Center

*Friday night picnic June 21 at:*  
**South Higgins Lake State Park**

106 State Park Drive  
Roscommon, MI 48653

## Lodging Information

### **Lakeside Resort & Conference Center**

To make a reservation, please call 989-422-4000 and mention that you will be attending the Michigan United Conservation Clubs event. Rooms are filling up quick, so please get your reservation in ASAP.

### **South Higgins Lake State Park**

This Michigan State Park is located ten minutes from the Lakeside Resort & Conference Center. For reservations, call 989-821-6374 or visit [www.midnrreservations.com](http://www.midnrreservations.com) for more information.

# MUCC Nominations

## Executive Board

*Two-year terms, except where indicated:  
Other Executive Board positions are entering second year of two-year terms*

<b>Region 1</b> .....	<b>Mike Taylor</b>
<b>Region 3</b> .....	<b>Jane Finnerty; Terry Vuksanovic</b>
<b>Region 5</b> .....	<b>Dawn Levey</b>
<b>Region 7</b> .....	<b>Ron Burris</b>
<b>Region 9</b> .....	<b>Sam Morello; Mindy Koch</b>
<b>At Large Director (Region 5)</b> .....	<b>(No nominations)</b>

## Policy Board

*One-year terms*

*Club members are elected*

*IM representatives are appointed by the President*

### Region 1

*(No nominations - Club)  
(No nominations - Club)  
(No nominations - Club)  
(No nominations - IM)*

### Region 4

*(No nominations - Club)  
(No nominations - Club)  
(No nominations - Club)  
(No nominations - IM)*

### Region 7

*Judy VanRhee - Club  
Dianne Konneck - Club  
Chuck Konneck - Club  
Dave VanLopik - IM*

### Region 2

*Gary Gorniak - Club  
Steve Dey - Club  
(No nominations - Club)  
(No nominations - IM)*

### Region 5

*(No nominations - Club)  
(No nominations - Club)  
(No nominations - Club)  
Abraham Downer - IM*

### Region 8

*Roger Calhoun - Club  
Tim Muir, Jr. - Club  
Leonard Shaner - Club  
(No nominations - IM)*

### Region 3

*(No nominations - Club)  
(No nominations - Club)  
(No nominations - Club)  
(No nominations - IM)*

### Region 6

*Dan McMaster - Club  
Ted Schulz - Club  
Jon Wilson - Club  
(No nominations - Club)  
(No nominations - IM)*

### Region 9

*Gary Summers - Club  
Bruce Levey - Club  
(No nominations - Club)*

# Moments of Memory

## **Fin & Feather Club of Mason County**

Jerry Gilley  
Wayne Skory

## **Harbor Beach Conservation Club**

Alfred P. Welker  
Dr. Thomas J. Nivison DDS

## **Livingston County Wildlife and Conservation Club**

Robert E Wren  
Noel Cooke  
Ruthe Schroeder  
Bob Brabo  
Gary Goodenow  
Shari Goodenow  
Martin Terry

## **Muskegon Conservation Club**

Fred William Wilder

## **St. Joseph County Conservation and Sportsman Club**

Phil Matz  
John Hackler  
Steve Tappenden  
W. Quin Kelley  
Mark Russell

## **Cass County Conservation Club**

William Carr  
Martha Russel  
Phillip Krallman  
Barb Cook  
Jeff Yeager

## **Paw Paw Conservation Club**

Florence Jean McCon

## **Washtenaw Sportsman's Club**

David B. Long  
Chester L. Javis  
Henry J. Lams

## **Tri-County Sportmen's League**

Howard Bauer  
Roger Sacks  
Don Feldkamp  
Marvin Pashukewich  
Gerald Zapolnik  
Clifford Olson  
Gerald Schmid

## **Ravenna Conservation Club**

Mary Ann DeJonge

## **Michigan Bow Hunters Association**

Gary Goodenow  
Bab Brado  
Wayne Cassidy  
Christine Stewart

## **Chelsea Rod & Gun Club**

Merrit Hohnbaum  
Paul Zahn  
Vince Berg  
Mark Belcher  
Robert Walls

## **Western Wayne County Conservation Association**

Nancy Dittmar

## **Edwardsburg Conservation Club**

Ronald Como Sr  
James Ferry  
Thomas Fodrocy  
Stan Gregory  
Gordon Heeter  
Frank Leraci  
Paul Knevels  
George Lawall

## **Region 1 MUCC member**

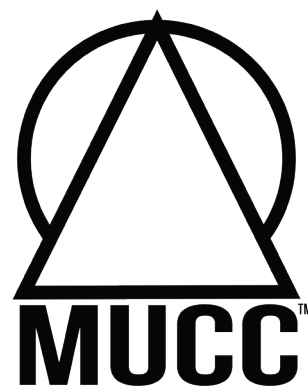
Tim Kobasic

## **Black Lake Sportsmen's Club**

Jim Chaskey

## **Former Michigan Out-of-Doors Editor**

Dennis Knickerbocker



# Instructions to Club Presidents, Sec

1. CLUB DUES: Your club dues for 2019 must be paid up to date to qualify as voting delegates for the Convention. We suggest that you check with your treasurer to make sure these dues have been paid prior to registering.

2. PROXY VOTES: All proxies must be signed and returned to the MUCC office before **June 12, 2019**. A club will not be permitted to vote if affiliate dues are not paid up to date, this includes proxies. No proxies or credentials will be transferred at the Convention except in case of extreme emergency or illness, such as determined by the Executive Board.

**3. CLUB DELEGATES: Please bring this agenda with you to convention. Additional copies will not be made available at the convention site. A full book is available at <https://www.mucc.org/mucc-annual-convention/>.**

4. PREREGISTRATION: Preregistration information has been included in this Convention Agenda. You will find the appropriate forms needed to pre-register and a return addressed envelope for your convenience. Your materials will be available at the convention site. **YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO PREREGISTER TO AVOID DELAYS AT CONVENTION.**

5. REGISTRATION: If you do not preregister, voting delegates must bring their completed voting forms with them to the convention registration desk. These forms were mailed to the club president and/or club representatives. No delegate will be allowed to vote without authorization from the club officers. You may not use any cards other than your own to vote. **AN ADDITIONAL \$ 15 FEE WILL BE INCURRED FOR REGISTERING AT THE DOOR.**

6. THE CLUB AUTHORIZATION FORM must be signed by not less than two officers of the affiliate club. (Please review the agenda on the following pages with your voting delegates so they know your club's decisions and vote accordingly at Convention.)

7. THE ATTENDEE REGISTRATION AND VOTING DELEGATE FORM must be filled out showing the total number of club votes, proxy votes and if the member is entitled to an officer or MUCC Past President vote.

# Secretaries and Convention Delegates

8. THE CLUB NAME AND NUMBER: Please remember to fill in your club name and number wherever requested.

9. EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS are considered under New Business. Items shall be restricted to emergency resolutions and only those emergency resolutions not considered at a prior MUCC Conservation Policy Board meeting. To be considered as an emergency, such proposal or resolution shall deal with an issue that must be considered prior to the next Executive Board meeting following convention due to time limitations. No more than two (2) proposals under new business shall be presented by any member or member club at the Annual Convention and considered as new business and must be affirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of delegates present and voting. A total of 175 copies must be made available for distribution and a copy made available on a CD or flash drive to be given to the recording secretary. MUCC President George Lindquist must receive 15 copies as soon as possible.

10. VOTING FOR OFFICERS will take place on Saturday, June 22 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Voting will re-open Sunday, June 23 from 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

11. To expedite the annual meeting and accuracy of resolution amendments, it is required that you use the resolution amendment form in the back of this book. Additional copies will be available on the information table at the convention site.

# \*June 21



On Friday, June 21nd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., we will be kicking off MUCC's Annual Convention with an OTG event in the Backus Creek State Game Area. Volunteers will be needed to help with this project to plant trees and place fencing around them. Materials, tools and safety equipment will be provided. Lunch, water, and a free T-Shirt will be provided for all volunteers. Please RSVP at [www.mucc.org/on-the-ground](http://www.mucc.org/on-the-ground) to or to [smckeon@mucc.org](mailto:smckeon@mucc.org) to receive meeting directions and updated event details!



**WILDLIFE HABITAT VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION**

# OTG Event

**Backus Creek State Game Area**

**Friday, June 21, 2019**

**9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

*Please cut along dotted line and return form to MUCC*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you bringing additional volunteers? If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to bring a shovel and appropriate safety equipment (eye protection, gloves, etc.)?  
These items are not required, but they are helpful. Please indicate what and how many of each item  
you can bring.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## T-shirt Size

If inviting additional volunteers, please indicate the number of each size. Sizes are adult.

\_\_\_\_\_ Small      \_\_\_\_\_ X-Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Medium      \_\_\_\_\_ 2X Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Large

**Lunch will be provided**



## 2019 CLUB AUTHORIZATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS

On the reverse side you will find the Club Authorization Form. Rather than requiring each voting delegate to have their own Voting Authorization form signed, we request that an MUCC club representative complete **ONE (1) Club Authorization form for all of your club's voting delegates and return it to MUCC by mail or email.**

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Write the name of your club on the line provided.
2. Write the county in which your club resides on the line provided. If your club does not have a physical location, this should be the county of residence for the main club contact. Write the corresponding MUCC region (see map).
3. Write the address, city, state, and zip code of your club on the lines provided.
4. Provide the phone number and email address of your club or MUCC club representative.
5. List the names and distribution of your club's votes to voting delegates. It is up to you to determine how you would like the votes distributed. If you do not indicate how you would like the votes distributed, the Credentials Committee will distribute them as evenly as possible among your authorized delegates. The number of votes to which your club is entitled is based on dues paid by Records Day. A table with the number of club members and corresponding number of votes is provided at the bottom of the form.
6. Two (2) club officers are **required** to sign the form prior to submission in order to authorize voting delegates to vote for your club.
7. If your club is unable to send club delegates, but would like to send your votes with a proxy voter, please indicate the person who will vote for your club at the bottom of the form. A proxy voter is someone who is not a member of your club to whom your club authorizes to vote on your club's behalf. Each club can send up to one (1) proxy voter. If you are planning to send your votes with a proxy voter, the Club Authorization form **MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JUNE 12, 2019 — NO EXCEPTIONS.**
8. Mail or email the Club Authorization form to the address or email address provided on the form.

All Club Authorization Forms without proxy voters **MUST** be received by the beginning of Convention on June 22, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Amber Albert at [aalbert@mucc.org](mailto:aalbert@mucc.org) or 517-371-1041.



# CLUB AUTHORIZATION FORM

Use this form for your club to authorize their voting delegates.  
\*Must be signed by two officers.

## MUCC Annual Convention Membership Club Information 2019 Voting Delegates **CLUB AUTHORIZATION**

Please use this form to register your club for the Annual Convention. Please list voting delegates on the lines provided below and indicate the percentage of club votes you would like for each of them to carry. Please remit ONLY ONE Club Authorization Form to MUCC for your club.

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club County and MUCC Region #: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Club City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*These authorized delegates will each still have to submit a registration form with payment.

Delegate 1: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Club Votes: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate 2: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Club Votes: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate 3: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Club Votes: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate 4: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Club Votes: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY TWO (2) OFFICERS OF YOUR CLUB AND SHOULD BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JUNE 12, 2019. VERBAL AUTHORIZATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If no members of your club are able to attend, you may authorize an MUCC member from your MUCC region to carry Proxy Votes for your club. This form MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JUNE 12, 2019. Please mark one (1) box below.

No, this club will not have an individual carry proxy votes.

Yes, (print name) \_\_\_\_\_ will carry proxy votes for this club (this individual must be a registered delegate in order to also carry proxy votes).

MEMBERS	VOTE	MEMBERS	VOTE	MEMBERS	VOTE
10-49	2	750-999	7	2000-2249	12
50-149	3	1000-1249	8	2250-2499	13
150-249	4	1250-1499	9	2500-2749	14
250-499	5	1500-1749	10	2750-2999	15
500-749	6	1750-1999	11	3000-3249	16

**PLEASE RETURN TO MUCC  
VIA MAIL:  
P.O. BOX 30235  
LANSING, MI 48909  
OR  
EMAIL: AALBERT@MUCC.ORG**

## 2019 ANNUAL CONVENTION ATTENDEE REGISTRATION AND VOTING DELEGATE FORM INSTRUCTIONS

**We ask that ALL Convention attendees complete the Attendee Registration and Voting Delegate Form, even if you are not voting, in order to minimize confusion during check-in at Convention. If you are paying for more than one person, you may remit one payment, however, please complete one form for each attendee, so each attendee has their own form for check-in.**

The Attendee Registration and Voting Delegate Form contains three (3) sections.

**Section 1** should be completed by ALL Convention attendees even if you are not a voting delegate. Please fill out this section completely so we can quickly process your paperwork.

1. Please list the name, address, city, state, and zip code for the person registering to attend the Annual Convention.
2. Please include your home phone and email address on the registration form.
3. Please indicate whether or not you are a voting delegate by checking the box for "Yes" or "No" on the form.
  - a. A voting delegate is someone who has been given authorization to carry votes by an MUCC affiliated club, is an MUCC officer, past MUCC president or MUCC individual member representative or delegate.

**Section 2** should be completed by voting delegates ONLY. This section will help the Credentials Committee determine to how many votes a voting delegate is entitled to carry.

1. Mark "Yes" or "No" to answer whether or not you are carrying regular club votes. If you mark "Yes," please write the name of the club for which you are carrying votes on the line provided.
  - In order for a voting delegate to carry club votes, (s)he must be authorized by an MUCC member club. If MUCC has NOT received a Club Authorization Form from your club by the beginning of Convention, a registered delegate will NOT be able to carry club votes.
2. Mark "Yes" or "No" to answer whether or not you are carrying proxy votes. If you mark "Yes," please write the name of the club for which you are carrying proxy votes on the line provided.
  - A proxy voter is someone who is not a member of a club to whom a club gives permission to vote on their behalf. A Club Authorization form must authorize all proxy voters NO LATER THAN JUNE 12, 2019.
3. Mark "Yes" or "No" to answer whether or not you are an MUCC Individual Member Representative or Delegate. If you mark "Yes," please write your county of residence on the line provided.
4. Mark "Yes" or "No" to answer whether or not you are an Officer of MUCC. If you mark "Yes," please write the Region/District number on the line provided.

