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# *Michigan United Conservation Clubs*

## **82nd Annual Convention**

June 21-23, 2019

Lakeside Resort & Conference Center  
Houghton Lake, Michigan

**1937 to 2019**

MUCC<sup>TM</sup>

# 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 dark 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**

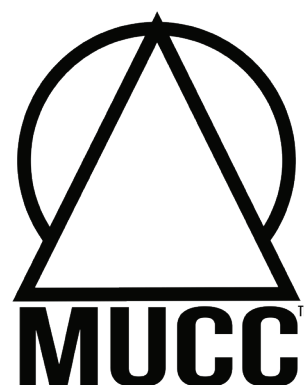
Tim Kobasic

## **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.**

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 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**  
**80th Annual Convention**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**June 16-18, 2017**  
**Comstock Inn & Suites**  
**Owosso, Michigan**

**Pre-Convention Executive Board Meeting – Saturday, June 17, 2017**

President Tom Heritier called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Bur verified a quorum was present.

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

4 individuals have been appointed for IM Representatives: Ken Dalton for Region 6, Jim Smith for Region 7 and Lee Ann Farrell and Craig Dugan for Region 8, resolved through Presidential appointment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

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**General Session – Saturday, June 17, 2017**

**Call to Order and Welcome** – of the 80th 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.

Past Presidents of MUCC in the audience were introduced: Ron Burris, Bill Krepps, Don Meixner, Dawn Levey, Russ Reister, Jack VanRhee, and Fran Yeager.

Heritier introduced Past President Dawn Levey who shared the 2017 Moments of Memory.

Lindquist asked for a moment of silence for Representative John Kivela as well.

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

MUCC Executive Director Daniel Eichinger mentioned that Logan Schultz would be the time keeper of resolution positions.

**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 284 votes. She will have the updated number of votes and delegates tallied prior to voting on the Bylaws Amendments.

**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

Region 1: Richard P. Smith, Trevor Hodges

Region 3: Jane Finnerty

Region 5: Dawn Levey

Region 7: Fran Yeager

Region 9: Bruce Levey

At Large Director (Region 5): no nominations

## CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD (Three elected positions for each region)

Region 1: ~~Trevor Hodges~~, Joe Hudson, **Keith Lynch**, **Bryan Reynolds**

Region 2: Gary Gorniak, Donald Canfield, **Jay Maki**

Region 3: Jim Maturen, Greg Nicolaou, **Bruce Finnerty**

Region 4: Pete Demos, Jim Chaskey, David Markle

Region 5: Kevin Eldred, Jack VanRhee, **Bob Novosad**, **Kayla McKern**

Region 6: Ted Schulz, **Dan McMaster**

Region 7: Roberta Reed, David VanLopik, Furmer Reed

Region 8: **Matt Lubaway**, Roger Calhoun, **Jim Pryce**, **Leonard Shaner**, **Eric Braden**

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 Executive Board Region 1 Director. No nominations.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 1 Director.

Yeager (Miller) move to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 3 Director. No nominations.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 3 Director.

Levey (Lubaway) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

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

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 5 Director.

Yeager (VanLopik) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 7 Director. No nominations.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 7 Director.

J. Finnerty (Kettler) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 9 Director. No nominations.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 9 Director.

Yeager (Kasdorf) moved to close.



Vote on motion  
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board At Large Directors (Region 5). Bill Krepps nominated Chris Kettler. Kettler has declined consideration. No nomination.  
Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board At Large Directors.  
Matthew closed for Presidential appointment.

## **CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD**

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 1 Voting Members. John Strom nominated Bryan Reynolds. Tim Kobasic nominated Keith Lynch.  
Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 1 Voting Members.  
Jay Maki (Greg Peter) 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 nominated Jay Maki. Maki accepted consideration.  
Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 2 Voting Members.  
Yeager (Kobasic) moved to close.  
Vote on motion  
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 3 Voting Members. Julia Meixner nominated Bruce Finnerty. Finnerty accepted consideration.  
Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 3 Voting Members.  
D. Levey (VanLopik) moved to close.  
Vote on motion  
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 4 Voting Members. No nominations. Carol Rose reached out to Jordan Kettlewell for IM Region 4 position.  
Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 4 Voting Members.  
Miller (D. Levey) moved to close.  
Vote on motion  
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 5 Voting Members. Bob Novasad withdraws his name from consideration. Dawn Levey nominated Kayla McKern. McKern accepted consideration.  
Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 5 Voting Members.  
J. Finnerty (Yeager) moved to close.  
Vote on motion  
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 6 Voting Members. Dan McMaster nominated himself. Bruce Levey nominated Ken Fisher. Fisher declined consideration.  
Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 6 Voting Members.  
Yeager (Maki) moved to close.

Vote on motion  
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 7 Voting Members.  
No nominations.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 7 Voting Members.  
Krepps (J. Meixner) moved to close.

Vote on motion  
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 8 Voting Members.  
Matt Lubaway nominated Eric Braden and Lubaway withdraws his name from consideration. Braden accepted consideration.

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

Discussion occurred on whether an IM representative can also be a club member. If you are affiliated with a club you cannot be an IM. Cathey Farrell, former Region 8 IM weighed in on the discussion.

Point of Personal Privilege (PPP): Kobasic asked why he is ruled out as an IM if he is not an officer of the clubs he is affiliated with? Kobasic is affiliated with 9 different conservation clubs as a member not an officer of those clubs.

Matthew stated that because the classification of an IM is an individual who has no relationship and is not a member of any member club of MUCC where the dues are paid. A state wide organization or a sustaining club, which do not submit a roster of their members and do not pay dues for their members to MUCC, you can be a member of a state wide club and be an IM and run for an office of MUCC. They have two votes and the ability to send two people to exercise those votes, but the club is a member of MUCC, not the membership. A sustaining club is an individual or group of individuals or an organization that has the same beliefs and/or purposes as MUCC and they can join and be a sustaining club, come and participate in our meetings, but they have no votes and none of their members are members of MUCC.

Yeager (Maki) moved to close.  
Vote on motion  
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 9 Voting Members.  
Fran Yeager nominated Rob Miller. Miller accepted consideration.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 9 Voting Members.  
McKern (Miller) moved to close.

Vote on motion  
Carried

## **New Business**

Heritier proceeded with new club affiliate recognitions since last Convention, SCI West Michigan Bow Hunter's Chapter, Great Lakes Regional Chapter of NWF, and the Great Lakes Sport and Recreation Club are now members of MUCC and affiliates.

Past President, Bill Krepps, from the Elections Committee, would like to amend the agenda. On Saturday, June 17, open voting is from 5:30-6:30PM, but I would like to change that to upon adjournment after this session, that way members of the Elections Committee have the chance to get ready for the dinner reception. Polls will be open for 1

hour upon adjournment.

Heritier asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda.

Peter (LaPresto) moved to approve the agenda as amended.

Vote on motion

Carried

Heritier asked for a motion to approve the 2016 Convention minutes.

Jim De Clerck (Kasdorf) moved to approve the minutes.

Vote on motion

Carried

**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:

- Fran Yeager (Region 7 Director / Region 7 Executive Board Elect)
- George Lindquist: (VP) on behalf of Trevor Hodges (Region 1 Executive Board Elect)

## **BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

Heritier stated MUCC staff will be reading the proposed amendments.

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

### **Proposed Bylaws Amendment #1**

**Submitted by:** Jack VanRhee, Executive Board Region 5 Director

**Passed:** MUCC Executive Board, January 18, 2017

**Title: MEMBERSHIP**

**Purpose:** To include Sustaining Members in the Executive Board section for approval of affiliation. This was an oversight when the Bylaws were restructured.