**Section 3 should be completed by all registrants. No Awards Dinner tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets must be purchased no later than June 5, 2019.**

Please remit payment to MUCC online or via mail. If you would like to pay with a credit card, please include the CVV# (three-digit code on the back of the card) on the form.

Please visit [www.mucc.org](http://www.mucc.org) for more information. All Attendee Registration and Voting Delegate Forms MUST be received by the beginning of Convention on June 22, 2019, however, we encourage you to turn them in early to expedite the check-in process. If you have any questions, please contact Amber Albert at [aalbert@mucc.org](mailto:aalbert@mucc.org) or 517-371-1041.

**ATTENDEE REGISTRATION &  
VOTING DELEGATE FORM**

Return to MUCC via mail:  
P.O. Box 30235, Lansing, Mi 48909  
or Email: aalbert@mucc.org

**MUCC Annual Convention Membership Club Information  
2019 Voting Delegate and Attendee Registration Form**

Please fill out one registration form PER PERSON. PLEASE PRINT ON FORM. There are 3 sections on this form.

**SECTION 1: ALL REGISTRANTS** must complete Section 1.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a voting delegate? (Mark One)  Yes  No

**SECTION 2: Only VOTING DELEGATES** must complete Section 2.

Are you carrying club votes?  Yes  No

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you carrying proxy votes for a club (must be carrying at least one regular club vote)?  Yes  No

Proxy Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an MUCC Individual Member Representative or Delegate?  Yes  No

County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an an Executive Board member, Conservation Policy Board member or MUCC Past President?  Yes, MUCC Region \_\_\_\_

**SECTION 3: PAYMENT. ALL REGISTRANTS** must complete Section 3.

Voting Delegate Registration (\$65 Registration fee at the door;  
Includes 2 breakfasts and 1 lunch)..... \$50 x \_\_\_\_\_ = A. \_\_\_\_\_

Non-voting Delegate (Includes 2 breakfasts and 1 lunch)..... \$30 x \_\_\_\_\_ = B. \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Dinner (Sat., June 22)..... \$25 x \_\_\_\_\_ = C. \_\_\_\_\_

Donation for Picnic Dinner (Fri, June 21 at TBD)..... D. \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL:.....(A+B+C+D) \_\_\_\_\_

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check (Enclosed)  Visa  MasterCard  Discover

Name on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS SECTION FOR REGISTRATION CLERK'S USE ONLY

DELEGATE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Voter Certificate #: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB VOTING AUTHORITY: Club Dues Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Proxy Dues Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS DELEGATE IS ENTITLED TO: Regular Club Votes: \_\_\_\_\_ Proxy Club Votes: \_\_\_\_\_ MUCC Officer Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ IM Votes: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL VOTES: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

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## *Rules*

- A. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER SHALL BE THE AUTHORITY ON CONVENTION PROCEDURE.
- B. ALL VOTING WILL BE BY VOICE UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUIRED. A SHOW OF HANDS OR A ROLL CALL VOTE MAY BE ORDERED BY THE CHAIR FOR ACCURACY.
- C. ONLY VOTING DELEGATES MAY BE SEATED IN THE DELEGATES VOTING SECTION.
- D. ONLY REGISTERED VOTING DELEGATES MAY VOTE OR MAKE/SUPPORT MOTIONS.
- E. VOTING DELEGATES MUST WEAR BADGES AND CARRY VOTING CARDS INDICATING THE NUMBER OF VOTES CARRIED.
- F. RESOLUTIONS TO CHANGE THE BYLAWS REQUIRE A 2/3 VOTE.
- G. RESOLUTIONS TO CHANGE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR RULES OR NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION ORDERS REQUIRE A 2/3 VOTE.

## *Amendments*

LENGTHY AMENDMENTS (MORE THAN A FEW WORDS, TYPOS OR SIMPLE EDITORIAL CORRECTIONS EXCEPTED) SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ON THE "RESOLUTIONS AMENDMENT FORM" (AVAILABLE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING) WITH A COPY, OR THE ORIGINAL, SUBMITTED TO THE RECORDING SECRETARY. THE AMENDED RESOLUTION WILL THEN BE DISPLAYED ON A SCREEN FOR ALL TO REVIEW.

## *Procedure for Testimony on Resolutions*

- 1. THE SPONSOR OR SPONSORING CLUB OF A RESOLUTION HAS FIVE MINUTES TO EXPLAIN THE RESOLUTION AND ADVOCATE FOR ITS PASSAGE.
- 2. TWO MICROPHONES, DESIGNATED SUPPORT OR OPPOSED, WILL BE AVAILABLE. SPEAKERS MUST USE ONE TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR DISCUSSION AND THEY WILL SPEAK ALTERNATELY. PLEASE USE THE APPROPRIATE MICROPHONE FOR YOUR POSITION (SUPPORT OR OPPOSE) ON THE ISSUE.
- 3. ALL MEMBERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, IF SO INTERESTED, TO SPEAK FOR TWO MINUTES FOR OR AGAINST A RESOLUTION.
- 4. MEMBERS MAY TESTIFY TWO TIMES ON A RESOLUTION. A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE DELEGATES IS REQUIRED FOR A PERSON TO TESTIFY MORE THAN TWO TIMES.
- 5. MUCC'S PARLIAMENTARIAN (OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE) WILL KEEP TRACK OF THE TIME OF EACH TESTIFIER TO ENSURE THE TIME LIMITS ARE NOT EXCEEDED.
- 6. MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO NOT DUPLICATE TESTIMONY AND TO STRUCTURE THEIR TESTIMONY TO INCREASE THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONVENTION AUDIENCE ON THE ISSUE.
- 7. A MOTION, AND A SECOND, TO BRING A RESOLUTION TO THE FLOOR WILL NOT REQUIRE USE OF THE MICROPHONES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME CLEARLY.
- 8. SPEAKERS MUST IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH THEIR NAME, CLUB NAME OR MUCC TITLE EACH TIME THEY USE THE MICROPHONE FOR ACCURATE RECORDING BY THE RECORDING SECRETARY.
- 9. IF NO ONE IS AT THE OPPOSITE MICROPHONE THE CHAIR MAY SUGGEST A VOTE BE TAKEN.

# 2019 MUCC Convention Agenda

*\*All business will take place in the Second Floor Conference Room unless otherwise specified*

## FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2019

- 9:00 am – 2:00 pm                      On-the-Ground: Backus State Game Area
- 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm                      Registration  
Lakeside Resort & Conference Center
- 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm                      MUCC's Family Picnic  
South Higgins Lake State Park Pavillion

## SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019

- 6:30 am – 8:30 am                      Breakfast  
Second Floor Conference Room
- 7:00 am – 9:00 am                      Convention Registration: Lakeside Resort & Conference Center Second Floor (follow signs)
- 9:00 am – 9:15 am                      Pre-Convention Executive Board Meeting
- 9:15 am – 9:17 am                      Call to Order and Welcome
- 9:17 am – 9:19 am                      Pledge of Allegiance and Conservation Pledge
- 9:19 am – 9:25 am                      Moments of Memory and Moment of Silence
- 9:25 am – 9:27 am                      Orders of the Day
- 9:27 am – 9:32 am                      Report of the Credentials Committee
- 9:32 am – 10:10 am                      Report on Nominations
- 10:10 am – 10:11 am                      Approval of Agenda and Approval of 2018 Convention Minutes
- 10:11 am – 10:13 am                      New Affiliate Club Recognition
- 10:13 am – 10:18 am                      Emergency Resolution Announcements
- 10:18 am – 11:00 am                      Candidate Speeches
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm                      Bylaws Amendments and Policy Resolutions
- 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm                      Annual Report  
Amy Trotter, Executive Director
- 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm                      Luncheon  
Keynote Speaker: Vicki Pontz, Natural Resources Commission Chair  
Second Floor Conference Room
- 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm                      Director Address  
Director Daniel Eichinger, Department of Natural Resources



# 2019 Convention Agenda Cont.

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Presentation: Process of Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Making
3:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Policy Resolutions
5:15 pm – 5:30 pm	Announcements
5:30 pm	Recess
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Open Voting: Polls Open for 2018-2019 Officers of MUCC <i>First Floor Meeting Room off Lobby</i>
6:30 pm – 7:45 pm	Dinner, Conservation Awards Banquet and Michigan State Parks 2019 Centennial Celebration <i>Second Floor Conference Room</i>
7:45 pm – 10: 00 pm	Hospitality Suite and Silent Auction <i>Second Floor Conference Room</i>

## SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2019

6:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast <i>Second Floor Conference Room</i>
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Open Voting: Polls Open for 2019-2020 Officers of MUCC <i>First Floor Meeting Room off Lobby</i>
8:30 am – 8:31 am	Call to Order
8:31 am – 8:32 am	Invocation
8:32 am – 8:40 am	Announcements
8:40 am – 8:50 am	Treasurer's Report Fran Yeager, MUCC Treasurer
8:50 am – 9:20 am	MUCC Policy Update/NWF Report (Jason Dinsmore)
9:20 am – 9:35 am	New Business New resolutions (those not approved by the Conservation Policy Board or Executive Board) may be considered under New Business if approved by the bylaws & Resolutions Committee and announced by noon on June 22, 2019.
9:35 am – 11:45 am	Policy Resolutions
11:45 am – 11:50 pm 11:50 am – 12:00 pm	Report of the Elections Introduction of New Officers
12:00 pm	Final Adjournment
12:15 pm – 12:45 pm	Post-Convention Executive Board Meeting

**MICHIGAN UNITED CONSERVATION CLUBS**  
**81<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**June 23-24, 2018**  
**Doherty Hotel and Conference Center**  
**Clare, Michigan**

**Pre-Convention Executive Board Meeting – Saturday, June 22, 2018**

President Tom Heritier called the meeting to order at 8:59 AM. Trotter verified a quorum was present.

Heritier declared there would be no action items for a pre-convention board meeting.

Heritier thanked the Executive Board for their efforts for the last two or more years. We accomplished a lot and worked together well.

Matthew gave an update on Nominations and has verified that all people on the nominations list have been verified as being MUCC members in good standing. He may need more than 5 minutes to complete the report given the number of elected positions.

Peter (Matthew) made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:01AM

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**General Session – Saturday, June 23, 2018**

**Call to Order and Welcome** – of the 81<sup>st</sup> annual meeting was made at 9:15 a.m. by President Tom Heritier.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Conservation Pledge was led by President Tom Heritier. Heritier recognized Jim Pryce, Tri-County Sportsmen’s League to lead us in an Invocation. Heritier recognized first time attendees.

Past Presidents Day was honored and he thanked the past presidents of MUCC. Past Presidents of MUCC in the audience were introduced: Ron Burris, Bill Krepps, Don Meixner, Dawn Levey, Russ Reister, Jack VanRhee, Fran Yeager, and Paul Rose.

Asked for volunteers for assisting with the Elections who are not running for election themselves. 4 people volunteered.

Heritier introduced Region 4 Director Carol Rose who shared the 2018 Moments of Memory.

**Orders of the Day** – reviewed by Parliamentarian Bruce Levey.

Heritier mentioned that Logan Schultz would be the time keeper of resolution statements.

**Report of the Credentials Committee:**

Quorum Call: Fran Yeager, Past President, Chair of the Convention Credentials Committee and Attendance Committee, announced that there was a quorum, with 99 voting delegates carrying 339 votes (246 regular club votes, 23 proxy, 38 officer, 32 IM votes). She will update if needed prior to voting on the Bylaws Amendments.

Eichinger made the announcement encouraging people to bid on silent auctions and buy tickets for the 450 Bushmaster raffle, which help offset the costs of Convention.

**Report of the Nominating Committee** – given by MUCC Region 8 Director Kris Matthew.

The Nominating Committee has accepted the following candidates for office (*those in italics or ~~strikethrough~~ were offered and accepted on the floor of Convention*):

***EXECUTIVE BOARD 2018-2019***

Vice President/ President Elect: Greg Peter

Treasurer: Fran Yeager

**Region 1: Mike Taylor**

Region 2: No nominations

Region 4: Carol Rose

Region 6: Chuck Hoover

Region 8: No nominations

At Large Director (Region 5): No nominations

At Large Director (Region 8): No nominations

***CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD (Three elected positions for each region, IMs appointed by VP)***

Region 1: Keith Lynch, Bryan Reynolds, Joe Hudson IM-Tim Kobasic

Region 2: Gary Gorniak, Donald Canfield, Jay Maki, **IM-Bill Malloch**

Region 3: Greg Nicolaou, Bruce Finnerty, Lee Ziehm, IM-Fred Truschke, **IM-Terry Vuksanovic**

Region 4: Jim Chaskey, Pete Demos

Region 5: Kevin Eldred, Jack VanRhee, Judith VanRhee, **Tim Hall** ~~Kayla McKern~~

Region 6: Ted Schulz, Dan McMaster, Jim Gamm, Jon Wilson, IM-Ken Dalton

Region 7: Furmer Reed, **Roberta Reed, Diane Konnick** IM-David VanLopik

Region 8: Roger Calhoun, Tim Muir Jr, Leonard Shaner, **Norman Miller**

Region 9: Sam Morello, Gary Summers, Rob Miller

Nominations will be taken from the floor.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Vice President/President Elect. No nominations.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for Vice President/President Elect.

Miller (Burris) move to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Treasurer. No nominations.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Treasurer.

Miller (Jane Finnerty) moved to close.

Vote on motion  
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 1 Director. Mike Taylor from UP Whitetails of Marquette County was nominated by George Lindquist. He accepted.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 1 Director.  
Maki (Jack VanRhee) moved to close.

Vote on motion  
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 2 Director. No nominations.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 2 Director.  
Kettler (Krepps) moved to close.

Vote on motion  
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 4 Director. No nominations.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 4 Director.  
Yeager (Jane Finnerty) moved to close.

Vote on motion  
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 6 Director. No nominations.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 6 Director.  
Yeager (VanRhee) moved to close.

Vote on motion  
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 8 Director. No nominations.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 8 Director.  
Yeager (Burris) moved to close.

Vote on motion  
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board At Large Director (Region 8). No nominations.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board At Large Director (Region 8).

Yeager (Miller) moved to close.

Vote on motion  
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board At Large Director (Region 5). No nominations.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board At Large Director (Region 5).

VanRhee (Yeager) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

## **CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD**

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 1 Voting Members. No nominations

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 1 Voting Members.

Jay Maki (Taylor) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 2 Voting Members. George Lindquist appointed Bill Malloch.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 2 Voting Members.

Maki (Schulz) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 3 Voting Members. Jane Finnerty nominated Terry Vuksanovic. Vuksanovic accepted consideration.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 3 Voting Members.

A conversation occurred about whether an IM affiliated with a club is able to serve as an IM on the Policy Board.

A motion to allow for an Individual Member affiliated with a club to serve as an Individual Member on the Conservation Policy Board was made. Rose (VanRhee) seconded.

Vote on motion

Carried

Finnerty (Yeager)

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 4 Voting Members. No nominations

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 4 Voting Members.

Finnerty (Burris) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 5 Voting Members. Tim Hall of Rockford Sportsmen's Club was nominated by VanRhee.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 5 Voting Members.

Maki (Smith) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 6 Voting Members. No nominations

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 6 Voting Members.

Kobasic (Miller)

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 7 Voting Members. Diane Konnick from Cass County Conservation Club nominated. Roberta Reed from Dowagiac Conservation Club nominated. Fran Yeager nominated Ted LePresto. Respectfully declined by Ted.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 7 Voting Members.

Yeager (Farrell) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 8 Voting Members. Norman Miller nominates himself.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 8 Voting Members.

Miller (Burris)

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 9 Voting Members. No nominations

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 9 Voting Members.

Yeager (Taylor) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

### **New Business**

Heritier asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda.

Kensinger (T. Smith) moved to approve the agenda as amended.

Vote on motion  
Carried

Heritier asked for a motion to approve the 2017 Convention minutes.

Dawn Levey (Kobasic) moved to approve the minutes.

Vote on motion  
Carried

Heritier proceeded with new club affiliate recognitions. Since last Convention, 17 clubs have joined MUCC: are now members of MUCC and affiliates.

**Emergency Resolution Announcements** -- Heritier stated there are none at this time.

**Candidate Speeches:** Candidates of contested races were offered a 3-minute opportunity to give speeches. The following candidates chose to do so:

- Greg Peter (Region 8 At Large Director / candidate for Vice President)

Heritier announced guests Dr. Russ Mason, Chief of the DNR Wildlife Division

#### **BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

Heritier stated MUCC staff will be reading the proposed amendments. Jack VanRhee was invited to explain the 4 Bylaws Amendments, which were mostly technical clarifications.

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws are in **CAPITAL BOLD AND ~~strikethrough~~**

#### **PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT #01**

**Submitted By:** Jack VanRhee, Bylaws Committee  
**Title:** **ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
**Purpose:** To clarify the members of the Conservation Policy board in this Section are Voting members of the Conservation Policy Board.  
**Passed:** MUCC Executive Board, September 22, 2017

#### ARTICLE VI ANNUAL CONVENTION

##### SECTION 1 - ANNUAL CONVENTION

B. The Corporation shall hold a regular annual convention. The definite date and place of the Annual Convention shall be determined by the Executive Board. All Member Clubs, Statewide Affiliated Clubs, Officers of the corporation and **VOTING** members of the Conservation Policy Board shall be notified of the Annual Convention at least thirty Five (35) days in advance

##### SECTION 2 - ANNUAL CONVENTION AGENDA

B. Agenda items shall include:

3. Election of members of the Executive Board and **VOTING MEMBERS OF THE** Conservation Policy Board.

SECTION 6 - VOTING

C. Acting Delegates and Maximum Votes

2. Except individuals serving as a member of the Executive Board, **VOTING MEMBERS OF THE** Conservation Policy Board or a Past President, no person may carry more than Five (5) votes (including proxies) except as otherwise provided.

A. Members of the Executive Board, **VOTING MEMBERS OF THE** Conservation Policy Board, and Past Presidents may carry no more the six (6) (including Proxies).

Heritier asked for a motion to bring the Bylaws Amendment #1 to the floor.  
Miller (Lubaway) moved to bring Bylaws Amendment #1 to the floor.  
Vote on motion  
Carried unanimously

**PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT # 02**

**Submitted by:** Jack VanRhee, Bylaws Committee  
**Title:** **CORPORATE OFFICERS**  
**Purpose:** To correct an error referring to the Executive Committee instead of the Executive Board.  
**Passed:** MUCC Executive Board, September 22, 2017

**ARTICLE III  
CORPORATE OFFICERS**

SECTION 3- DUTIES

A. President

1. The president shall be the Chair of the Executive Board and the President or his or her designee shall chair all meetings of the corporation. The President shall have such other powers and duties as are incident to the office and not inconsistent with these bylaws, or as shall be assigned by the Executive Board. The President shall work with the Executive Director in the development of an annual operations plan. The President shall also facilitate the Executive ~~Committee's~~ **BOARD'S** annual performance review of the Executive Director.

Heritier asked for a motion to bring the Bylaws Amendment #2 to the floor.  
Maki (Jane Finnerty) moved to bring Bylaws Amendment #2 to the floor.  
Vote on motion  
Carried unanimously



**PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT #03**

**Submitted by:** Jack VanRhee, Bylaws Committee  
**Title:** **CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD**  
**Purpose:** To provide a more reasonable time table for announcement of quarterly Conservation Policy Board meetings.  
**Passed:** MUCC Executive Board, September 22, 2017

**ARTICLE V  
CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD**

**SECTION 2 -MEETINGS**

**A.** The Conservation Policy Board shall meet quarterly, including Annual Convention. Meeting dates and locations shall be established **FOR THE QUARTERLY MEETING IN THE NEXT QUARTER FOLLOWING THE CONVENTION** within 45 days after the Convention. ~~and these~~ **THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ANNOUNCED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF EACH SUCCEEDING MEETING. THESE** meetings shall be open to any member of the corporation

**SECTION 5 - VOTING**

On those matters requiring a vote, representation from a majority of the regions **MUST BE** present and each **VOT-ING** member of the Conservation Policy Board shall have no more than one (1) vote. Matters requiring a vote are: passing resolutions on to the Annual Convention, making recommendations on Emergency or Interim Conservation policy resolutions to the Executive Board

Heritier asked for a motion to bring the Bylaws Amendment #3 to the floor.  
Taylor (Montross) moved to bring Bylaws Amendment #3 to the floor.  
Vote on motion  
Carried unanimously

**PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT #04**

**Submitted by:** Jack VanRhee, Bylaws committee  
**Title:** **ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
**Purpose:** To change the date by which a proxy must be received from a specific date to a date determined by the Executive Board to facilitate a possible change in the month the convention is held.  
**Passed:** MUCC Executive Board, September 22, 2017

**ARTICLE VI  
ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**SECTION 6 - VOTING**

D. Proxies

3. All proxies must be received and date stamped by the Secretary of the corporation prior to midnight (11:59 p.m.) on the ~~last business day of May~~ **DAY AS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.**

Heritier asked for a motion to bring the Bylaws Amendment #4 to the floor.

Meixner (Tony Smith) moved to bring Bylaws Amendment #4 to the floor.

Vote on motion

Carried unanimously

**Resolutions** – led by President Tom Heritier. MUCC staff will read each proposed resolution in its entirety.

**Text of the resolutions passed by the Convention are available as an attachment.**

(Resolutions to change state or federal law or rules or Natural Resources Commission orders require a 2/3 vote to pass per MUCC bylaws).

**Summary of resolutions passed, failing, and postponed at MUCC's 2018 Annual Convention**

#### **PASSED RESOLUTIONS**

**#01: ADEQUATELY FUND UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE, NATIONAL PARKS, AND NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND REDUCE TORT LIABILITY (Tim Kobasic, Hiawathaland Trail Association and Straits Area Sportsmen's Club):** MUCC calls on Congress to amend the budget of the USFS to help offset the costs of fire suppression and help them maintain their fundamental services. MUCC would also ask Congress to pass legislation that will assure the USFS and their sponsors adequate funds in the event of a lawsuit from those that use the National Forests for recreation. Lastly, ensure that all National Forests, Parks, and National Monuments remain intact and continue to allow public access.

**#03: ESTABLISH REGULATIONS ON THE OPERATION OF WAKE BOATS (Diane Konneck, Individual Member):** MUCC will work with the legislature, DNR, and NRC to create regulations restricting the use of boats that produce a wake large enough to surf or wakeboard to larger lakes and areas further from the shore than the current rules allow.

**#04: MUCC WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE DNR IN THE MANAGEMENT OF CWD, TB, AND OTHER DISEASES (Erik Schnelle of QDMA, and Rob Miller):** MUCC will bring the issue of CWD and TB to the forefront and work with the DNR to enforce existing laws, find alternative funding other than what is provided by existing fish and wildlife funds and continue education efforts and promote hunter involvement in combating these diseases. MUCC also supports additional harvesting of does in DMU's through methods of later seasons and reduced doe tag prices and other means to help promote the take of does to maintain a balanced herd. MUCC continues to support baiting bans. MUCC should work with QDMA and other stakeholders to help DNR and NRC with this disease.

**#05: LINE 5 AND ALTERNATIVES TO UNDERWATER PIPELINES (Saginaw Field and Stream Club):** MUCC will work with the National Wildlife Federation and other decision makers to protect the Great Lakes from any oil spill, including serious considerations of alternatives to pipelines across or below the Great Lakes.

**#07: DAILY PERCH HARVEST RULES TO BE EXPANDED (George Lindquist, MUCC Vice President):** MUCC will work with the DNR and the NRC to make the regulations for yellow perch in Lake Gogebic, which includes a 25-perch bag limit with no more than five fish 12" or greater, a rule for state inland lakes and wherever else appropriate.

**#09: IMPROVING NO NET LOSS OF HUNTING LAND (UP Whitetails of Marquette County):** MUCC will work with the Michigan Legislature, the DNR, and the NRC to ensure that the amount of public land available to hunters does not decrease in the future and that if state managed public hunting land does close, there will be compensation in the form of new hunting land in the same region for fair opportunities to hunters in those regions.

**#11: RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE MOOSE MANAGEMENT PLAN (Greg Peter, MUCC At Large Director):** MUCC encourages the DNR to create a moose management plan understanding the need of additional funds and personnel to ensure a sustainable moose population that supports hunting as a management tool.

**#13: FIREARMS EDUCATION AND SAFETY (David Van Lopik, Sport Shooting Committee Chair):** MUCC will work with the State Department of Education, Intermediate School Districts, and local school districts to provide access to promoting, advertising and providing information about firearm safety classes and hunter education classes at local, regional and state facilities and other range facilities open to the public.

**#15: MICHIGAN ARCTIC GRAYLING STOCKING INITIATIVE RESOLUTION (Paul Rose, MUCC Past-President):** MUCC and its partners will work with the DNR to ensure the introduction of Arctic Grayling to Michigan rivers will only be done if: The management of existing fisheries will not be affected by a change in legal status of Arctic Grayling such as "threatened" or "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act elsewhere in the United States; the planting of Arctic Grayling will only occur in water bodies where support exists from stakeholders and anglers; and if the funding of an Arctic Grayling program is confirmed to be sustainable and will not undermine existing fisheries programs or staffing in Michigan.

**#16: PROTECTING LIVESTOCK FROM BEAR DEPREDATION (Tim Dusterwinkle, Michigan Bear Hunters Association):** MUCC will work with the Michigan Legislature to amend state law to require an electric perimeter fence on privately-owned cervid operations to deter bears and other species such as coyote and wolf.

**#17: ORV USE IN THE STATE FOREST (MUCC Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee):** MUCC will urge the DNR to develop an annual public report that provides data on ORV damage, enforcement activity and accidents in the state forest. Also, MUCC should request that the DNR not allow expansion of forest roads open to ORV unless the ORV report is posted for public review and evaluated for: compliance with the DNR's forest certification criteria; the ability of DNR to mitigate resource damage; and adequate funding of ORV enforcement is in line with the expansion of ORV use on forest roads.

**#19: ESTABLISH DESIGNATED WATER TRAILS PROGRAM (MUCC Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee):** MUCC urges the DNR to finalize the draft "Michigan's Policy on State Trails Designation" and implement the designation program.

**#20: WANTON AND WASTE LAW PERTAINING TO WHITETAIL DEER (Daniel L. McMaster, Shiawassee Conservation Association):** MUCC will work with Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA), Whitetails Unlimited (WTU), the DNR, the NRC, and the legislature to create and adopt wanton waste legislation pertaining to whitetail deer to ensure there are penalties if no reasonable attempt is made to retrieve the animal. This should also ensure the carcass of a deer should be disposed of properly and not left in the field. It is recommended that MUCC also consider wanton waste laws for other game species.

**#21: WORK WITH THE DNR TO EXPAND PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE DETROIT RIVER AND LAKE ST. CLAIR BY CONSTRUCTING A PUBLIC BOATING ACCESS SITE ON BELLE ISLE (Tim Muir, Lake St. Clair Walleye Association):** MUCC reaffirm its commitment to expanding fishing opportunities in the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair by supporting the DNR, Belle Isle Conservancy, and Belle Isle Park Advisory Committee with the construction of a tournament friendly, 24 hour/day boating access site on Belle Isle. Also, ask that the DNR work with the fishing tournaments and local fishing conservation clubs to review and consider the positive local economic benefits associated with building a tournament friendly boating access site that will help to host organized fishing events.

**#22: ESTABLISH WORK ORDERS TO REQUIRE PARKS TO CO-OPERATE WITH OTHER DIVISIONS ON HABITAT MANAGEMENT (MUCC Parks, Recreation, and Trails Committee)**  
MUCC will work with the DNR to establish work orders to require the Parks and Recreation division to cooperate with the other divisions of the DNR to address the needs for managing wildlife habitat located within the State Parks and State Recreation Areas.

**#23: PASSED: RESOLUTION ON THE VALUE OF PUBLIC LAND (Michigan Resource Stewards):** MUCC will work with Michigan Resource Stewards to urge our legislature, advocacy groups, and policy makers at all levels to support the efforts of the DNR, MSU, and others to document the value and value added to our economy by public land and acknowledge the multiplicity of health benefits, social benefits and other intangible benefits that accrue to Michigan citizens because of our public lands.

#### **WITHDRAWN RESOLUTIONS**

**#06: Combine both of the spring turkey season in hunt ZZ into one six-week season (Millard H. Holton, Individual Member)** MUCC would work with the DNR and the NRC to frame a Wildlife Order that would combine the existing Hunt Unit ZZ turkey seasons (April 2-week season and guaranteed hunt in May) into one which would increase hunting opportunities as well as recruit and retain more hunters.