## **ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP**

### **SECTION 3 – QUALIFICATIONS, ACCEPTANCE, DISPOSAL, AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

#### **B. Acceptance of Application for Affiliation**

All applications for affiliation as a Member Club, ~~or~~ Junior Member Club, ~~or~~ Statewide Affiliate Club, **OR SUSTAINING MEMBER** shall be subject to the approval by the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall approve or disapprove the class designation and designate the Region in which the club will belong. A Statewide Club may be assigned to a Region representing Statewide Affiliate Clubs and those Member Clubs with a statewide mission and membership composed of geographical representation of the state or a Region on the basis of their club's primary location or mailing address of record. After assignment to a Region affiliates may request a change subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

Heritier asked for a motion to bring the Bylaws Amendment #1 to the floor.

Maki (Farrell) moved to bring Bylaws Amendment #1 to the floor.

VanRhee explained the proposed Amendment, stating it was actually submitted by the Bylaws Committee, which is composed of Bruce Levey and himself.

Maki asked a question and Matthew responded.

Jody Matthew asked a question and Heritier responded.

On the original proposed Bylaws Amendment #1.

Vote on motion

Carried unanimously

## **Proposed Bylaws Amendment #2**

**Submitted by:** Jack VanRhee, Executive Board Region 5 Director

**Passed:** MUCC Executive Board, January 18, 2017

**Title: CORPORATE OFFICERS**

**Purpose:** To remove the requirement of the President to appoint two at large directors to the Executive Board, but retain that authority if the President, with the approval of the Executive Board, see the need of a board member(s) with a specific area of expertise that would be of benefit to the Board.

### **ARTICLE III CORPORATE OFFICERS SECTION 3 – DUTIES**

A. President

2. The President **MAY, shall WITH THE CONSENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**, appoint **UP TO 2** At Large Directors as members of the Executive Board **not later than 60 days following Annual Convention**.

VanRhee explained the proposed amendment.

Heritier asked for a motion to bring the Bylaws Amendment #2 to the floor.

Levey (Matthew) moved to bring Bylaws Amendment #2 to the floor.

Motion carried

Miller (Lubaway) made a motion to amend and strike the “with the consent of the Executive Board” from the proposed bylaws amendment.

Carol Rose opposes, striking the Executive Board may take away the check and balance system.

Miller made a comment in support of the amendment.

VanRhee opposes, the bylaws give the President the authority to appoint in certain instances.

De Clerck opposes, the previous section of Corporate Officers in the last sentence says with the approval of the Executive Board see the need of a Board member with an area of expertise, that would be of benefit to the Board, that used to be a baseline for the duration of that need.

Maki called for the question on the amendment.

Vote on motion

Failed

On the original proposed Bylaws Amendment #2.

Vote on motion

Carried



### Proposed Bylaws Amendment #3

**Submitted by:** Jack VanRhee, Executive Board Region 5 Director

**Passed:** MUCC Executive Board, January 18, 2017

**Title: EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Purpose:** To adjust the number of members required to be at a meeting to constitute a quorum for official transaction of business.

The number now required is based on the full number of officers as allowed by the bylaws (17). Two of these members (appointed At Large Directors) are appointed by the President if he/she can find someone that will agree to the appointment. The idea behind these appointments is to find someone with an area of expertise (law/finance/real estate/etc.) that would be of extra benefit to the Executive Board. If these appointments cannot be made, it lowers the number of officers that can be attending a meeting (15). This puts the Executive Board in a position of not having a quorum of more than 3 members are not able to make a meeting. There was at least one instance last year where we could not conduct business because we did not have a quorum due to vacancies.

To assure a reasonable expectation of having a quorum at all meetings, the Executive Board is proposing to lower the quorum requirement to 10 members.

#### ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE BOARD SECTION 2 – MEETINGS

A. General and Special Meetings of the Executive Board

4. ~~Twelve (12)~~ **TEN (10)** members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the official transaction of business.

Heritier asked for a motion to bring the Bylaws Amendment #3 to the floor.

Levey (Matthew) moved to bring Bylaws Amendment #3 to the floor.

Vote on motion

Carried unanimously

### Proposed Bylaws Amendment #4

**Submitted by:** Jack VanRhee, Executive Board Region 5 Director

**Passed:** MUCC Executive Board, January 18, 2017

**Title: ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**Purpose:** A clarification to limit those members of the Conservation Policy Board that can vote at the Annual Convention to the Voting Members of the Conservation Policy Board.

#### ARTICLE VI ANNUAL CONVENTION SECTION 6 – VOTING

2. Voting Delegates

2. Members of the Executive Board and **VOTING MEMBERS OF THE** Conservation Policy Board

B. Number of Votes

5. All **VOTING** members of the Conservation Policy Board shall be entitled to one (1) vote at the Annual Convention

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

Peter (Millers) moved to bring Bylaws Amendment #4 to the floor.

VanRhee explained the proposed amendment.

Miller supports, clarifying a mistake on the interpretation.

Vote on motion

Carried unanimously

Heritier announced guests Dr. Russ Mason, Chief of the DNR Wildlife Division, and Nick Popoff from the DNR Fisheries Division, joined us.

**Resolutions** – led by President Tom Heritier.

**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 2017 Annual Convention**

### **PASSED RESOLUTIONS**

**#02: BEAR BAITING WITH BARRELS:** MUCC work with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Natural Resource Commission (NRC) to allow the use of bait barrels on public property in Michigan.

**#03: ALLOW HUNTERS TO POSSESS AND USE BOTH A CROSSBOW AND LEGAL FIREARM, SIMULTANEOUSLY, WHILE HUNTING DEER DURING THE DECEMBER MUZZLELOADER AND LATE ANTLERLESS SEASONS (EXCEPT THE UPPER PENINSULA DECEMBER DEER SEASONS:** MUCC work with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and frame a Wildlife Order that would eliminate certain, conflicting or contradictory statements and confusion from the Hunting Digests, along with removing the prohibition against possessing and using a crossbow and legal firearm, simultaneously, during the December firearms seasons (except in the U.P.); and MUCC, the DNR and NRC work out the hunter orange requirements the above changes would create, along with aligning the elements of the December firearms deer seasons with those presently enjoyed by hunters during the November deer season.

**#04: SANDHILL CRANE HUNTING (GRUS CANADENSIS):** MUCC work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and anyone else to establish a Sandhill Crane Hunting Season in the State of Michigan by unit.

**#05: DESIGNATE MOURNING DOVE AS A GAMEBIRD:** MUCC work with the Michigan Legislature to eliminate the unnecessary restrictions on the Natural Resources Commission in naming game species; and that the Michigan Natural Resource Commission and Michigan's wildlife biologists use sound science to once again designate the mourning dove as a gamebird.

**#06: DEVELOPMENT OF A SHORT TERM (7 DAY) NON-RESIDENT WATERFOWL LICENSE SYSTEM:**

MUCC work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan Legislature and waterfowl conservation groups to provide for a short term non-resident waterfowl license system; and that MUCC explore and develop legislative changes to implement a short term non-resident waterfowl license system.

**#07: MICHIGAN PHEASANT RELEASE FOR HUNTER RECRUITMENT:** MUCC work with the Michigan Legislature, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to support the Michigan Pheasant Release for Hunter Recruitment with the mission, goals, and outcomes indicated.

**#08: TREESTAND SAFETY:** MUCC use its communication assets to educate hunters about the risks of hunting from a treestand without a fall arrest system/full body harness.

**#09: REINTRODUCTION OF LAKE HERRING (CISCO) IN SAGINAW BAY:** MUCC work with and urge the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and any other agency, committee or group to get the Lake Herring (Cisco) reintroduced into Saginaw Bay, Lower Lake Huron.

**#10: RESEARCH IMPACTING FISHERIES AND ANGLER EXPERIENCE:** MUCC work with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Michigan Legislature if needed to implement a fisheries research policy that would:

- Engage sport fishing and conservation interests in scoping the needed research projects;
- Seek to avoid or reduce conflict with major seasonal runs of sport fish;
- Consider maintaining angler access to the maximum extent possible during the research period;

And that MUCC recommends DNR only use of resistance board weirs for research purposes if 1) the project development has included public input from anglers and others who may be impacted by the study and 2) that the benefits of the research outweighs the impact that research may have on the local non-target fisheries populations and recreational users.