#### **FAILED RESOLUTIONS**

**#02: Antler Point Restrictions (APR) Initiative Acceleration (Erik Schnelle of QDMA, and Rob Miller):** MUCC should advocate for the acceleration of the Antler Point Initiative process to take no more than one calendar year from the date of initiation to regulation. Also that the APR initiative process should be conducted at no cost to the sponsoring sportsmen group's.

**#08: Reduce the number of buck tags per hunter to one per year (Charles Felcyn, Paw Paw Conservation Club):** MUCC will work with the DNR and the NRC to simplify and restructure the deer combo license to include one buck tag and one doe tag. For those hunters only wishing to hunt in the UP, they would have the option of just buying a single deer tag for an antlered deer.

**#10: Change opening day of firearm deer season to the Saturday closest to November 15th (Leonard Shaner, Huron Pointe Sportsmen’s Association):** MUCC would urge the DNR and other appropriate public entities to examine the economic, social, natural resource, and hunter recruitment implications that would result from changing the opening day of Michigan firearm deer season to the closest Saturday to November 15th. If this review results in a recommendation of this change, then MUCC would support this initiative.

**#12: Center fire changes to Michigan's limited firearm zone (Charles Felcyn, Paw Paw Conservation Club):** MUCC work with the DNR and the NRC to change Michigan’s limited firearm deer zone to have the same firearm restrictions and regulations as the rest of Michigan.

**#14: Bobcat license (Tim Dusterwinkle, Michigan Bear Hunters Association):** MUCC work with the Michigan Legislature to create a bobcat license for a reasonable fee that will recognize bobcats as a premier game species while recouping some DNR costs for their management.

**#18: Primitive archery season extension from one day after the liberty hunt through January 31st (Sam Morello, Michigan Bow Hunters Association):** MUCC should work with the DNR and the NRC to allow a Primitive Archery equipment season with a start date being the first day following the Liberty Hunt and continue the season until January 31st of the following year.

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

Heritier led the discussion on the proposed resolutions.

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #01 to the floor.

Dawn Levey (Rob Miller) moved

Vote on motion

Motion Carried

*Proposed Resolution #01*

Rob Miller on behalf of the Wildlife Committee supports unanimously

Gorniak supports

Kobasic as maker supports

Vote on Resolution 1

Resolution 1 carried unanimously

Heritier recognized Vicki Pontz, Chair of Michigan Natural Resources Commission

Norman Miller (Wale) made a motion to only read the “Therefore Be it Resolved” portion of the resolution.

Rob Miller and Bruce Levey oppose

Vote on motion

Motion fails.

*Proposed Resolution #02*

Erik Schnelle as maker supports this resolution

Norman Miller (Rob Miller) made a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #02 to the floor.

Opposed: Bruce Levey, Rob Miller on behalf of Wildlife Committee, Richard P. Smith (x2), Don Meixner, Tim Kobasic, Greg Peter,

Support: Michael Goyne (x2), Tony Smith (x2), Fred Truschke, Rob Miller, Lincoln Rohn, George Lindquist, Erik Schnelle (x2)

Vote on the resolution  
Resolution #02 fails

Call for Division

Resolution fails 93-224

*Proposed Resolution #03*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #03 to the floor.

Konneck (Burris) moved

Diane Konneck as maker supports

Supports: Mindy Koch on behalf of Parks Committee, Erik Schnelle, Eric Braden on behalf of Fisheries Committee

Vote on Resolution 3  
Resolution 3 carried unanimously

Heritier announced that the Annual Director's Report was next.

### **Annual Report**

Executive Director Dan Eichinger welcomed and greeted everyone to the 81<sup>st</sup> annual convention.

He thanked President Tom Heritier for his leadership over the past 2 years.

Eichinger introduced the rest of the staff:

- Amy Trotter, Deputy Director
- Amber Albert, Club Membership Coordinator
- Jessica Haller, Event Coordinator and Executive Assistant
- Hunter Salisbury, Outreach Specialist
- Shaun McKeon, Educator Director
- Morgan Warda, Wildlife Cooperative Coordinator
- Logan Schultz, Digital Media Coordinator
- Nick Green, Editor and Public Information Officer
- Sue Pride, Membership Relations and Coordinator
- Tyler Butler, Camp Director
- Ian FitzGerald, MSU Glassen Scholar

- Mikayla Carter, Video Intern

Eichinger then presented the Annual Report, Teddy Roosevelt quote. Our advocacy work has grown: 47 bill packages, testimony and live stream of NRC. Federal level policy has also been active this year. Youth education teaches new generation, On the Ground Jr. program has also introduced 500 new students onto public land and outdoor recreation. OTG, GGW, LTH touches nearly 1000 year year to introduce number people. Communications has expanded. Social media reaches has grown 10 time in the past 4 years. Has it been a good year for wildlife conservation? Disease, invasive species, and habitat degradation is growing, also due to climate change. Apathy is the biggest threat, we need more people to care. Club affiliations has grown, we need to continue to grow our Individual Member presence. MUCC has been that home for our diverse interests.

Mike Thorman (VanRhee) made a motion to Resolutions 14, 16, and 18 to take up immediately after lunch. Motion carried.

Personal Point of Privilege (PPP): Tim Muir, Lake St. Clair Walleye Association donated \$4000.00 to repair the craft building repaired. They will match any additional donated up to another \$4000 to accomplish this project at camp.

Mike Kensinger, Washtenaw Sportsmen’s Club, \$1508.00 donated from former MUCC District 2.

Heritier donated new 3 fishing lures boxes to the silent auction.

Judy VanRhee has MUCC merchandise for sale.

DNR Director Keith Creagh and Fisheries Division Lake Erie Basin Coordinator Jim Francis were also introduced.

-----**Convention was recessed for the Luncheon**-----

Session came back to order at 12:40 p.m.

Eichinger introduced Vicki Pontz, Chair of Michigan’s Natural Resources Commission

**Keynote Address:** Pontz covered her priorities as chair of the NRC.

- Transparency between DNR and NRC
- Transparency between staff and stakeholders
- And NRC and stakeholders

Communications is key. We always need improvement on this in our personal lives and in governance. MUCC from Pontz perspective. She was the driver of the cornfield and she wanted to hunt instead. Learned about the connection of agriculture and natural resources early on, organic gardening, hunting, conservation practices. She started at Farm Bureau with grassroots development of policy. And it’s difficult to maintain a strong single voice while appreciating the diversity. MUCC is very similar. She has seen how difficult it can be with single species and single device interests. You are the conservation voice with a 30,000 foot view. You have to consider the impact 7 generations from now. Our process matters. Consideration of governance from UN. MUCC is part of it too. Structures and process

The world is run by those who show up. Thank you for showing up.

## **Eichinger introduced Director Creagh**

### **Director Address:**

We have changed our governance model. We want your opinions on the front end and to come up with joint solutions. Transparency and credibility in organizations.

Budget is increasing General Fund-Law, Fire, license fee increase and focus on outcomes. Belle Isle funding is a partnership of local and state government. Great lakes vessel. Invasive Species 5 million from GF. \$40 at Brandon Lock and Dam, 92 percent agreement within the basin. Iron Belle Trail, goes through state land, but should it be a conversation. Shooting ranges used to be a 2 week a year use, partnering with NRA and others on structured shooting areas on state land. Wetland conservation and mitigation.

Looking ahead: urban initiatives, R4-relevancy—related everything back to natural resources, scientific management, and wild game. Invasive species, land strategy, asset management for State Parks, hatcheries, 4000 structures, State Park Endowment Fund shouldn't be used for operations, it should be longer term and new acquisitions.

Wildlife Disease is going to be difficult. No one knows all the answers. Jackson County could be expanded. Need thoughtful conversations about managed disease—we have managed recreation, and hunter satisfaction. HPAI—we shouldn't have a goose relocation program. Incentivize doe harvest and get the numbers more reconciled on the landscape. It will not be universally acceptable but there is a good process in place.

Pretty optimistic—5.3 million for research, 600k is committed. Boone and Crockett and nationally having conversations. \$25 for the test \$100 for confirmation. How do we pay for that?

### **Break until 2 PM**

PPP: George Lindquist note from Big Bay School to UP Whitetails of Marquette County on Tracks. Clarified that when he speaks it is on behalf of UP Whitetails of Marquette County is just for Marquette County, not all UP Whitetails.

PPP: Greg Peter testifies on camp, Feral Swine Symposium in 2007. 3 wildlife biologists at the symposium had attended the camp.

*Attendance Report: No change from Fran Yeager*

### *Proposed Resolution #14*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #14 to the floor.

Maki (Wale) moved

Tim Dusterwinkle as maker supports

Support: Jim Wale, Brett Hopp, Jim Ballard, Mike Thorman (x2)

Oppose: Rob Miller on behalf of Wildlife Committee, Chris Kettler (x2), Mark Earl, Bruce Levey

Vote on Resolution #14

Resolution #14 fails



Call for Division  
Resolution fails 155 support, 166 opposed

*Proposed Resolution #16*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #16 to the floor.  
Farrell (Kensinger) moved

Michael Pedigo as maker supports  
Support: Rob Miller on behalf of Wildlife Committee  
Oppose: none  
Vote on Resolution #16  
Resolution #16 carries

*Proposed Resolution #18*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #18 to the floor.  
Bruce Levey (Rob Miller) moved

Sam Morello as maker supports  
Rob Miller on behalf of Wildlife Committee, supports with amendment  
Oppose: Mike Taylor

Rob Miller on behalf of the Wildlife Committee (Bruce Levey) made a motion to amend resolution 18 at the end of line 15 to add the words "WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE UPPER PENINSULA, WHERE THE SEASON WOULD CLOSE ON JANUARY 1"

Sam Morello as maker supports the amendment.  
George Lindquist opposed to the amendment, prefers December 10

Vote on amendment  
Amendment carries

Oppose: Roger Thorman, Jim Wale (x2), Jay Maki, Brett Hopp, Mike Thorman, Don Meixner, Fred Truschke  
Support: Rob Miller, Bruce Levey, Sam Morello (x2), Gary Summers

Vote on Resolution 18 as amended  
Resolution 18 fails

PPP: Orders of the day reminder by Rob Miller  
Returning to the original order of resolutions.

*Proposed Resolution #04*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #04 to the floor.  
Kensinger (Tony Smith) moved

Erik Schnelle as maker supports

Richard P. Smith opposes.

Rob Miller on behalf of Wildlife Committee, supports with amendment #1

Bruce Levey (Kobasic) made a motion to amend resolution 04 to strike lines 19-20 regarding antler point restrictions.

Opposes amendment #1: Erik Schnelle, George Lindquist, Lincoln Rohn, Tony Smith, Michael Goyne  
Supports amendment #1: Jay Maki, Dawn Levey, Tim Kobasic

Call the question  
Amendment #1 passes

Jane Finnerty (Bruce Levey) made a motion to amend resolution 04, line 21 to put a period after “bans” and strike the remainder of the line.

Supports amendment #2: Dave Smith, Erik Schnelle, Bruce Levey  
Opposes amendment #2: Jay Maki, Tim Kobasic

Vote on Amendment #2  
Amendment #2 passes

Paul Rose (Michael Goyne) made a motion to amend the amended resolution #04 to add after line 18: “TO THE EXTENT WHICH SUCH MEASURES HELP ACHIEVE DISEASE MANAGEMENT HARVEST OBJECTIVES, MUCC SHALL SUPPORT NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION-APPROVED ANTLER POINT RESTRICTIONS”.

Opposes amendment #3: Richard P. Smith, Alex Shaffer, Bruce Levey  
Supports amendment #3: Michael Goyne, Tony Smith

Vote on Amendment #3  
Amendment #3 fails

Call for Division on Amendment #3

Amendment #3 fails 22 support, 226 opposed

Vote on the Amended Resolution  
Resolution 4 carries, as amended

*Heritier turned the chair over to Vice President George Lindquist*

*Proposed Resolution #5*  
Lindquist asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #05 to the floor.  
Dawn Levey (Hoover) moved

Heritier as maker supports  
Support: Mindy Koch, Eric Braden on behalf of Fisheries Committee, Gary Gorniak

Vote on Resolution 05

Resolution 05 carries unanimously

Proposed Resolution #06 was withdrawn by the maker in writing in advance of the Annual Convention Heritier returned to the chair.

*Proposed Resolution #07*

Jane Finnerty (Maki) made a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #07 to the floor.

Support: George Lindquist supports the resolution as maker, Eric Braden on behalf of Fisheries Committee

Vote on the resolution.  
Resolution #07 carries.

*Proposed Resolution #08*

Farrell (Lindquist) made a motion to bring a proposed Substitute Resolution presented by the maker to the floor as follows:

Point of order: Can a resolution that hasn't passed the conservation policy board be brought to the floor? Levey proposes it is a substituted resolution and is in order.

**Proposed Substitute Resolution #08**

**Submitted by:** Charles Felcyn, Paw Paw Conservation Club  
**MUCC Region:** 7  
**Passed:** MUCC Conservation Policy Board, March 10, 2018 and amended by the maker and Wildlife Committee as a substitute for consideration.  
**Title:** **REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BUCK TAGS PER HUNTER TO ONE PER YEAR**

1 **WHEREAS, there is a need to improve the buck to doe ratio among the deer population of**

2 **Michigan that will result in older age classes of bucks and a stronger deer herd; and**

3 **WHEREAS,** reducing the number of buck tags per hunter to one per year could be accomplished  
4 without losing **significant** revenue; and

5 **WHEREAS,** this could be potentially done by ~~having the~~ **issuing only** combination licenses, **which**  
6 **would** include one antlered deer and one antlerless deer tag **statewide,** and ~~eliminating~~ **limiting**  
7 the single deer **(buck)** tag **as an option to people only planning on hunting in the Upper**

8 **Peninsula where antlerless tags are not issued often;** and

9 **WHEREAS**, Michigan will still get the license dollars needed for fish and wildlife conservation if  
10 most hunters have everyone has to purchase a \$40 combination license tag versus the \$20  
11 single deer license tag; and

12 **WHEREAS**, according to the 2016 Deer Harvest Survey, only about 13 percent of deer hunters  
13 hunt in the Upper Peninsula; and

14 **WHEREAS**, antlerless (doe) tags would then be available to all hunters instead of just a few  
15 people getting more than one; and

16 **WHEREAS**, this would help disperse doe harvest more evenly across the landscape and there  
17 would be more of an incentive to harvest a doe rather than settle on a small buck; and

18 **WHEREAS**, extra doe tags could be issued ~~after a two-year trial period~~ in areas with high deer  
19 numbers or disease; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the use of doe tags could still be excluded, as it is now, in deer management units  
21 closed to antlerless deer hunting which includes most of the Upper Peninsula.

22 ~~**WHEREAS**, this potential new license structure could eliminate the need for antler point restrictions;~~

23 **NOW**

24 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the  
25 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to simplify  
26 and restructure the deer combo license to include one ~~buck~~ antlered deer tag and one

27 antlerless (doe) tag for hunters statewide. For those hunters only wishing to hunt in the

28 Upper Peninsula, they would have the option of just buying a single deer tag for an antlered  
29 deer.

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Opposed: Rob Miller on behalf of the Wildlife Committee, Mike Taylor, Gary Gorniak

Vote on the Substitute Resolution  
Resolution fails unanimously

*Proposed Resolution #09*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #09 to the floor.  
Lindquist (Rob Miller) moved

Lindquist as maker, supported this resolution  
Support: Rob Miller on behalf of Wildlife Committee

Vote on resolution #09  
Resolution #09 passes unanimously

*Proposed Resolution #10*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #10 to the floor.  
Norman Miller (Erik Schnelle) moved

Leonard Shaner, the maker, supports the resolution.  
Supports: Paul Farrell, Mark Hergenreder  
Opposes: Rob Miller on behalf of the Wildlife Committee, Bruce Levey, Dawn Levey, Dan McMaster, Jim  
Wale

Vote on resolution #10 resolution.  
Resolution #10 fails

*Proposed Resolution #11*

Schulz (Miller) made a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #11 to the floor.

Greg Peter, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.  
Supports: Rob Miller on behalf of the Wildlife Committee, George Lindquist

Vote on resolution #11.  
Resolution #11 carries unanimously

*Proposed Resolution #12*

Maki (Farrell) made a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #12 to the floor.

Supports: Maker not present  
Opposes: Rob Miller on behalf of Wildlife Committee, Bruce Levey, Erik Schnelle,

Vote on resolution #12.  
Resolution #12 fails

*Proposed Resolution #13*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #13 to the floor.

Kettler (Rob Miller) moved

Dan Dial, on behalf of the maker and Sport Shooting and Ranges Committee, explained the proposed resolution.

Dawn Levey opposes as introduced and offered an amendment (seconded by Paul Farrell) to strike lines 15-21.

Vote on amendment #1

Amendment #1 carries

Support on amended resolution: Mike Thorman, Dawn Levey

Vote on amended resolution.

Resolution #13 carried unanimously

*Proposed Resolution #15*

Lindquist asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #15 to the floor.

Carol Rose (Schulz) moved

Paul Rose as maker supported the resolution.

Paul Rose (Dawn Levey) made a motion to amend line 23-24 to insert “anglers” after “and” and strike the remaining of lines 23-24.

Vote on the amendment

Amendment carries.

Vote on the amended resolution.

Resolution #15 carries unanimously.

*Proposed Resolution #17*

Jane Finnerty (Earl) moved to bring Proposed Resolution #17 to the floor.

Mindy Koch, the maker on behalf of the Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee, explained the proposed resolution.

Rob Miller (Bruce Levey) makes a motion to strike lines 13-16

Oppose amendment: Paul Rose, Mindy Koch

Vote on amendment #1

Amendment #1 fails

Vote on resolution #17.  
Resolution #17 carries unanimously

*Proposed Resolution #19*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #19 to the floor.  
Tesch (Summers) moved

Hoover, the maker on behalf of the Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee, explained the proposed resolution.

Support: Mike Meisner, Harbor Beach Conservation Club

Vote on resolution #19.  
Resolution #19 carries unanimously.

*Proposed Resolution #20:*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #20 to the floor.  
Taylor (Tony Smith) moved

Dan McMaster as maker, explained the proposed resolution.

Rob Miller on behalf of the Wildlife Committee proposed an amendment to add at the end of line 15 to add "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT MUCC LOOK AT WANTON WASTE REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES TO INCLUDE OTHER WILD GAME SPECIES.

Rob Miller (Bruce Levey) move to accept the amendment.  
Vote on amendment.  
Amendment carries unanimously.

Vote on amended resolution.  
Amended Resolution #20 carries

*Announcements:*

- *Dan Eichinger pulled the ticket for the 450 Bushmaster and consolation prizes. Logan Schultz is winner.*
- *Voting is open at 5:30 PM in Conference Room D*
- *The meeting will stand in recess until 8:30 AM*

**General Session – Sunday, June 24, 2018**

Heritier called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Invocation** – was given by Jim Pryce.

**Announcements:**

- Eichinger announced
  - the location and date for MUCC's 2019 Annual Convention: Lakeside Resort in Houghton Lake, June 21-23, 2019
  - Charity Sporting Clays Shoot on August 10, 2018 which is a fundraiser for camp and education programs
  - Results of fundraising efforts through Convention, including \$1180 net on the gun raffle, \$3680 to date on the silent auction, \$125 in merchandise sales and \$680 in Friday night dinner donations for a total so far of \$5665.
- Lindquist took over as chair and shared his excitement to take over as President. He thanked everyone and encouraged them to continue to volunteer and keep our organization moving and growing.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Fran Yeager, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report by saying members can request updated financials from Eichinger at any time. Instead, she reviewed the changes to the facility, which MUCC has occupied for 49 years and was due for major repairs to the roof and mechanicals. The building and property has been sold in December 2017 and MUCC is leasing back half of the building. The sale of the building will result in an investment fund to help build a stable endowment fund.

Yeager also called for more volunteers for the Credentials Committee.

### **Special Report**

Jason Dinsmore with National Wildlife Federation gave a special presentation on activities with NWF and his time back with MUCC as Camp Director and on the policy staff. He is the Director of Conservation Partnerships in the Great Lakes region.

- Mining in the Boundary Waters
- Farm Bill

### **New Business**

Yeager updated attendance 98 delegates 333 votes. One individual withdrew from yesterday. Montross trying to sell his last three raffle tickets.

#### *Proposed Resolution #21*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #21 to the floor.

Tony Smith (Maki) moved

Tim Muir Jr. as maker supported and explained the resolution.

Supports: Tony Smith

Vote on resolution.

Resolution #21 carries unanimously.

#### *Proposed Resolution #22*



Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #22 to the floor.

Tesch (Burriss) moved

Hoover as maker supported and explained the resolution.

Supports: Rob Miller on behalf of the Wildlife Committee

Vote on resolution.

Resolution #22 carries unanimously.

### *Proposed Resolution #23*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #23 to the floor.

Furmer Reed (Kettler) moved

Koch as maker supported and explained the resolution. This would ask that MUCC work more with other organizations and industries (oil, gas, forestry, etc.) and local units of government to go on record as to support for public lands.

Supports: Rob Miller on behalf of the Wildlife Committee

Vote on resolution.

Resolution #23 carries unanimously.

PPP: Jay Maki reminded attendees that the policies we pass each year are a very important outcome and that as MUCC members we should be living by and advocating for.

PPP: Yeager thanked Tom Heritier for his work and guidance through the reorganization and change of the organizations.

Eichinger gave an update on the progress towards the approved resolutions from 2017 and remaining legislative priorities that we hope to accomplish by the end of 2018 and have a reasonable chance to do so including commercial fishing, property tax relief for sportsmen's clubs, changes to the Trust Fund and State Parks Endowment Fund. Federal level Recovering Americas Wildlife Act (RAWA) to take off shore oil and gas development and commit those funds to conservation.

PPP: Trotter recognized Morgan Warda's belated birthday and is glad to pass the torch of staff celebrating a birthday during the Annual Convention.

Carol Rose provided an update on the progress of the Michigan Wildlife Council's efforts to educate non-hunters about the value of hunting and fishing in Michigan. The funding to conduct this public education campaign comes from a \$1 surcharge on every base hunting and fishing license purchased. HereForMI.org

Dinsmore shared information about the newly elected NWF Board Member from Wisconsin, Cody Kamrowski.

**Elections Committee Report:** Past President, Tom Heritier gave the report on the elected officers and Conservation Policy Board voting members for 2018-2019.

EXECUTIVE BOARD (2-year terms for everyone except where noted)

**President:** George Lindquist

**Immediate Past President:** Tom Heritier

**Vice President/President Elect/Chair of the Policy Board:** Greg Peter

**Treasurer:** Fran Yeager

**Region Directors:**

- Region 1: Mike Taylor
- Region 2: Jay Maki
- Region 4: Carol Rose
- Region 5: Kayla McKern
- Region 6: Chuck Hoover

**At-Large Directors:**

- Region 5 Vacant: Kevin Eldred

***CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD (Three elected positions for each region, 1-year term)***

- Region 1: Keith Lynch, Bryan Reynolds
- Region 2: Gary Gorniak, Don Canfield, Bill Malloch
- Region 3: Bruce Finnerty, Lee Zeem, Greg Nicolaou
- Region 4: Pete Demos, Jim Chaskey
- Region 5: Kevin Eldred, Jack VanRhee, Tim Hall
- Region 6: Ted Schulz, Jon Wilson, Jim Gamm
- Region 7: Roberta Reed, Diane Konneck, Furmer Reed
- Region 8: Leonard Shaner, Tim Muir Jr., Roger Calhoun
- Region 9: Rob Miller, Sam Morello, Gary Summers

Heritier asked for a motion to keep the ballots for 30 days following Convention before destroying.

Yeager (Tony Smith) moved

Vote on motion

Carried

Heritier asked for Lindquist and Peter to come to the podium.

Heritier asked for a motion to adjourn at 10:17 a.m.

McKern (Jack VanRhee) moved

Vote on motion

Carried

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**Michigan United Conservation Clubs**

**Post-Convention Executive Board Meeting  
Sunday, June 24, 2018**

President George Lindquist called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m. Amy Trotter verified a quorum was present.

Newly elected officers took their oaths of office.

Lindquist asked for a motion to appoint the following people as signatories on the corporate bank accounts:

George Lindquist

Greg Peter

Fran Yeager

Dan Eichinger

Amy Trotter

Jane Finnerty (Carol Rose) moved the signatories be appointed.

Vote on Motion

Carried

With the election to Treasurer, Fran resigns as the Region 7 Director to the Executive Board, which creates a vacancy Lindquist can fill by appointment for the remainder of her term.

Rose (Mike Taylor) made a motion to accept this resignation.

Vote on Motion

Carried

The first Conservation Policy Board will be September 22 and Peter will work with Jay Maki on a UP location.

Lindquist discussed the Executive Board meeting schedule. They could meet every other month via conference/video call and meet face to face only as needed for longer meetings. When the Policy Board meets the Executive Board should host a meeting on the Friday night beforehand. There is also opportunities to cover business items in a shorter conference call as needed in between in person meetings. Board meetings can be moved around as well. No decision was made and Trotter will email the Executive Board options for the first date in early August.

Maki (Carol Rose) moved to adjourn at 10:31 a.m.

Vote on motion

Carried

# Proposed MUCC Bylaws Amendments

Portions in **bold** ~~Strikethroughs~~ are removed and ***BOLD ITALIC CAPS*** are additions.

## PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT #1

**Submitted by:** Jack VanRhee, Bylaws Committee  
**Title:** TERMS  
**Proposed:** MUCC Executive Board, March 22, 2019  
**Purpose:** To change the term of the Elected and Appointed Voting Members of the Conservation Policy Board

### ARTICLE V CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD

*[New section]*

1 ***SECTION 6 – TERMS***

2 ***A. ELECTED AND APPOINTED VOTING MEMBERS***

3 ***1. ELECTED VOTING MEMBERS OF THE CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD***

4 ***WILL BE ELECTED FOR TWO (2) YEAR TERMS. THERE SHALL BE A SIX (6) YEAR***

5 ***LIMIT FOR CONSECUTIVE SERVICE. THE REGIONS ASSIGNED ODD NUMBERS***

6 ***SHALL ELECT THEIR VOTING MEMBERS AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION***

7 ***OCCURRING IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS AND THE REGIONS ASSIGNED***

8 ***EVEN NUMBERS SHALL ELECT THEIR VOTING MEMBERS AT THE ANNUAL***

9 ***CONVENTION OCCURRING IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.***

10 ***2. APPOINTED VOTING MEMBERS OF THE CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD***

11 ***WILL SERVE CONCURRENT WITH THE TERM OF THE CHAIRMAN APPOINTING***

12 ***THEM.***

13 ***3. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL CONVENTION,***

14 ***CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD VOTING MEMBERS ELECTED IN THE EVEN-***

15 ***NUMBERED REGIONS SHALL SERVE A ONE (1) YEAR TERM. THIS PARTIAL TERM***

16 *WILL NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE SIX (6) CONTINUOUS SERVICE TERM LIMIT.*

**PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT #02**

**Submitted By:** Jim Wale, Michigan State United Coon Hunters  
**Title:** ANNUAL CONVENTION VOTING

**Proposed:** MUCC Executive Board, March 22, 2019

**Purpose:** According to the standard operating procedures and regulations of the convention credentials committee, delegates carrying the vote must be a registered delegate from a club in the same region as the club requesting a proxy. Statewide Affiliate Clubs and full affiliates in Region 9 are sometimes umbrella groups of smaller local clubs/organizations and are often called upon to represent their members at MUCC's Annual Convention. This credentialing regulation prevents them from doing so. The purpose of this bylaws amendment is to allow Region 9 clubs to carry votes from their member club by proxy, even if they are in different regions. This would be limited to the votes on resolutions and bylaws amendments, but would not extend to voting in the election of officers or policy board members

1 **SECTION 6 – VOTING**

2 D. Proxies

3 1. A delegate of a Member Club or Junior Member Club may act as a proxy for no more than  
4 one (1) other Member Club or Junior Member Club.

5 2. No Member Club or Junior Member Club may have more than one (1) of its delegates act as  
6 proxy for another Member Club or Junior Member Club.