**#11: "SURPLUS" STATE OF MICHIGAN-OWNED PUBLIC LAND DISPOSAL PROCESS:** MUCC oppose any legislation or other Department of Natural Resources administrative activities which would allow for the sale or exchange of State of Michigan-owned or managed lands greater than 80 acres in size, or parcels which would restrict public riparian access without having been previously designated as "Excess" or "Surplus" from a published list which has been developed through a transparent process which includes a local and regional Departmental review, as well as a public comment or engagement process.

**#12: UNFUNDED MANDATES ON THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES:** MUCC oppose or seek to amend any legislation which requires the expenditure of Michigan Department of Natural Resources funds for tasks or functions which may result in a diversion of hunting and fishing license revenue or funding whose use may otherwise be restricted, and that any such legislation should include the appropriation of the necessary supplemental funding in an effort to avoid such a diversion before it would be supported MUCC.

**#13: BRINGING CERVID CARCASSES INTO MICHIGAN FROM OTHER STATES:** Michigan adopt a stance that Minnesota, Montana and other states have adopted in that any cervid, (deer, moose, elk,...) carcass brought into Michigan (whether taken from a wild or captive population) be in the form of deboned meat, clean skullcap, finished taxidermy, and/or other parts not anticipated to carry CWD prions; and that the Michigan Legislature work to increase the fines and penalties for violations of this whole carcass prohibition; and that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and other federal agencies as necessary, with support from the Michigan delegation of U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives, work to make the prohibition of carcass movement a federal regulation.

**#14: CAPTIVE CERVID REGULATION REFORM:** MUCC work with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services, Quality Deer Management Association, and other interested parties, to reform captive cervid

facility regulations to reduce the chance of Chronic Wasting Disease transmission between captive cervid facilities and the wild deer herd. These regulatory reforms shall include, but not be limited to:

- establishing double fencing to reduce opportunities for transmission through the fence,
  - a mandatory supervised testing process to eliminate opportunities for illegal substitution of deer for testing from outside the facility,
  - a state funding mechanism that would provide adequate funding for Chronic Wasting Disease surveillance and response both inside and outside of captive cervid facilities,
  - improved cervid facility record keeping requirements,
  - non removable cervid tagging,
  - oversight of cervid transportation,
  - a 30-day maximum period for depopulating an infected facility once the decision has been made to do so,
- and
- improved enforcement mechanisms,

and that these policies are intended to supplement the 2010 MUCC policy that requests that an immediate moratorium on new captive cervid facilities, imposes a strict schedule for expiration of registrations of facilities not in compliance, and limits future registrations to and by renewal, transfer, or sale of current registrations.

**#15: SUPPRESSOR TAX ELIMINATION:** MUCC works with the Michigan delegation of U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives to remove regulations for suppressors from the National Firearms Act of 1934; and that MUCC work with our U.S. and state legislature to allow the purchase of a suppressor to follow the same guidelines currently in place to purchase firearms through the NICS (National Instant Criminal Background Check System) program; and that MUCC supports suppressors being eligible for the Pittman Robertson excise tax.

**#16: STATE OWNED MINERAL EXCHANGES AND PURCHASES TO PROTECT PUBLIC LAND:** MUCC urges the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to make it a priority to acquire severed minerals where the State owns the surface only to protect and control the commercial use of public land; and that the highest priority should be given to minerals in State Parks and lands purchased with PR and Game and Fish Funds.

**#17: REINSTATE CORMORANT CONTROL:** MUCC work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reinstate the Public Resource Depredation Order on cormorants; and that MUCC work with our U.S. Representatives and U.S. Senators to come up with a law to reinstate cormorant control.

## **FAILED RESOLUTIONS**

**#01: YOUTH HUNTER SUPERVISION:** MUCC work with the Michigan Legislature, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to institute the following: On private land only, a minor who is at least 14 years old shall be permitted to hunt within a distance no greater than 660 feet from the parent or legal guardian which permits uninterrupted electronic communication and allows the parent or legal guardian to come to the immediate aid of the youth. The youth hunter MUST have completed all of the following criteria:

- has successfully completed a certified hunter safety program,
- has been properly licensed and been supervised hunting for at least 20 hours in each of the immediately preceding two hunting seasons
- the parent or legal guardian of the youth hunter must submit a signed affidavit at the time of the youth hunter's license is purchased stating that the applicant has completed at least 20 hours of supervised hunting in each of the immediately preceding two hunting seasons and that the youth hunter was properly licensed in the immediate two preceding seasons.

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

Heritier led the discussion on the proposed resolutions.

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

Miller (Krepps) moved

Vote on motion

Motion Carried

*Proposed Resolution #01*

B. Levey opposes, concerned that a young child could accidentally kill someone being alone whether it's on state or private land.

Jim De Clerck opposes

F. Reed opposes

Miller supports

Kobasic supports

Kobasic offered an amendment to the resolution by including language on line 18 to include after on private land only, "not open to public access such as commercial forest act land" and striking lines 24-28 after the word license, and stopping at "that the youth hunter was properly licensed in the immediate two preceding seasons.

Miller (Levey) moved to bring the amendment to the floor.

Vote on motion

Motion Carried

C. Farrell opposes, stating the teenage brain is not ready for this.

Miller spoke in support, again

Lindquist supports

McKern opposes, stating she was 16 when she went out the first time and still isn't comfortable enough to go alone.

Norman Miller opposes, stating this provides parents more opportunity to have more guns out in the field. They should be hunting as a team with their parents for mentoring.

Gary Gorniak supports

C. Farrell spoke again in opposition

Kobasic reiterated support

D. Levey (Miller) called for the question on the Amended Proposed Resolution #01.

Vote on resolution

Resolution #01 fails

Call for Division.

On resolution #01: Yes: 114 No: 154

Resolution #01 failed due to the requirement for 2/3.

Heritier appointed Lindquist to chair the discussion on Resolution #02 for a short break.

*Proposed Resolution #02*

J. Finnerty (Malloch) made a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #02 to the floor.

Carried

Mike Thorman, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

Bruce Levey opposes, arguing that it will leave trash in the woods. That black felt marker washes off and the barrels won't have a proper label.

Roger Thorman supports

Sam Morello opposes, MBH is opposed for many of the reasons B. Levey mentioned. The site is going to be a mess the bear will dig a hole, we as hunters won't be putting our best foot forward on public land.

Jim Wale supports

Gary Summers opposes

F. Reed supports

De Clerck supports

M. Thorman asked for a moment to speak one more time. Lindquist allowed. Thorman spoke to the previous arguments.

Call for question.

Vote on the resolution

Resolution #02 carries

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

## **Annual Report**

Executive Director Dan Eichinger welcomed and greeted everyone to the 80th annual convention, and introduced MUCC staff.

- Amy Trotter, Deputy Director
- Shaun McKeon, Camp Director & Educator
- Stephanie Rustem, Project Manager
- Amber Albert, Club Membership Coordinator
- Logan Schultz, Digital Media Coordinator
- Ashley Bur, Policy Assistant
- Anna Mitterling, Wildlife Cooperative Coordinator
- Sarah Topp, Wildlife Volunteer Coordinator
- Nick Green, Editor and Public Information Officer
- Sue Pride, Membership Relations and Coordinator
- Tyler Butler, Camp Director
- Alonzo Bell, Glassen Scholar

PPP: Craig Peterson mentioned that MUCC staff have done an outstanding job and deserves a round of applause.

Eichinger then presented the Annual Report, emphasizing where the organization has come from and where we hope to see it in the next 80 years. Eichinger reported that our membership is stable, we have stabilized revenues and expenses, leveraged new funders and fund sources to diversify where our revenues come from and have directed it to program and mission related work. Our administrative processes are improving, our education programs are growing and expanding rapidly. OTG has expanded to include classroom components. MUCC has our new editor who will take Michigan Out-of-Doors to new levels. Our policy and advocacy agenda is on track and deeply impactful. MUCC has participated in a variety of workshops and committees including: Blue Ribbon Panel on State Game Areas, Boone and Crockett Club, Michigan's R3 Coalition, among various others. MUCC will be taking on a comprehensive, ambitious and aggressive strategic plan.