7 **3. REGION 9 AFFILIATE CLUB DELEGATES MAY CARRY PROXY VOTES FOR UP TO ONE (1) CLUB**  
8 **IN ANOTHER MUCC REGION IF THAT CLUB IS AFFILIATED WITH BOTH MUCC AND THE REGION**  
9 **9 CLUB. THESE PROXY VOTES ARE ONLY VALID ON THE FLOOR OF THE CONVENTION AND**  
10 **NOT FOR THE PURPOSES OF ELECTING OFFICERS OR CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD**  
11 **MEMBERS.**

12 **4. 3.** All proxies must be received and date stamped by the Secretary of the corporation prior to  
13 midnight (11:59 p.m.) on the day as determined by the Executive Board. i

# 2019

## Proposed Policy Resolutions

### Proposed Resolution #01

**Submitted by:** Mark Hergenreder, Chelsea Rod and Gun Club  
**MUCC Region:** 8  
**Passed:** March 23, 2019 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **YOUTH CLAY TARGET RESOLUTION**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, The Michigan High School Clay Target League has the opportunity for all high schools to  
2 participate in a club sport; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, Clay target shooting is a varsity collegiate sport in over 300 colleges nationwide; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, clay target shooting is an Olympic sport; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, clay target shooting is the safest high school sport as there are no known accidents; and
- 6 **WHEREAS**, boys and girls can compete on the same team and embrace title IX; and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, the sport permits participation of students with physical handicaps; and
- 8 **WHEREAS**, school districts statewide are embracing the opportunity for students to participate in  
9 extracurricular activities and enhance the climate and culture within their buildings; and
- 10 **WHEREAS**, clay target shooting is the fastest growing sport in the United States; and
- 11 **WHEREAS**, the state of Minnesota has embraced clay target shooting and had *13,653* students  
12 participating on *328* recognized teams, since its origination in *2011*, and has more high school  
13 participants than hockey; and
- 14 **WHEREAS**, the Minnesota High School Clay Target League provided business opportunities to  
15 countless hunting and recreational shooting companies by using over 30 million shot shells and clay birds  
16 in 2018; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Minnesota DNR has matched spending of over \$4,000,000.00 to local conservation  
18 groups in the state to improve clay target ranges at local conservation clubs; and  
19 **WHEREAS**, Michigan had 469 students on 23 teams in 2017 and 975 students on 45 teams in 2018 and  
20 has the growth potential to exceed the number of participants in Minnesota; and  
21 **WHEREAS**, providing opportunity for young people to engage in an outdoor activity that could lead to  
22 participation in outdoor hunting and future license buyers and support the recruitment initiative by every  
23 major conservation organization in the country; and  
24 **WHEREAS**, a requirement to participate in the Michigan High School Clay Target League requires  
25 formalized safety training with firearms; NOW  
26 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That MUCC will endorse and promote the participation of students  
27 in the Michigan High School Clay Target League; and  
28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That MUCC will encourage all high schools in Michigan to commit to  
29 permitting a high school club be formed in their district; and  
30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That MUCC will encourage all affiliates to offer a learn to shoot clay  
31 target opportunities for youth in their local communities; and  
32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That MUCC encourages the MHSAA to recognize the Michigan High  
33 School Clay Target League as a recognized club sport; and  
34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That MUCC encourages the Michigan DNR to recognize the Michigan  
35 High School Clay Target league as an educational program that embraces the recruitment, retainment and  
36 reactivation of hunting and shooting sports participants

**Proposed Resolution #02**  
**Requires 2/3rd Majority**

**Submitted by:** Michael Riepen, Et al., Michigan Deer Track'n Hounds Tracking Club  
**MUCC Region:** 8  
**Passed:** March 23, 2019 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **RESOLUTION TO AMEND LAWS CONTROLLING THE USE OF  
DOGS TO TRACK WOUNDED BIG GAME ANIMAL**

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 2.1a of the Michigan Wildlife Conservation order governs the use of dogs to track  
2 wounded big game animal; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Data collected by Michigan Deer Track'n Hounds Tracking Club indicates substantially  
4 improved success rates for the ethical recovery of wounded big game animals for trackers who operate off  
5 lead; and

6 **WHEREAS**, GPS technology has vastly improved since the inception of the current controlling  
7 regulations; and

8 **WHEREAS**, The moral duty to ethically end the suffering of wounded animals and the safety of trackers,  
9 hunters, and dogs participating in tracking will be improved by allowing trackers to dispatch an already  
10 wounded, legally hunted big game animal; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Initial research shows no major violations of tracking laws in states currently allowing off  
12 lead tracking or tracker dispatch; NOW

13 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs support an initiative to  
14 amend the Michigan Wildlife Conservation Order to provide added definition to the current regulations  
15 governing the use of dogs to track wounded big game animals; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs support an initiative to  
17 amend the Michigan Wildlife Conservation Order to provide or remove language to permit registered  
18 trackers to dispatch a wounded, legally hunted big game animal for the specific goal of recovering or  
19 ending the suffering of already wounded, legally hunted big game animals; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs support an initiative to  
21 amend the Michigan Wildlife Conservation Order to provide language to permit registered trackers to  
22 operate one dog at a time off lead, provided that dog has affixed a GPS tracking collar, and the registered  
23 tracker has on their person a tracking unit where they can monitor their dogs position, their position,  
24 property boundaries, and has the ability control/recall their dog prior to crossing boundaries where



25 permission has not been obtained for the specific goal of recovering or ending the suffering of already  
26 wounded, legally hunted big game animals; and  
27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs support and work with State  
28 Legislature to amend any laws contradictory to the purposes of the above suggested changes regarding the  
29 use of dogs to track wounded big game animals to provide exceptions for the specific goal of recovering  
30 or ending the suffering of already wounded, legally hunted big game animals

**Proposed Resolution #03**  
**Requires 2/3rd Majority**

**Submitted by:** Paul Rose, MUCC Past President  
**MUCC Region:** 4  
**Passed:** December 8, 2018 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION APPOINTMENT  
CRITERIA**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission (NRC) is a seven-member public body whose  
2 members are appointed by the Governor, and  
3 **WHEREAS**, the Commission has exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game and sportfish, and is  
4 authorized to designate game species and authorize the establishment of the first open season for animals  
5 through the issuance of orders, and  
6 **WHEREAS**, no established criteria exists relative to the qualifications and eligibility of those who are  
7 appointed to the NRC, and  
8 **WHEREAS**, The Commission is to be composed of 7 members, not more than 4 of whom identify  
9 themselves as being affiliated with the same political party. NOW,  
10 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the  
11 Michigan Department of Natural Resources and State of Michigan Legislature to develop qualification  
12 and eligibility criteria which seeks to populate the NRC with members who have a demonstrated interest

13 in both game and non-game fisheries and wildlife, natural resource management, a history of personal  
14 participation in these activities, and suitable educational and professional background, and  
15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that consideration for appointment be given to geographic distribution  
16 and the diversity of relevant recreational participation of its membership, as well as a balance among  
17 those who have a declared political affiliation, and  
18 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this emphasis on citizen participation should preclude the  
19 appointment of former employees of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan  
20 Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural  
21 Development and members of the Michigan State legislature for a period of ten years subsequent to their  
22 most recent date of service or employment.

**Proposed Resolution #04**

**Submitted by:** Greg Peter, MUCC Vice President  
**MUCC Region:** 8  
**Proposed:** December 8, 2018 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN CWD AREAS**

1 **WHEREAS**, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is an invariably fatal disease of a highly infectious nature,  
2 and  
3 **WHEREAS**, left unchecked, CWD has been shown to not only decimate deer populations as the  
4 incidence climbs inexorably higher, but CWD also depress the age structure of the population  
5 significantly, and  
6 **WHEREAS**, the possibility of contracting the disease increases with age and the incidence risk level in a  
7 population increases with the deposition of prion in the environment, and  
8 **WHEREAS**, controlling CWD is complicated by this persistent environmental contamination with the  
9 responsible prion being shed from infected deer well before they show signs of infection, and

10 **WHEREAS**, the persistence of the prion in the environment results in an increased indirect transmission  
11 rate as the disease becomes endemic and the presence of infective prions increases with the density of the  
12 deer population, and

13 **WHEREAS**, direct transmission is also facilitated by concentrating the population on the landscape  
14 (density of susceptible deer) either by baiting or confinement, increases the risk of both direct and indirect  
15 transmission, and

16 **WHEREAS** in the CWD Management Zone, where current deer densities are high, current NRC/DNR  
17 regulations remove the antler restriction on the combo license in this first year to lessen the density of the  
18 deer population, and

19 **WHEREAS**, bringing down the density of the deer population in the CWD Management Zone is served  
20 by the revision of the combo license requirements to allow the harvest of more deer, and

21 **WHEREAS**, there is a consensus that management of transmission and contamination require the harvest  
22 of deer regardless of age or antler size to decrease the population density, and

23 **WHEREAS**, most all wildlife management strategies take several years to produce results that can be  
24 statistically measured and their efficacy in reaching goals confirmed, and

25 **WHEREAS**, to not continue that strategy for several years could confound the results of any changes  
26 (making it look more effective because of the first year's reduction of population density). NOW,

27 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, MUCC encourage the continuance of the present strategy in the  
28 CWD Management Zone and any additional areas where the CWD threat is identified with surveillance,  
29 until sufficient data have been generated as to its effectiveness, and

30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, MUCC should stress the importance of population control and the role  
31 of the hunter/conservationist in this effort and encourage the issuance of additional doe permits and  
32 extended antlerless seasons, where advisable, to decrease the density of susceptible deer, and

33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, MUCC remain involved in the design of any field studies in  
34 consultation with the biologists of the DNR and other wildlife disease authorities.

**Proposed Resolution #05**

**Submitted by:** Erik Schnelle, Michigan QDMA State Chapter President  
**MUCC Region:** 5  
**Proposed:** December 8, 2018 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH INTO CWD MANAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES**

1   **WHEREAS**, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is an invariably fatal disease of a highly infectious nature,  
2   and  
3   **WHEREAS**, left unchecked, CWD has been shown to not only decimate deer populations as the  
4   incidence climbs inexorably higher, but CWD also depress the age structure of the population  
5   significantly, and  
6   **WHEREAS**, the possibility of contracting the disease increases with age in both sexes and the incidence  
7   risk level in a population increases with the deposition of prion in the environment, and  
8   **WHEREAS**, controlling CWD is complicated by this persistent environmental contamination with the  
9   responsible prion being shed from infected deer well before they show signs of infection, and  
10   **WHEREAS**, the persistence of the prion in the environment results in an increased indirect transmission  
11   rate as the disease becomes endemic and the presence of infective prions increases with the density of the  
12   deer population, and  
13   **WHEREAS**, direct transmission is also facilitated by concentrating the population on the landscape  
14   (density of susceptible deer) either by baiting or confinement, increases the risk of both direct and indirect  
15   transmission, and  
16   **WHEREAS** in the CWD Management Zone, where current deer densities are high, there are far more  
17   mature does than mature bucks, the harvest is heavily biased towards bucks rather than does, habitat  
18   damage to wood lots is extensive, and a lack of winter thermal cover and food results in large  
19   concentrations of deer, and the NRC/DNR has already passed a resolution to conduct scientific research  
20   to determine the best regulatory and management approaches to combatting CWD by reducing deer  
21   densities, reducing the age of the doe cohort, and better balancing deer harvest, and

22 **WHEREAS**, Yearling doe and buck dispersal in both spring and fall is a factor in the spread of CWD  
23 into new areas, and the timing, rates and distances of dispersal are made worse by high densities, lack of  
24 spring fawning habitat, and a scarcity of mature bucks, and

25 **WHEREAS**, in the current CWD area the deer harvest is not balanced and is heavily weighted towards  
26 young bucks, resulting in a herd that has far more does than bucks, does that are much older on average  
27 than the bucks, and increases in deer densities, and

28 **WHEREAS** effective disease management should focus on using current knowledge of deer behavior to  
29 reduce disease risk and ensure the harvest of the older deer that are most likely to be infected, that are  
30 spreading prions in the environment, and spreading the disease through social contact.

31 **WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to determine the best deer and disease management strategies to  
32 fight CWD and this research may take several years to produce results that can be statistically measured  
33 and their efficacy in reaching goals confirmed, and

34 **WHEREAS**, in the scientific method the relative effectiveness of management approaches cannot be  
35 determined without the ability to compare competitive approaches and with a control group. and

36 **WHEREAS**, there are 16 counties in the current CWD area, with additional CWD detections in new  
37 areas likely to result in an even larger CWD management area, creating an opportunity to perform  
38 research into multiple competitive CWD management approaches and,

39 **WHEREAS** no state agency has tried a combination of regulatory changes to focus harvest on the deer  
40 most likely to be infected, with clear scientifically based doe harvest and testing goals set at a DMU level,  
41 with the goals explained to hunters prior to each season and progress towards those goals communicated  
42 throughout the deer seasons, and with habitat programs designed to reduce concentrations of deer and  
43 dispersal NOW,

44 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, MUCC encourage and support the efforts of the NRC and DNR to  
45 perform research into determining the best CWD management approaches for Michigan's CWD  
46 Management Zones, and any additional areas where the CWD threat is identified with surveillance, until  
47 sufficient data have been generated as to its effectiveness, and

48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, MUCC should stress the importance of population control and the role  
49 of the hunter/conservationist in this effort and encourage the issuance of additional doe permits and the  
50 establishment of doe harvest goals, where advisable, to decrease the density of susceptible deer, and  
51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, MUCC remain involved in the design of any field studies in  
52 consultation with the biologists of the DNR and other wildlife disease authorities.

**Proposed Resolution #06**  
**Requires 2/3 Majority**

**Submitted by:** MUCC Fisheries Committee  
**Passed:** March 23, 2019 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **COMMERCIAL FISHING STATUTE MODERNIZATION**

1 **WHEREAS**, The statute for commercial fishing oversight and corresponding Department of Natural  
2 Resources regulations are outdated and in need of revision; and  
3 **WHEREAS**, Michigan is approaching the 2020 Great Lakes tribal consent decree, and modernizing the  
4 state-licensed commercial fishing regulations would aid in upcoming negotiations; and  
5 **WHEREAS**, There is a growing interest of commercial anglers to expand operations and harvest game  
6 species, in part due to the decline in whitefish populations, which have historically been the primary  
7 commercial fishery; and  
8 **WHEREAS**, the current commercial fishing license fees paid by commercial anglers do not pay for the  
9 cost of oversight, regulation or enforcement of their operations; and  
10 **WHEREAS**, the sale of hunting and fishing license fund the majority of the management of the fisheries  
11 and enforcement of regulations for both sportfishing and commercial use; NOW  
12 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs works with the Michigan  
13 Legislature to enact legislation that will update commercial fisheries license fees to be commensurate  
14 with the oversight that is required of the commercial fisheries; and  
15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this updated statute should make improvements in the program to  
16 be protective of the fisheries and sportfishing, including:

- 17 ● Protection of game species (except whitefish) from commercial harvest;
- 18 ● Governs how often commercial entities check their nets and regulates allowable gear in a manner
- 19 that also takes into account the time of the year and specificity of the net;
- 20 ● Creates or increases penalties for the disturbance of commercial fishing nets as well as the illegal
- 21 operations of commercial anglers; and
- 22 ● Requires appropriate markers for the location of nets and that these locations be available to the
- 23 public

**Proposed Resolution #07**

**Submitted by:** Thomas L. Heriter, MUCC Immediate Past President, Saginaw Field and Stream Club  
**MUCC Region:** 6  
**Passed:** March 23, 2019 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **TRIBAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS**

1 **WHEREAS**, Michigan’s Native Tribal leadership granted the right to peaceful settlement to Europeans  
2 and non-natives in exchange for the continued right to harvest fish and game; and  
3 **WHEREAS**, the federally-recognized Treaty agreement which resulted from these understandings have  
4 required periodic renewal; and  
5 **WHEREAS**, Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) has historically represented the interests of  
6 the citizens of Michigan in the negotiations associated with these Treaty agreements as it relates to the  
7 taking of fish and game; and  
8 **WHEREAS**, the effective representation of these respective interests in past Treaty negotiations have  
9 occasionally caused these interests to be in conflict; NOW,  
10 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that MUCC continue to promote and protect hunting, fishing and  
11 trapping opportunities in the State of Michigan while also seeking to improve relations with Michigan’s  
12 Native American Tribal members and leaders.

**Proposed Resolution #08**  
**Requires 2/3rd Majority**

**Submitted by:** Craig Larson, Dowagiac Conservation Club  
**MUCC Region:** 7  
**Proposed:** December 8, 2018 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **USE OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHT TO TRAVEL TO DEER HUNTING SITE**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Under current Michigan regulations (page 17 of the 2018 Michigan Hunting Digest), an  
2 artificial light may be used from November 1-30 on property you own or property owned by a member of  
3 your immediate family if you do not have in your possession or control a bow and arrow, firearm, or other  
4 device capable of shooting a projectile; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, It is a violation of federal law to shine at any time on any national wildlife refuge; and
- 6 **WHEREAS**, Deer hunters may use an artificial light one hour before and one hour after shooting hours  
7 while carrying an unloaded firearm or bow and arrow when traveling on foot to or from their hunting  
8 location;
- 9 **WHEREAS**, many hunters, particularly public land hunters, must travel to their hunting location much  
10 earlier than one hour before shooting hours in order to secure their spot and also to minimize wildlife  
11 disturbance and would benefit from being able to use an artificial light. NOW,
- 12 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that MUCC work with the Natural Resources Commission or the  
13 Michigan Legislature as necessary to change the regulation to allow deer hunters to use an artificial light  
14 two hours before and two hours after shooting hours while carrying an unloaded firearm or bow and  
15 arrow when traveling on foot to or from their hunting location.

**Proposed Resolution #09**

**Submitted by:** Ted LePresto, Hillsdale County Conservation Club  
**MUCC Region:** 7  
**Passed:** March 23, 2019 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **WATER WITHDRAWAL FROM THE MICHINDOH AQUIFER**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Michindoh Aquifer spans 9 counties in the states of Michigan, Indiana and Ohio; and



2 **WHEREAS**, the waters of the Great Lakes are held in commonality among all the states and provinces  
3 of the Great Lakes Water Compact; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Michindoh Aquifer is part of the waters of the Great Lakes; and

5 **WHEREAS**, all members of the Great Lakes Water Compact (which includes Michigan, Indiana, and  
6 Ohio) have agreed that all their respective states should be at the table to discuss issues relating to the  
7 waters of the Great Lakes; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Great Lake states ( which include Michigan, Indiana and Ohio) have joined the Great  
9 Lakes Water Compact and agreed to follow the rules and processes for ensuring the future integrity of the  
10 water of the Great Lakes; and

11 **WHEREAS**, there must be unanimity of states and provinces in the Great Lakes Water Compact in  
12 allowing any large scale use or diversion of the waters of the Great Lakes; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Artesian of Ohio (AOP) has presented a proposal to sell water from the Michindoh Aquifer  
14 to the Toledo Ohio area at and rate of at least 10 million gallons per day (with quoted amount up to 28  
15 million gallons per day); Now,

16 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that MUCC (Michigan United Conservation Clubs) work with the  
17 Great Lakes Water Compact and the states of Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio (who are members of the Great  
18 Lakes Water Compact) to ensure that the rules and processes of the Great Lakes Water Compact be  
19 employed in this large scale use or diversion of water of the Great Lakes; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that MUCC work with the Environmental Protection Agencies of the  
21 States and Provinces of the Great Lakes Water Compact and with the Federal Environmental Protection  
22 Agency to ensure that the waters of the Great Lakes are protected as dictated by the rules and processes of  
23 the Great Lakes Water Compact.

**Proposed Resolution #10**  
**Requires 2/3rd Majority**

**Submitted by:** Mike Avery, Individual Member  
**MUCC Region:** 6  
**Passed:** December 8, 2018 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **EXPAND NUMBER OF RODS FOR TROLLING ANGLERS**

1 **WHEREAS**, state law (324.48703) restricts anglers to no more than three single rods and lines per  
2 person, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has the authority to decrease this to  
3 two if needed; and  
4 **WHEREAS**, many fisherman who troll the Great Lakes and associated waterways would like to have the  
5 opportunity to put more lines in the water to maximize fishing opportunities; and  
6 **WHEREAS**, there have been concerns in the past to expanding the number of lines for anglers fishing  
7 from the frozen ice, shore or fishing piers as crowding can become an issue; and  
8 **WHEREAS**, the regulation of size, daily bag and possession limits set by the Natural Resources  
9 Commission and also governed by the Great Lakes and Inland Consent Decree would be maintained, even  
10 with a higher rod and line limit; NOW,  
11 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with the Michigan  
12 Legislature and Michigan Department of Natural Resources to enact legislation to allow the DNR to  
13 expand the number of lines for trolling anglers.

**Proposed Resolution #11**  
**Requires 2/3rd Majority**

**Submitted by:** Rob Miller, MUCC Wildlife Chair  
**MUCC Region:** 9  
**Proposed:** December 8, 2018 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **EXPANDED HUNTING OPPORTUNITY WHILE MANAGING FOR A  
BALANCED DEER HERD**

1 **WHEREAS**, Our current deer hunting regulations offer either a single buck tag or a combo tag which  
2 allows for two bucks.

3 **WHEREAS**, Arguably our deer herd is out of balance with the buck-doe ratio being very heavy with  
4 does

5 **WHEREAS**, There is and has been for some time a collaborative effort to revert to the pre-1986 one  
6 buck license. (Eon Green on line petition 2016 which gathered over 10,000 signatures in support)

7 **WHEREAS**, There is a growing trend for Michigan Hunters to travel out-of- state in search of their deer  
8 hunting opportunities which equates to much lost revenue to the State of Michigan.

9 **WHEREAS**, The current "combo" license allows the take of two bucks with exceptions allowed while  
10 utilizing archery equipment to allow 1 buck 1 doe or even 2 does with 100% archery equipment.

11 **WHEREAS**, Michigan comes from a long culture of not shooting does which shows in our current deer  
12 herd with the large imbalance in most areas.

13 **WHEREAS**, The current system requires extra effort from any sportsmen to acquire the legal means  
14 (tags) to harvest a doe with a gun.

15 **WHEREAS**, Michigan has been making efforts with heavy support of sportsmen to increase the age  
16 structure and quality of our deer herd in many Deer Management Units (DMUs) throughout this state.

17 **WHEREAS**, This resolution as detailed below does not "take away" opportunity but rather "adds"  
18 opportunity with a high chance of helping to strengthen our herd while being able to harvest venison.

19 NOW,

20 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the  
21 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Natural Resource Commission (NRC) to:

22 1) Change the current definition of combo tag to read valid for the take of one buck and one doe  
23 with any legal method;

24 2) Only allow a single buck tag option in areas that require extra herd protection and would  
25 otherwise not allow the take of a doe with any means (such as archery);

26 3) Make available in all other areas either the new combo (both sex) or single buck tag.

27 4) Maintain hunter supported additional requirements in DMUs that have supported such. (Such as  
28 APRs)

29 5) In areas of special management needs such as disease areas or high-density areas additional tags  
30 can be made available per DNR recommendations or mandates

**Proposed Resolution #12**  
**Requires 2/3rd Majority**

**Submitted by:** David Van Lopik, Individual Member  
**MUCC Region:** 7  
**Passed:** December 8, 2018 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **SPORT SHOOTING RANGES PROTECTION MODERNIZATION ACT**

1  
1 **WHEREAS,** Private property, agricultural areas and other public property such as the Department of  
2 Natural Resources shooting ranges and state game areas are limited in access, availability, safety features  
3 and location throughout the state for hunting, competitive and recreational shooting, and other firearm  
4 activities; and  
5 **WHEREAS,** Conservation clubs, sportsmen’s clubs, rod and gun clubs, and other private firearms  
6 ranges (sport shooting ranges) have had substantial increases in memberships and usage by member and  
7 non-member events, and private and public entities (example: law enforcement, DNR hunter safety  
8 education, Whitetails Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, 4 H Shooting Sports, etc). This is due to increased  
9 interest in hunting, competitive and recreational shooting; and  
10 **WHEREAS,** Local, county and state law enforcement agencies use sport shooting ranges for their  
11 firearms training due to updated and current safety features. These clubs and range locations are very cost  
12 effective or free to train and qualify officers with their firearms; and  
13 **WHEREAS,** Existing sport shooting ranges need to expand their real property, update facilities,  
14 buildings and ranges without the fear of excessive and overburdening regulations, ordinances, zoning  
15 changes, and taxes; and  
16 **WHEREAS,** Sport shooting ranges are often being targeted by individuals, local governing boards and  
17 other groups to stop activities or limit access to the facilities. These individuals, local governing boards  
18 and other groups create exorbitant legal and other financial costs to the clubs/ranges to defend against  
19 these nuisance complaints; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Existing and new sport shooting ranges are increasingly being pressured by local  
21 governments, township officials, zoning boards, tax assessors, planning commissions: to wit: increasing  
22 regulations by planning commissions, zoning board changes to current/existing zoning classifications,  
23 township, city, village and other local officials implementing new ordinances and/or now enforcing  
24 previously unenforced local ordinances, excessive regulations, and changing tax formulas and taxes.

25 NOW,

26 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) shall work  
27 with the state legislature to pass a law limiting or eliminating new and existing regulatory pressure aimed  
28 at sport shooting ranges via local ordinances, prohibitive zoning changes and regulations, planning  
29 commission issues, regulations and changing tax formulas and taxes on new or expanding sport shooting  
30 ranges: Provided the sport shooting ranges meet or exceed nationally recognized range standards at the  
31 time of development on property they currently lease, own or purchase in the future. (Examples are the  
32 National Rifle Association Range Standards, or National Shooting Sports Foundation range parameters.)  
33 New buildings will meet existing building codes. Remodeled buildings shall meet building codes in  
34 existence when the original structure or structures were built; and

35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Legislature update Michigan Law in regards to firearms  
36 ranges, and allow new and existing sport shooting ranges to work under the prior firearms range laws and  
37 noise ordinances AND enact new laws to protect existing ranges from the nuisance complaints, additional  
38 regulatory pressure, excessive local ordinances, prohibitive zoning changes and regulations, planning  
39 commission issues, regulations and taxes on new or expanding sport shooting ranges, and

40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Legislature should also enact and/or create civil penalties for  
41 private citizen nuisance complaints made to any governmental entity toward a sport shooting range in  
42 which those complaints or issues are addressed by Michigan Law, or are based in Common Law.

**Proposed Resolution #13**

**Submitted by:** Greg Peter, MUCC Vice President  
**MUCC Region:** 8  
**Passed:** March 23, 2019 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **PFAS AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANT**

1 **WHEREAS**, PFAS have been recognized as an environmental contaminant harmful to all life – human  
2 and wild; and  
3 **WHEREAS**, the nature of this contaminant, how it enters and leaves the ecosystem, and at what levels  
4 are indicative of risk, are unknown factors; and  
5 **WHEREAS**, the potential to harm fisheries and other terrestrial wildlife as well as the issuance of  
6 consumption advisory’s has alerted the public to its danger; and  
7 **WHEREAS**, it has been found in drinking water supplies in some locations of the state; NOW,  
8 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that MUCC support PFAS education for the public and our  
9 affiliates as well as supporting the state agencies to do the necessary research to better address the issue;  
10 and  
11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Be it further resolved that MUCC work with other organizations for  
12 which this is an issue of concern to better facilitate the objective decision making needed to find solutions  
13 to PFAS contamination

**Proposed Resolution #14**  
**Requires 2/3rd Majority**

**Submitted by:** Rob Miller, MUCC Wildlife Chair  
**MUCC Region:** 9  
**Proposed:** December 8, 2018 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **MANDATORY DEER REGISTRATION**

1 **WHEREAS**, Current methods utilized to determine our deer herd size, take, etc are largely based on  
2 estimates and voluntary contributions from the sportsman.  
3 **WHEREAS**, To do our best in managing the deer herd we need to gather accurate information.

4 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin is a state to which appears to have a good, mandatory deer registration system in  
5 place that could be looked to for ideas.