PPP: Jack VanRhee stated that he brought posters of the Conservation Pledge for members to hang in their clubs and so forth.



## **Announcements:**

Heritier announced lunch will be served in the conference room and thanked Dan and MUCC staff for their commitment to the organization and mission and asked the audience to stand and join him in applause for all of their hard work.

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

Session came back to order at 1:57 p.m.

Heritier introduced Dr. Russ Mason, Chief of the DNR Wildlife Division before he gave his address on behalf of Keith Creagh, the DNR Director.

**Director Address:** Mason thanked MUCC for the work they accomplished in helping secure \$1 million for the fiscal year for CWD surveillance and work. Mason spoke on the relevance of conservation in Michigan. The GUD Marketing strategy that the DNR did over the previous year proved that the public is out of touch with the nature of the hunting, trapping and angling community. We need to be thinking carefully about how we develop coalitions for these natural resources, and how we reach out in recruitment and retention efforts, these coalitions should be broad and inclusive. The DNR over the last year has developed a whole variety of programs including a wetland restoration/mitigation banking. Mason also spoke on the concerns of CWD. At this point 13,000+ deer have been tested, 9 have been confirmed positive to date. 324 deer have been removed from Mecosta County, and about 70% of the ones tested have been through sharp shooting. This fall there will be a symposium in Lansing, focused on CWD. Mason spoke briefly on wolves, moose, cormorant and Sandhill cranes. Mason offered to answer questions at the conclusion of his speech.

Heritier thanked Dr. Mason and indicated proposed policy resolutions were next on the agenda and an update from the Credentials Committee.

Yeager, Past President, Chair of the Convention Credentials Committee gave an update for the Credentials Committee: Currently have 293 votes.

Heritier mentioned during the break that he was approached by someone to move Resolution #07 forward because they have to leave Convention early.

Heritier asked for a motion to move Resolution #07 ahead of schedule.

Levey (Yeager) moved

Carried

*Proposed Resolution #07:*

Don Brown (Elden Montross) made a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #07 to the floor.

Carried

Ken Dalton, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

Bill VanderZouwen and Pheasants Forever is neutral but leaning in opposition. Put and take is not what wild restoration is, its outside of our mission, we are not opposed if it's not an unfunded mandate, or if pheasants are not stocked on featured state public land.

M. Thorman supports

Rob Miller and Wildlife Committee are neutral. Concerns include: funding sources, disease spreading, does it create a territory issue if pheasants are privately raised and then put on state land.

Jim Ballard supports

Jim Wale supports

Call for question.  
Vote on the resolution.  
Resolution #07 carries.

*Proposed Resolution #03*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #03 to the floor.  
Maki (Ken Liesinger) moved  
Carried

PPP: Lindquist please be prepared if you are the maker to give your 5-minute presentation. Move up to the front of the room when your resolution is being brought forward.

Millard Holton, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.  
Lindquist supports offers an amendment to change any word "cross bow" to "using legal archery equipment."

PPP: Kobasic, crossbows are not considered legal archery equipment.  
Eichinger stepped in and explained the difference between the two. According to the law they are not the same. He agrees with Kobasic.

There was no second on the offered amendment and after discussion, Lindquist withdrew the amendment.

B. Levey (McKern) Objection to the Consideration of the Question. This is already law, and it was inappropriate of staff to encourage this resolution be brought forward to Convention, and should be censured.

Kobasic supports the proposed resolution.

PPP: Chris Kettler, right or wrong the objection to consideration of the question is not debatable and should be called to a vote.

Heritier called for the objection to the consideration and called for a vote on whether or not to vote on the proposed resolution.  
Vote on this resolution.  
Carried

Vote on resolution.  
Resolution #03 carries.

*Proposed Resolution #04*

De Clerck (Miller) made a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #04 to the floor.  
Carried

Heritier, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

Rob Miller (B. Levey) offered the following amendment on behalf of the Wildlife Committee:

Offers an amendment to acknowledge that this may not be a statewide season. At the end of line 9 add "**BY UNIT**" after the word Michigan.

Vote on amendment.  
Carried.

Vote on amended resolution.  
Amended Resolution #03 carries.

*Proposed Resolution #05*

D. Levey (Meixner) made a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #05 to the floor.  
Carried

Jim Pryce the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

Vote on resolution.  
Resolution #05 carries unanimously.

*Proposed Resolution #06*

Lindquist asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #08 to the floor.  
J. Finnerty (Liesinger) moved  
Carried

Steve Wyckoff, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

Vote on resolution.  
Resolution #06 carries.

*Proposed Resolution #08*

Lindquist asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #08 to the floor.  
Miller (VanRhee) moved  
Carried

Kobasic, the maker, explained the proposed resolution. Acknowledged the opposition of the Wildlife Committee.

Rob Miller (VanLopik) offered the following amendment on behalf of the Wildlife Committee who is opposed as it stands:

**Strike lines 16-19**, and amend line 20-21 striking **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** and at the end of line 21 add after word without a **"FALL ARREST SYSTEM/"**

Discussion on amendment:

Maki opposes the amendment.  
B. Levey supports the amendment.  
Kobasic opposes the amendment.  
Peter supports the amendment.

Vote on amendment.  
Amendment carries.

PPP: De Clerck asked if required 2/3 majority.  
Eichinger clarifies it is not required for the amendment, just simple majority.

Call for Division on the Amendment.  
On the proposed amendment: Yes: 152 No: 87

De Clerck supports the amended resolution.

Vote on the amended resolution.  
Amended Resolution #08 carries.

Lindquist made a clarification that a simple majority is needed on an amendment, Call for Division is not necessary, but was still completed.

#### *Proposed Resolution #09*

De Clerck (Lubaway) moved to bring Proposed Resolution #09 to the floor.  
Carried

Heritier, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

Lubaway on behalf of Paul Rose and the Fisheries Committee supports unanimously.  
VanRhee on behalf of Paul Rose and the Fisheries Committee supports unanimously.

Vote on resolution.  
Resolution #09 carries unanimously.

**Announcements:** Lindquist announced that the Convention was joined by Andy Buschbaum, Vice President of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), Brian Preston, and Jason Dinsmore.

#### *Proposed Resolution #10*

Lindquist asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #10 to the floor.  
J Finnerty (Miller) moved  
Carried

Nicolaou, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

Jack VanRhee speaking on behalf of the Fisheries Committee supports unanimously with an offered amendment:

Amend line 28 add after word MUCC "**RECOMMENDS DNR ONLY**" and strike out the words **oppose the future**. Amend line 30 add "**IF**" and strike the word "**unless.**"

Cedar Rod and Gun Club Board accepted the offered amendment.

Miller (Burris) move to accept the offered amendment.  
Vote on amendment.  
Amendment carries unanimously.

Nick Popoff, Fisheries Division made a clarification.  
Lubaway supports the amended resolution.

Vote on amended resolution.  
Amended Resolution #10 carries unanimously.

*Proposed Resolution #11*

Lindquist asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #11 to the floor.  
B Levey (Kobasic) moved  
Carried

Spelling correction on line 7 should be "brought" not "bought."

Carol Rose speaking on behalf of the maker, Paul Rose, explained the proposed resolution and offered a minor amendment.

Amend line 17 to add after word surplus "**FROM A PUBLISHED LIST WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED**"

Rose (Maki) move to accept the amendment.  
Vote on amendment.  
Amendment carries unanimously.

VanRhee speaking on behalf of the Fisheries Committee supports unanimously.

Vote on amended resolution.  
Amended Resolution #11 carries unanimously.

*Proposed Resolution #12*

Lindquist asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #12 to the floor.  
De Clerck (Miller) moved  
Carried

Carol Rose, speaking on behalf of the maker, Paul Rose, explained the proposed resolution.

VanRhee on behalf of the Fisheries Committee supports unanimously.

Vote on resolution.  
Resolution #12 carries unanimously.

Heritier will chair the discussion on Proposed Resolution #13.

*Proposed Resolution #13*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #13 to the floor.  
Maki (Burris) moved  
Carried

Lindquist, the maker, explained the purpose resolution.

Rob Miller on behalf of the Wildlife Committee supports unanimously with an offered amendment:

Amend line 16 strike "**this**" and replace it with "**THE PROHIBITION OF CARCASS MOVEMENT.**"

Miller (Kobasic) move to accept the proposed amendment.

Vote on amendment.

Carried unanimously.

Vote on amended resolution.

Amended Resolution #13 carries unanimously.

#### *Proposed Resolution #14*

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

J. Finnerty (Lindquist) moved

Carried

Rob Miller on behalf of the Wildlife Committee supports unanimously with an offered amendment:

Amend line 14 strike "**should**" and replace with "**SHALL**" and at the end of the resolution add "**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THESE POLICIES ARE INTENDED TO SUPPLEMENT THE 2010 MUCC POLICY THAT REQUESTS THAT AN IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM ON NEW CAPTIVE CERVID FACILITIES, IMPOSES A STRICT SCHEDULE FOR EXPIRATION OF REGISTRATIONS OF FACILITIES NOT IN COMPLIANCE, AND LIMITS FUTURE REGISTRATIONS TO AND BY RENEWAL, TRANSFER, OR SALE OF CURRENT REGISTRATIONS.**"

Miller (B. Levey) move to accept the proposed amendment.

Vote on amendment.

Carried unanimously.

Jason Dinsmore with NWF supports.

Vote on amended resolution.

Amended Resolution #14 carries unanimously.

#### *Proposed Resolution #15*

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

Miller (Kasdorf) moved

Carried

Dan Dial, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

Kettler offered an amendment:

Amend line 14 and add "; **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT MUCC SUPPORTS SUPPRESSORS BEING ELIGIBLE FOR THE PITMAN ROBERTSON EXCISE TAX.**"

Kettler (Kobasic) move to accept the proposed amendment.



Vote on amendment.  
Carried.

Kettler spoke in support, again.  
Johann Krenzer supports the amended resolution.

Vote on amended resolution.  
Amended Resolution #15 carries unanimously.

Heritier asked the group whether they would like to finish the remaining resolutions or adjourn for the day, due to good timing.

Vote on the decision.  
Decision to continue carried.

#### *Proposed Resolution #16*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #16 to the floor.  
De Clerck (D. Levey) moved  
Carried

Virginia Pierce, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.  
De Clerck supports

Vote on resolution.  
Resolution #16 carries unanimously.

#### *Proposed Resolution #17*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #17 to the floor.  
Kobasic (Malloch) moved  
Carried

Gary Gorniak, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

VanRhee on behalf of the Fisheries Committee supports unanimously.

Vote on resolution.  
Resolution #17 carries unanimously.

#### **Announcements:**

- Heritier announced he has never seen all of the resolutions pass through on a Saturday.
- Krepps announced that the elections will be open immediately after adjournment. Please have your ribbon with you.
- Eichinger announced the Conservation Awards Dinner at the Shiawassee Conservation Association, for those of you who purchased the tickets ahead of time you have table assignments, those of you who purchased today or yesterday please sit table 16 or 17.
- Heritier announced that general session will recess until 8:30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

## **General Session – Sunday, June 18, 2017**

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

**Invocation** – was given by Past President Dawn Levey.

### **Announcements:**

- Lindquist made an announcement that the next CPB meeting will be in Munising on Sept. 23, 2017
- Heritier made an announcement that the meeting will not require the two-hour block for resolutions since they have already been completed.
- Malloch gave a brief update on Roy's U.P. endeavor fighting against the Feds for trespassing on state land.
- De Clerck thanked the CPB for working on the resolutions and having them for the most part formatted before Convention.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jim De Clerck, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report by reviewing financials as of September 30, 2016 briefly and speaking for the need of a corpus. Stating as membership rises so will our investment. The \$100K raffle could have gone better, and wants to see the raffle happen again maybe under different marketing techniques. The members do not have MUCC as a high priority on their minds. Attempting to get to the 100,000 membership will require all the members reaching out to other clubs, (insurance). MUCC needs to be a higher priority for members.

Tim Biewer asked what the current membership is. De Clerck responded 45,000 strong.

Lindquist asked members to be cognizant of updating emails and addresses for clubs.

Maki (Miller) moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and place it on file.

Vote on motion

Carried

### **Special Report**

Eichinger gave a special presentation on Hunting Works for Michigan. We're doing more to talk about the connection between Michigan hunting and fishing and the impacts on local economies. When we go into a debate on public policy, one of the best arguments that we can make is the economic one. We have never been able to build a good offense to that, but now we can. Launched in the fall of 2016 MUCC and partners have commissioned MSU to complete a study on the value of hunting and fishing and local regional levels. Eichinger answered questions at the conclusion of his special presentation.

### **New Business**

Montross trying to sell his last three raffle tickets.

Discussion on potential future Convention dates occurred:

- VanRhee mentioned that June is an expensive time for Convention. In addition, the NRC has made their regulations by June already, so our policies fall behind.
- D. Levey is concerned about spring being in graduation, for instance May. March and April you deal with spring break issues.
- Eichinger mentioned that a survey went out to membership to better understand what is wanted and what will make a better turn out rate for Convention.

- De Clerck talked about the NRC and DNR cycles. September seems to be the best and most effective time.
- Jody Matthew talked in light of the preparation that goes into the meetings, and prices which Jack touched on. April may be a better time to begin, and avoid Father's Day.
- Fran Yeager has no opinion on whether we change the date and location. Attendance was down this year, last year 100 delegates this year just under 80.
- Lindquist is neutral.
- McKern has spring break and Easter in April.

Mary Krenzer spoke about the new region restructure, and that it may have something to do with the low attendance.

D. Levey stated she completed a report on NWF, please pick up a copy.

Kris Matthew introduced Craig Dugan. He carries votes as an IM Representative for Region 8.

S. Rustem spoke about Charity Shoot, it is on June 30, 2017. Registration is down this year, if you could go back to the clubs and spread the word.

Eichinger thanked Bob Borchak for raising enough money to purchase a large bore rifle for our Youth Camp in Chelsea.

**Elections Committee Report:** Past President, Bill Krepps gave the report on the elected officers and Conservation Policy Board voting members for 2017-2018.

EXECUTIVE BOARD (2-year terms for everyone except EVEN numbered Region and At Large Directors for this year only in order to stagger terms)

**President:** Tom Heritier, Saginaw Field and Stream Conservation Club

**Immediate Past President:** Ron Burris, Individual Member

**Vice President/President Elect/Chair of the Policy Board:** George Lindquist, U.P. Whitetails of Marquette County

**Treasurer:** Jim De Clerck, Saginaw Field and Stream Conservation Club

### **Region Directors:**

- Region 1: Trevor Hodges, Calumet-Keweenaw Sportsmen's Club
- Region 2: Bill Malloch, Individual Member
- Region 3: Jane Finnerty, Cadillac Sportsmen's Club
- Region 4: Carol Rose, Montmorency County Conservation Club
- Region 5: Dawn Levey, Past President
- Region 6: Chuck Hoover, Saginaw Field and Stream Conservation Club
- Region 7: Fran Yeager, Past President
- Region 8: Kris Matthew, Huron Valley Conservation Association
- Region 9: Bruce Levey, Michigan Bow Hunters

### **At-Large Directors:**

- Greg Peter, Chelsea Rod and Gun Club (Region 8)
- Region 5 Vacant

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

- Region 1: Joe Hudson, Keith Lynch, Bryan Reynolds
- Region 2: Gary Gorniak, Don Canfield, Jay Maki
- Region 3: Bruce Finnerty, Jim Maturen, Greg Nicolaou
- Region 4: Pete Demos, Jim Chaskey, David Markle
- Region 5: Kevin Eldred, Jack VanRhee, Kayla McKern
- Region 6: Ted Schulz, Dan McMaster
- Region 7: Roberta Reed, Dave VanLopik, Furmer Reed
- Region 8: Jim Pryce, Eric Braden, Roger Calhoun
- Region 9: Rob Miller, Sam Morello, Gary Summers

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

Kettler (Yeager) moved

Vote on motion

Carried

Lindquist asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:37 a.m.