6 **WHEREAS**, The hunting community commonly down plays the Department of Natural Resources  
7 (DNR) forecasts and field reports of harvest, herd etc as there is little buy in from the general sportsmen  
8 on the methods currently in place in making such predictions or determinations. NOW,

9 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with the DNR and  
10 the Natural Resource Commission to enact a mandatory deer check system that is supported with  
11 penalties for those that ignore this requirement. This system should entertain these or similar steps:

- 12 • Simple call in system with predetermined basic questions such as your ID, animal description,  
13 method of take, area of take and any other simple question that may be useful such as "Do you  
14 hunt out of State and why?"
- 15 • On line system that will complement the call-in system as another means of reporting.
- 16 • Historic drive-in check stations where available that again will maintain the check in requirement.
- 17 • The deer will need to be registered within 24 hours of harvest OR 24 hours of returning home  
18 from camp (to accommodate remote camps where access to phone, internet etc is not reasonable)
- 19 • Impose penalties for those that do not register

**Proposed Resolution #15**  
**Requires 2/3rd Majority**

**Submitted by:** Greg Peter, MUCC Vice President  
**MUCC Region:** 8  
**Passed:** March 23, 2019 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **STATE PARKS ENDOWMENT FUND (SPEF) OVERSIGHT**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) has proven to be an effective  
2 mechanism for allotting royalty extraction funds through a governing citizens Michigan Natural  
3 Resources Trust Fund Board (MNRTF Board); and

4 **WHEREAS**, these projects are judged against criteria created to best benefit the public lands and the  
5 natural resources from which wealth is extracted, for purposes of acquisition, improvement, and  
6 development of recreation on land held in public trust; and  
7 **WHEREAS**, the premise of the royalty payment is compensation for the extraction of resources from  
8 public lands by benefiting the expansion and conservation of state holdings, and constitute assets placed  
9 in a public trust; and  
10 **WHEREAS** the Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund (SPEF) has no such governance by a citizen  
11 board as constituted in the MNRTF; and  
12 **WHEREAS**, the use of public funds above and beyond the \$500 million cap for the MNRTF constitute  
13 the funding of the SPEF, and by extension should be used for the same long-term priorities of asset  
14 acquisition and capital improvements; NOW,  
15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, MUCC will work to develop a similar governing body for the  
16 SPEF to make decisions as to the disbursement of the fund for acquisition, improvement, and restoration  
17 (capital expenditures) and not for operations (recognizing that any such project will have a certain % of  
18 labor cost and staff time needed above and beyond the normal operating costs of the Division – a % to be  
19 considered by the suggested board as that which is appropriate to the grant proposal).

**Proposed Resolution #16**  
**Requires 2/3 Majority**

**Submitted by:** Charles Felcyn, Paw Paw Conservation Club  
**MUCC Region:** 7  
**Passed:** March 23, 2019 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **ONE BUCK PER HUNTER IN EACH PENINSULA**

1 **WHEREAS**, the combination tag can be eliminated and a one buck rule implemented that may earn more  
2 support among the hunting public; and  
3 **WHEREAS**, under this proposal, Michigan deer hunters would be able to purchase both a Lower  
4 Peninsula (LP) buck tag and an Upper Peninsula (UP) buck tag; and



5 **WHEREAS**, the LP buck tag is only valid in the Lower Peninsula, and the UP buck tag is only valid in  
6 the Upper Peninsula; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Michigan deer hunters will still be able to harvest two bucks in Michigan if they choose to,  
8 currently only about 4 percent of hunters do; and

9 **WHEREAS**, this would potentially increase the numbers of Lower Peninsula hunters hunting in the  
10 Upper Peninsula and vice versa; and

11 **WHEREAS**, hunters who tagged out in the Upper Peninsula may then want to buy a tag for the Lower  
12 Peninsula and vice versa; and

13 **WHEREAS**, hunters who hunt both the Lower and Upper Peninsulas can still take a buck in each hunting  
14 zone; and

15 **WHEREAS**, hunters in the Lower Peninsula would more likely hunt in the Upper peninsula for the first  
16 time and vice versa; and

17 **WHEREAS**, this would encourage Michigan's Lower Peninsula hunters to purchase an additional buck  
18 tag for the Upper Peninsula rather than go to a neighboring state to shoot an additional buck; and

19 **WHEREAS**, this new license system should boost the economy of the Upper Peninsula; and

20 **WHEREAS**, does can be managed separately throughout the state where needed; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the doe harvest should increase significantly in both hunting zones where allowed by  
22 limiting hunters to one buck per peninsula; and

23 **WHEREAS**, deer hunters will continue to be involved in the management of Michigan's deer herd for  
24 quality, not quantity; and

25 **WHEREAS**, hunters would be more likely to harvest a doe instead of harvesting a young buck for meat;  
26 and

27 **WHEREAS**, young bucks would have a chance to grow and does would be more likely harvested; and

28 **WHEREAS**, this proposal would not change any antler point restrictions (APR) already in place on the  
29 first buck tag, but over time this new license structure could eliminate the need for antler point restrictions  
30 in the future as people will be restricting their harvest voluntarily; NOW  
31 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the  
32 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Natural Resources Commission (NRC), and the Michigan  
33 Legislature if necessary to simplify and restructure the deer license to include one LP buck tag, and one  
34 UP buck tag eliminating the need for the combo deer license; and  
35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the DNR and the NRC manage Michigan’s deer herd for health,  
36 buck to doe ratio, and quality and not quantity; and  
37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the DNR and NRC provide sufficient antlerless tags available to  
38 meet the needs of managing the deer herd in that Deer Management Unit (DMU).

**Proposed Resolution #17**  
**Requires 2/3rd Majority**

**Submitted by:** Paul Rose, MUCC Past President  
**MUCC Region:** 4  
**Passed:** December 8, 2018 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **UNATTENDED CAMERA USE (TRAIL CAMS) ON STATE-MANAGED LANDS**

1 **WHEREAS**, Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) has historically sought to ensure that new  
2 and emerging technologies used in the pursuit of fish and game and outdoor recreation will not adversely  
3 affect our outdoor heritage, and  
4 **WHEREAS**, the use of unattended cameras (a.k.a. Trail Cameras) on public lands has increased  
5 significantly each year as both their cost and size have further been reduced, and  
6 **WHEREAS**, an increasing number of reports have emerged in recent years that unattended and  
7 unidentified cameras are being observed in such places as public access sites, beaches, and recreation  
8 trails and other locations where their use would not appear to be intended as an aid in the monitoring of  
9 wild game, and

10 **WHEREAS**, the cost and size of these cameras is likely to continue to decrease as their technological  
11 capabilities increase which could potentially result in their further proliferation on public lands to a point  
12 where the outdoor experience becomes compromised, and  
13 **WHEREAS**, this rise in number and distribution of unattended cameras increases the potential for  
14 incidents of inappropriate use which could negatively affect the public image of hunters and other outdoor  
15 recreationalists, and  
16 **WHEREAS**, this increasing sense of “being watched” can undermine the quality of the outdoor  
17 experience on our public lands. NOW,  
18 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the  
19 Michigan Department of Natural Resources to develop a policy for the use of unattended cameras (a.k.a.  
20 Trail Cameras) on State of Michigan-managed lands which seeks to limit their number and duration of  
21 use, and further require that each camera deployed include the name and contact information of the  
22 owner/user, and  
23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that unattended cameras used for DNR-sponsored, or DNR-approved  
24 research shall be subject to a separate policy regarding their us

**Proposed Resolution #18**  
**Requires 2/3rd Majority**

**Submitted by:** Charles Felcyn, Paw Paw Conservation Club  
**MUCC Region:** 7  
**Passed:** March 23, 2019 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **CENTER FIRE CHANGES TO MICHIGAN’S LIMITED FIREARM ZONE**

1 **WHEREAS**, Indiana has been using center fire rifles in the entire state the last few hunting seasons  
2 without a major safety problem occurring; and  
3 **WHEREAS**, here in Michigan, the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) adopted several calibers of  
4 rifles using straight-walled cartridges in 2014 for the limited firearm deer zone (formerly the shotgun  
5 zone), which was reauthorized in 2017; and

6 **WHEREAS**, most modern muzzleloaders have a 200-yard range which are allowed in the limited firearm  
7 deer zone in Michigan as well; and  
8 **WHEREAS**, currently, center fire rifles can be used for coyote, fox, woodchuck and other small game in  
9 the limited firearm zone; and  
10 **WHEREAS**, current regulations in Michigan for the rest of the state should apply to the limited firearm  
11 deer zone; NOW,  
12 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the  
13 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Natural Resources Commission to change Michigan's  
14 limited firearm deer zone to have the same firearm restrictions and regulations as the rest of Michigan.

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**Proposed Resolution #19**  
**Requires 2/3 Majority**

**Submitted by:** Jack Letho, Individual Member  
**Passed:** March 23, 2019 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **SPORTSMEN'S CLUB/SHOOTING CLUB FIREARMS OWNERSHIP**

1 **WHEREAS**, Under Current State of Michigan law firearms, particularly handguns, must be registered to  
2 an individual and cannot be registered in the name of an organized, incorporated club; and  
3 **WHEREAS**, A club may purchase firearms, but are unable to legally register them under current state  
4 law; and  
5 **WHEREAS**, As an individual who has firearms owned by a club, registered in their name may die or  
6 relocate; and  
7 **WHEREAS**, This situation limits the use of the firearm for club functions, and transportation and  
8 specifically return to manufacturer for maintenance and repair; and  
9 **WHEREAS**, The current status of the law places undo liability on the individual in whose name the  
10 firearms are registered; NOW

11 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with the Federal  
12 Government, Michigan Legislature and the Governor’s office to enact legislation that will legally allow  
13 organized, incorporated sportsmen’s clubs and or shooting clubs to register firearms owned by the club

**Proposed Resolution #20**  
**Requires 2/3rd Majority**

**Submitted by:** Tim Kobasic on behalf of the Hiawathaland Trail Association  
**MUCC Region:** 1  
**Passed:** September 22, 2018 Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** **RESOLUTION TO ASSURE FAIR AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION  
OF FUNDS DERIVED FROM GAS TAX**

1 **WHEREAS**, under MCL Section 324.020 (1) the Recreation Improvement Account is established as an  
2 account within the Legacy Fund, and

3 **WHEREAS**, under Section 324.020 (2) The Recreation Improvement Account shall consist of both of  
4 the following: (a) All money in the Recreational Improvement Fund, formerly created in Section 71105,  
5 immediately prior to the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, which money is  
6 hereby transferred to the Recreation Improvement Account, and

7 **WHEREAS**, under (b) the revenue (is derived) from the following sources: (i) Two percent of the  
8 gasoline sold in this state for consumption in internal combustion engines. And (ii) Other revenue  
9 provided by law, and

10 **WHEREAS**, under MCL Section 324.71101 (e) Recreational Projects are defined to mean, in addition  
11 to the activities provided for in this part, the construction, maintenance, and operation of trails and  
12 associated facilities that may be used by off-road vehicles, cross country skiers, horseback riders, and  
13 hikers, and inland lake cleanup grants as provided by part 309, and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Recreation Improvement Account (Fund) distribution matrix currently directs that 80%  
15 of said funds is dedicated for use in Waterways Recreational Projects, 14% is dedicated for use in  
16 Snowmobiling Recreational Projects and the remaining 6% is dedicated for all other uses (including  
17 motorized and non-motorized activities), and

18 **WHEREAS**, All-terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) by unit sales and gas tax  
19 revenue derived for the Recreational Improvement Account, now exceeds that produced by recreational  
20 watercraft (vessels) and snowmobile, and  
21 **WHEREAS**, cross country skiers, horseback riders, hikers and bicyclists contribute zero direct revenue  
22 towards the Recreational Improvement Account, and  
23 **WHEREAS**, with expanded opportunity for recreational motorized riding along county, state forest,  
24 federal forest roads and limited access to highway trunk lines for connection, that there is certainty as to  
25 an increased need of dedicated funds for remuneration for maintenance and repair of the aforementioned  
26 roadways beyond the scope of current funding sources. NOW,  
27 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs support and initiative to  
28 change the Michigan Recreational Improvement Account matrix of fund distribution to include only  
29 those entities that directly contribute to the account via the gas tax, and  
30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Legislature resolves to also amend the Michigan  
31 Improvement Account matrix of fund distribution to establish as fair and equitable sharing of said funds  
32 proportionate to the current economic impact by unit sales, and/or permit (license) unit sales, and/or  
33 impact on tourism for the State of Michigan, and  
34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a percentage of all proportionate designated funds shall be put  
35 aside for all related remuneration needs and eligible for application and use by those county, state and  
36 federal and highway management agencies affect



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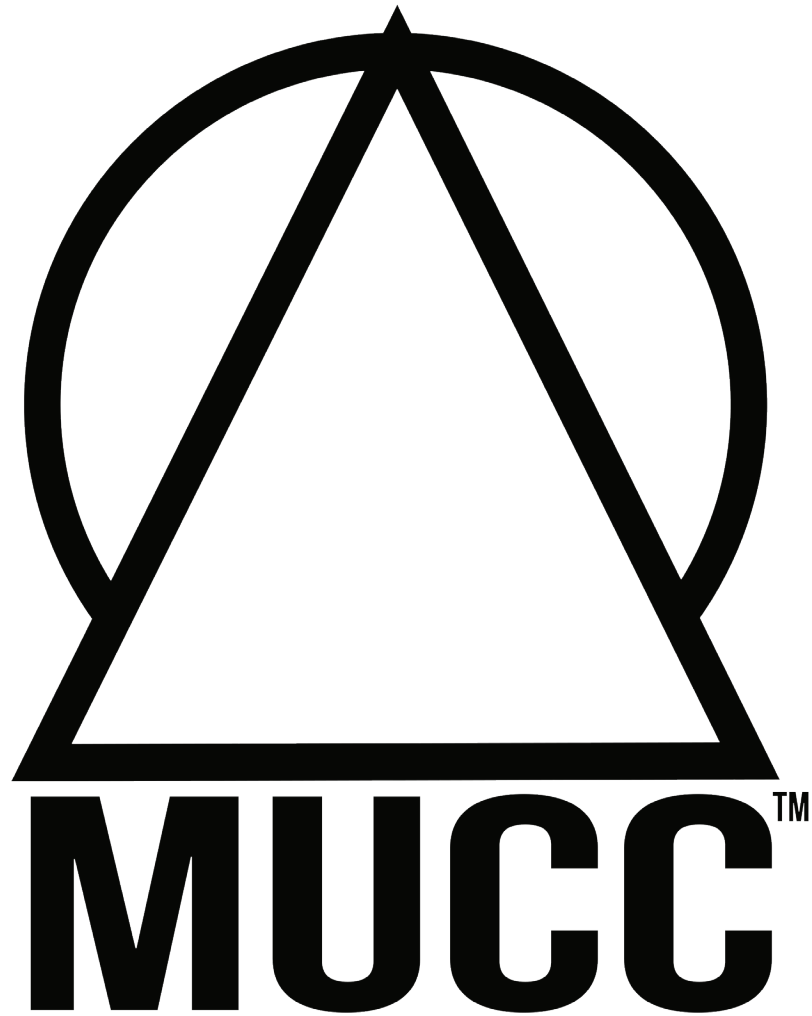


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