VanRhee (D. Levey) moved

Vote on motion

Carried

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### **Post-Convention Executive Board Meeting -- Sunday, June 18, 2017**

President Heritier called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m. Bur verified a quorum was present.

Newly elected officers took their oaths of office.

B. Levey is concerned about only meeting quarterly, but wouldn't mind every other month. He has issues with the 9AM weekly call since he has to drive to work.

Matthew stated that he disagrees with every other month and believes the Board should meet face to face once a month.

Heritier asked how many people want to meet face to face every other month.

Vote on meeting schedule.

Carried

When the CPB meets they will host a meeting on the Friday night before for the Board.

Heritier (D. Levey) moved to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.

Vote on motion

Carried

# Proposed MUCC ByLaws Amendments

Portions in ~~bold strikethroughs~~ are removed and **BOLD CAPITALIZATION** are additions.

## **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

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### 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).

## **PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT # 02**

**Submitted by:** Jack VanRhee, Bylaws Committee  
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**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.

**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 **VOTING** 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

**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.**

**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 ~~striketrough~~ were offered and accepted on the floor of Convention*):

***EXECUTIVE BOARD 2018-2019***

Vice President/ President Elect: Greg Peter

Treasurer: Fran Yeager

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

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

Region 4: Jim Chaskey, Pete Demos

Region 5: Kevin Eldred, Jack VanRhee, Judith VanRhee, Kayla McKern

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

Region 7: Furmer Reed, David VanLopik-IM

Region 8: Roger Calhoun, Tim Muir Jr, Leonard Shaner

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 ~~striketrough~~**

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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 CONVEN-TION*** 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.

### **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 Goynes (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 (Burris) 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 Heriter 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.

Heriter 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]*

#### ***SECTION 6 – TERMS***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***THEM.***

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

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

***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. ix

# 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  
2 schools to participate in a club sport; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Clay target shooting is a varsity collegiate sport in over 300 colleges nationwide;  
4 and

5 **WHEREAS,** clay target shooting is an Olympic sport; and

6 **WHEREAS,** clay target shooting is the safest high school sport as there are no known accidents;  
7 and

8 **WHEREAS,** boys and girls can compete on the same team and embrace title IX; and

9 **WHEREAS,** the sport permits participation of students with physical handicaps; and

10 **WHEREAS,** school districts statewide are embracing the opportunity for students to participate  
11 in extracurricular activities and enhance the climate and culture within their buildings; and

12 **WHEREAS,** clay target shooting is the fastest growing sport in the United States; and

13 **WHEREAS,** the state of Minnesota has embraced clay target shooting and had 13,653 students  
14 participating on 328 recognized teams, since its origination in 2011, and has more high school  
15 participants than hockey; and



16 **WHEREAS**, the Minnesota High School Clay Target League provided business opportunities to  
17 countless hunting and recreational shooting companies by using over 30 million shot shells and  
18 clay birds in 2018; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Minnesota DNR has matched spending of over \$4,000.000.00 to local  
20 conservation groups in the state to improve clay target ranges at local conservation clubs; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Michigan had 469 students on 23 teams in 2017 and 975 students on 45 teams in  
22 2018 and has the growth potential to exceed the number of participants in Minnesota; and

23 **WHEREAS**, providing opportunity for young people to engage in an outdoor activity that could  
24 lead to participation in outdoor hunting and future license buyers and support the recruitment  
25 initiative by every major conservation organization in the country; and

26 **WHEREAS**, a requirement to participate in the Michigan High School Clay Target League  
27 requires formalized safety training with firearms; NOW

28 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That MUCC will endorse and promote the participation of  
29 students in the Michigan High School Clay Target League; and

30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That MUCC will encourage all high schools in Michigan to  
31 commit to permitting a high school club be formed in their district; and

32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That MUCC will encourage all affiliates to offer a learn to  
33 shoot clay target opportunities for youth in their local communities; and

34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That MUCC encourages the MHSAA to recognize the  
35 Michigan High School Clay Target League as a recognized club sport; and

36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That MUCC encourages the Michigan DNR to recognize the  
37 Michigan High School Clay Target league as an educational program that embraces the  
38 recruitment, retainment and 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  
2 to track wounded big game animal; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Data collected by Michigan Deer Track'n Hounds Tracking Club indicates  
4 substantially improved success rates for the ethical recovery of wounded big game animals for  
5 trackers who operate off 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  
9 trackers, hunters, and dogs participating in tracking will be improved by allowing trackers to  
10 dispatch an already wounded, legally hunted big game animal; and

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

13 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs support an  
14 initiative to amend the Michigan Wildlife Conservation Order to provide added definition to the  
15 current regulations 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  
17 to amend the Michigan Wildlife Conservation Order to provide or remove language to permit  
18 registered trackers to dispatch a wounded, legally hunted big game animal for the specific goal of  
19 recovering or 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  
21 to amend the Michigan Wildlife Conservation Order to provide language to permit registered  
22 trackers to operate one dog at a time off lead, provided that dog has affixed a GPS tracking  
23 collar, and the registered tracker has on their person a tracking unit where they can monitor their  
24 dogs position, their position, property boundaries, and has the ability control/recall their dog  
25 prior to crossing boundaries where permission has not been obtained for the specific goal of  
26 recovering or ending the suffering of already wounded, legally hunted big game animals; and  
27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs support and work  
28 with State Legislature to amend any laws contradictory to the purposes of the above suggested  
29 changes regarding the use of dogs to track wounded big game animals to provide exceptions for  
30 the specific goal of recovering or ending the suffering of already wounded, legally hunted big  
31 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  
2 body whose members are appointed by the Governor, and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Commission has exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game and  
4 sportfish, and is authorized to designate game species and authorize the establishment of the first  
5 open season for animals through the issuance of orders, and

6 **WHEREAS**, no established criteria exists relative to the qualifications and eligibility of those  
7 who are appointed to the NRC, and

8 **WHEREAS**, The Commission is to be composed of 7 members, not more than 4 of whom  
9 identify themselves as being affiliated with the same political party. NOW,

10 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work  
11 with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and State of Michigan Legislature to  
12 develop qualification and eligibility criteria which seeks to populate the NRC with members who  
13 have a demonstrated interest in both game and non-game fisheries and wildlife, natural resource  
14 management, a history of personal participation in these activities, and suitable educational and  
15 professional background, and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that consideration for appointment be given to geographic  
17 distribution and the diversity of relevant recreational participation of its membership, as well as a  
18 balance among those who have a declared political affiliation, and

19 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this emphasis on citizen participation should preclude the  
20 appointment of former employees of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan  
21 Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural  
22 Development and members of the Michigan State legislature for a period of ten years subsequent  
23 to their 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  
2 infectious nature, 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  
7 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  
9 with the responsible prion being shed from infected deer well before they show signs of  
10 infection, and  
11 **WHEREAS**, the persistence of the prion in the environment results in an increased indirect  
12 transmission rate as the disease becomes endemic and the presence of infective prions increases  
13 with the density of the deer population, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, MUCC remain involved in the design of any field studies in  
37 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  
2 infectious nature, 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  
7 incidence risk level in a population increases with the deposition of prion in the environment,  
8 and  
9 **WHEREAS**, controlling CWD is complicated by this persistent environmental contamination  
10 with the responsible prion being shed from infected deer well before they show signs of  
11 infection, and  
12 **WHEREAS**, the persistence of the prion in the environment results in an increased indirect  
13 transmission rate as the disease becomes endemic and the presence of infective prions increases  
14 with the density of the deer population, and

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

18 **WHEREAS** in the CWD Management Zone, where current deer densities are high, there are far  
19 more mature does than mature bucks, the harvest is heavily biased towards bucks rather than  
20 does, habitat damage to wood lots is extensive, and a lack of winter thermal cover and food  
21 results in large concentrations of deer, and the NRC/DNR has already passed a resolution to  
22 conduct scientific research to determine the best regulatory and management approaches to  
23 combatting CWD by reducing deer densities, reducing the age of the doe cohort, and better  
24 balancing deer harvest, and

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

53 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, MUCC should stress the importance of population control  
54 and the role of the hunter/conservationist in this effort and encourage the issuance of additional  
55 doe permits and the establishment of doe harvest goals, where advisable, to decrease the density  
56 of susceptible deer, and

57 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, MUCC remain involved in the design of any field studies in  
58 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  
2 Natural Resources regulations are outdated and in need of revision; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Michigan is approaching the 2020 Great Lakes tribal consent decree, and  
4 modernizing the state-licensed commercial fishing regulations would aid in upcoming  
5 negotiations; and

6 **WHEREAS**, There is a growing interest of commercial anglers to expand operations and harvest  
7 game species, in part due to the decline in whitefish populations, which have historically been  
8 the primary commercial fishery; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the current commercial fishing license fees paid by commercial anglers do not pay  
10 for the cost of oversight, regulation or enforcement of their operations; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the sale of hunting and fishing license fund the majority of the management of the  
12 fisheries and enforcement of regulations for both sportfishing and commercial use; NOW

13 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs works with the  
14 Michigan Legislature to enact legislation that will update commercial fisheries license fees to be  
15 commensurate with the oversight that is required of the commercial fisheries; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this updated statute should make improvements in the  
17 program to be protective of the fisheries and sportfishing, including:

- 18 • Protection of game species (except whitefish) from commercial harvest;
- 19 • Governs how often commercial entities check their nets and regulates allowable gear in a  
20 manner that also takes into account the time of the year and specificity of the net;

- 21       ● Creates or increases penalties for the disturbance of commercial fishing nets as well as
- 22           the illegal operations of commercial anglers; and
- 23       ● Requires appropriate markers for the location of nets and that these locations be available
- 24           to the 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**

**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  
2 Ohio; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Proposed Resolution #09**  
**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  
2 per person, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has the authority to  
3 decrease this to two if needed; and  
4 **WHEREAS**, many fisherman who troll the Great Lakes and associated waterways would like to  
5 have the 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  
7 fishing 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  
10 maintained, even with a higher rod and line limit; NOW,  
11 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with the  
12 Michigan Legislature and Michigan Department of Natural Resources to enact legislation to  
13 allow the DNR to expand the number of lines for trolling anglers.

**Proposed Resolution #10**  
**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  
2 which allows for two bucks.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 26 1) Change the current definition of combo tag to read valid for the take of one buck and one doe  
27 with any legal method;
- 28 2) Only allow a single buck tag option in areas that require extra herd protection and would  
29 otherwise not allow the take of a doe with any means (such as archery);
- 30 3) Make available in all other areas either the new combo (both sex) or single buck tag.
- 31 4) Maintain hunter supported additional requirements in DMUs that have supported such. (Such as  
32 APRs)
- 33 5) In areas of special management needs such as disease areas or high-density areas additional tags  
34 can be made available per DNR recommendations or mandates.

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

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

1   **WHEREAS,** Private property, agricultural areas and other public property such as the  
2   Department of Natural Resources shooting ranges and state game areas are limited in access,  
3   availability, safety  
4   features and location throughout the state for hunting, competitive and recreational shooting, and  
5   other firearm activities; and

6   **WHEREAS,** Conservation clubs, sportsmen's clubs, rod and gun clubs, and other private  
7   firearms ranges (sport shooting ranges) have had substantial increases in memberships and usage  
8   by member and non-member events, and private and public entities (example: law enforcement,  
9   DNR hunter safety education, Whitetails Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, 4 H Shooting Sports,  
10   etc). This is due to increased interest in hunting, competitive and recreational shooting; and

11   **WHEREAS,** Local, county and state law enforcement agencies use sport shooting ranges for  
12   their firearms training due to updated and current safety features. These clubs and range  
13   locations are very cost effective or free to train and qualify officers with their firearms; and

14   **WHEREAS,** Existing sport shooting ranges need to expand their real property, update  
15   facilities, buildings and ranges without the fear of excessive and overburdening regulations,  
16   ordinances, zoning changes, and taxes; and

17   **WHEREAS,** Sport shooting ranges are often being targeted by individuals, local governing  
18   boards and other groups to stop activities or limit access to the facilities. These individuals, local  
19   governing boards and other groups create exorbitant legal and other financial costs to the  
20   clubs/ranges to defend against these nuisance complaints; and

21   **WHEREAS,** Existing and new sport shooting ranges are increasingly being pressured by local  
22   governments, township officials, zoning boards, tax assessors, planning commissions: to wit:  
23   increasing regulations by planning commissions, zoning board changes to current/existing



zoning classifications, township, city, village and other local officials implementing new ordinances and/or now enforcing previously unenforced local ordinances, excessive regulations, and changing tax formulas and taxes. NOW,

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

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

46 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Legislature should also enact and/or create civil  
47 penalties for private citizen nuisance complaints made to any governmental entity toward a sport  
48 shooting range in which those complaints or issues are addressed by Michigan Law, or are based  
49 in Common Law.  
50 **DNR RESPONSE:** Maximizing shooting opportunities at ranges throughout Michigan aligns  
51 with the DNR's goal of ensuring sustainable recreation use and enjoyment of natural resources.

**Proposed Resolution #12**

**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 –  
2 human and wild; and  
3 **WHEREAS,** the nature of this contaminant, how it enters and leaves the ecosystem, and at what  
4 levels are indicative of risk, are unknown factors; and  
5 **WHEREAS,** the potential to harm fisheries and other terrestrial wildlife as well as the issuance  
6 of 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  
9 our affiliates as well as supporting the state agencies to do the necessary research to better  
10 address the issue

11 Be it further resolved that MUCC work with other organizations for which this is an issue of  
12 concern to better facilitate the objective decision making needed to find solutions to PFAS  
13 contamination

**Proposed Resolution #13**  
**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  
2 based on estimates and voluntary contributions from the sportsperson.

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  
5 system in place that could be looked to for ideas.

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

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

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

**Proposed Resolution #14**  
**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  
2 effective mechanism for allotting royalty extraction funds through a governing citizens Michigan  
3 Natural Resources Trust Fund Board (MNRTF Board); and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, these projects are judged against criteria created to best benefit the public lands  
5 and the natural resources from which wealth is extracted, for purposes of acquisition,  
6 improvement, and 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  
8 from public lands by benefiting the expansion and conservation of state holdings, and constitute  
9 assets placed in a public trust; and
- 10 **WHEREAS** the Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund (SPEF) has no such governance by a  
11 citizen board as constituted in the MNRTF; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the use of public funds above and beyond the \$500 million cap for the MNRTF  
13 constitute the funding of the SPEF, and by extension should be used for the same long-term  
14 priorities of asset acquisition and capital improvements; NOW,  
15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, MUCC will work to develop a similar governing body for  
16 the SPEF to make decisions as to the disbursement of the fund for acquisition, improvement, and  
17 restoration (capital expenditures) and not for operations (recognizing that any such project will  
18 have a certain % of labor cost and staff time needed above and beyond the normal operating  
19 costs of the Division – a % to be considered by the suggested board as that which is appropriate  
20 to the grant proposal).

**Proposed Resolution #15**  
**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  
2 earn more support among the hunting public; and  
3 **WHEREAS**, under this proposal, Michigan deer hunters would be able to purchase both a  
4 Lower 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  
6 valid in the Upper Peninsula; and  
7 **WHEREAS**, Michigan deer hunters will still be able to harvest two bucks in Michigan if they  
8 choose to, currently only about 4 percent of hunters do; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Proposed Resolution #16**  
**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  
2 that new and emerging technologies used in the pursuit of fish and game and outdoor recreation  
3 will not adversely 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 trails and other locations where their use would not appear to be intended as an aid in the monitoring of wild game, and

**WHEREAS**, the cost and size of these cameras is likely to continue to decrease as their technological capabilities increase which could potentially result in their further proliferation on public lands to a point where the outdoor experience becomes compromised, and

**WHEREAS**, this rise in number and distribution of unattended cameras increases the potential for incidents of inappropriate use which could negatively affect the public image of hunters and other outdoor recreationalists, and

**WHEREAS**, this increasing sense of “being watched” can undermine the quality of the outdoor experience on our public lands. NOW,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to develop a policy for the use of unattended cameras (a.k.a. Trail Cameras) on State of Michigan-managed lands which seeks to limit their number and duration of use, and further require that each camera deployed include the name and contact information of the owner/user, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that unattended cameras used for DNR-sponsored, or DNR-approved research shall be subject to a separate policy regarding their use.

**Proposed Resolution #17**  
**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**

**WHEREAS**, Under current Michigan regulations (page 17 of the 2018 Michigan Hunting Digest), an artificial light may be used from November 1-30 on property you own or property



owned by a member of your immediate family if you do not have in your possession or control a bow and arrow, firearm, or other device capable of shooting a projectile; and

**WHEREAS,** It is a violation of federal law to shine at any time on any national wildlife refuge; and

**WHEREAS, Deer hunters may use an artificial light one hour before and one hour after shooting hours while carrying an unloaded firearm or bow and arrow when traveling on foot to or from their hunting location;**

**WHEREAS,** many hunters, particularly public land hunters, must travel to their hunting location much earlier than one hour before shooting hours in order to secure their spot and also to minimize wildlife disturbance and would benefit from being able to use an artificial light. NOW,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that MUCC work with the Natural Resources Commission or the Michigan Legislature as necessary to change the regulation to allow **deer hunters to use an artificial light two hours before and two hours after shooting hours while carrying an unloaded firearm or bow and arrow when traveling on foot to or from their hunting location.**

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

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

1   **WHEREAS**, Indiana has been using center fire rifles in the entire state the last few hunting  
2   seasons without a major safety problem occurring; and

3   **WHEREAS**, here in Michigan, the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) adopted several  
4   calibers of rifles using straight-walled cartridges in 2014 for the limited firearm deer zone  
5   (formerly the shotgun zone), which was reauthorized in 2017; and

6   **WHEREAS**, most modern muzzleloaders have a 200-yard range which are allowed in the  
7   limited firearm deer zone in Michigan as well; and

8   **WHEREAS**, currently, center fire rifles can be used for coyote, fox, woodchuck and other small  
9   game in the limited firearm zone; and

10   **WHEREAS**, current regulations in Michigan for the rest of the state should apply to the limited  
11   firearm deer zone; NOW,

12   **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work  
13   with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Natural Resources Commission to  
14   change Michigan's limited firearm deer zone to have the same firearm restrictions and  
15   regulations as the rest of Michigan.

**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  
2   registered to an individual and cannot be registered in the name of an organized, incorporated  
3   club; and

4   **WHEREAS**, A club may purchase firearms, but are unable to legally register them under current  
5   state law; and

6   **WHEREAS**, As an individual who has firearms owned by a club, registered in their name may  
7   die or relocate; and

8   **WHEREAS**, This situation limits the use of the firearm for club functions, and transportation  
9   and specifically return to manufacturer for maintenance and repair; and

10   **WHEREAS**, The current status of the law places undo liability on the individual in whose name  
11   the firearms are registered; NOW

12   **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with the  
13   Federal Government, Michigan Legislature and the Governor's office to enact legislation that  
14   will legally allow organized, incorporated sportsmen's clubs and or shooting clubs to register  
15   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  
2   established as an account within the Legacy Fund, and

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

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

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

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

18 **WHEREAS**, All-terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) by unit sales and gas  
19 tax revenue derived for the Recreation Improvement Account, now exceeds that produced by  
20 recreational watercraft (vessels) and snowmobile, and

21 **WHEREAS**, cross country skiers, horseback riders, hikers and bicyclists contribute zero direct  
22 revenue towards the Recreation Improvement Account, and

23 **WHEREAS**, with expanded opportunity for recreational motorized riding along county, state  
24 forest, federal forest roads and limited access to highway trunk lines for connection, that there is  
25 certainty as to an increased need of dedicated funds for remuneration for maintenance and repair  
26 of the aforementioned roadways beyond the scope of current funding sources. NOW,

27 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs support and  
28 initiative to change the Michigan Recreation Improvement Account matrix of fund

29 distribution to include only those entities that directly contribute to the account via the gas tax,  
30 and

31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Michigan Legislature resolves to also amend the  
32 Michigan Improvement Account matrix of fund distribution to establish as fair and equitable  
33 sharing of said funds proportionate to the current economic impact by unit sales, and/or permit  
34 (license) unit sales, and/or impact on tourism for the State of Michigan, and

35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a percentage of all proportionate designated funds shall  
36 be put aside for all related remuneration needs and eligible for application and use by those  
37 county, state and federal and highway management agencies affect



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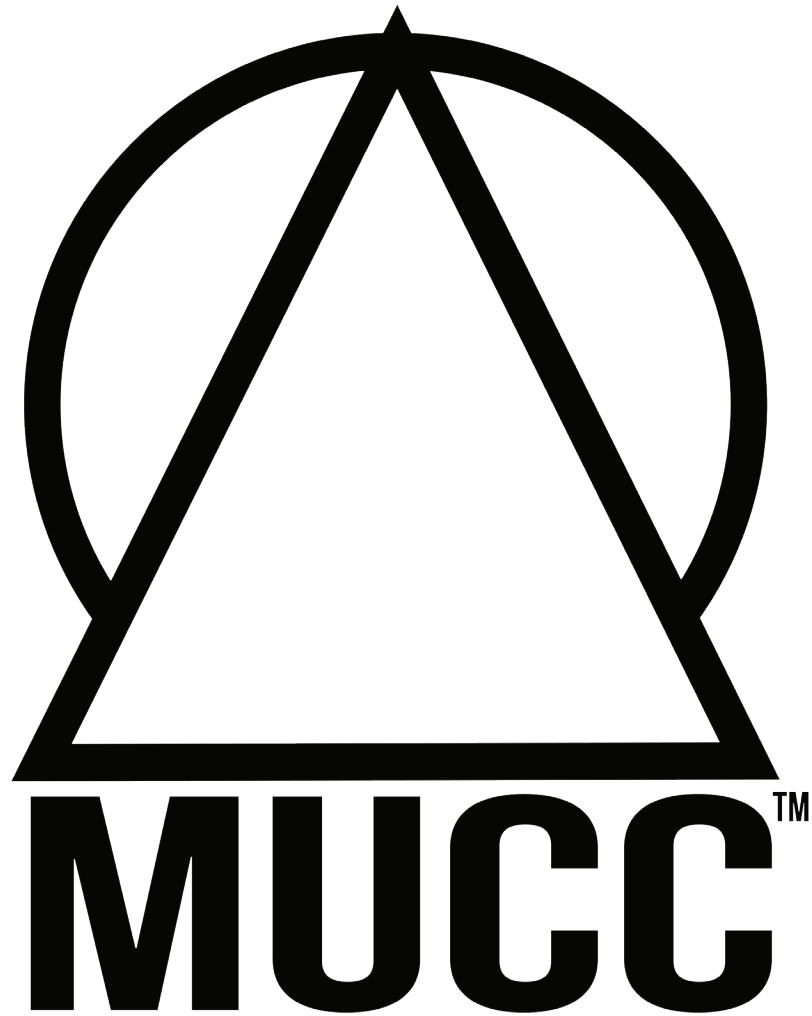


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