

MICHIGAN UNITED CONSERVATION CLUBS
81st Annual Convention
Minutes - Draft
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

General Session – Saturday, June 23, 2018

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

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

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

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

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

Orders of the Day – reviewed by Parliamentarian Bruce Levey.

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

Report of the Credentials Committee:

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

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

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

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD 2018-2019

Vice President/ President Elect: Greg Peter

Treasurer: Fran Yeager

Region 1: Mike Taylor

Region 2: No nominations

Region 4: Carol Rose

Region 6: Chuck Hoover

Region 8: No nominations

At Large Director (Region 5): No nominations

At Large Director (Region 8): No nominations

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

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

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

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

Region 4: Jim Chaskey, Pete Demos

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

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

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

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

Region 9: Sam Morello, Gary Summers, Rob Miller

Nominations will be taken from the floor.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

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

Miller (Burris) move to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

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

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

Miller (Jane Finnerty) moved to close.
Vote on motion
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 1 Director. Mike Taylor from UP Whitetails of Marquette County was nominated by George Lindquist. He accepted.
Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 1 Director.
Maki (Jack VanRhee) moved to close.
Vote on motion
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 2 Director. No nominations.
Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 2 Director.
Kettler (Krepps) moved to close.
Vote on motion
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 4 Director. No nominations.
Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 4 Director.
Yeager (Jane Finnerty) moved to close.
Vote on motion
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 6 Director. No nominations.
Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 6 Director.
Yeager (VanRhee) moved to close.
Vote on motion
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 8 Director. No nominations.
Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 8 Director.
Yeager (Burris) moved to close.
Vote on motion
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board At Large Director (Region 8). No nominations.
Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board At Large Director (Region 8).
Yeager (Miller) moved to close.
Vote on motion
Carried

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

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

VanRhee (Yeager) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD

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

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

Jay Maki (Taylor) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

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

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

Maki (Schulz) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

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

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

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

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

Vote on motion

Carried

Finnerty (Yeager)

Vote on motion

Carried

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

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

Finnerty (Burris) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

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

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

Maki (Smith) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

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

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

Kobasic (Miller)

Vote on motion

Carried

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

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

Yeager (Farrell) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

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

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

Miller (Burris)

Vote on motion

Carried

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

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

Yeager (Taylor) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

New Business

Heritier asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda.

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

Vote on motion
Carried

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

Dawn Levey (Kobasic) moved to approve the minutes.

Vote on motion
Carried

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

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

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

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

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

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

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

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

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT #01

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

ARTICLE VI ANNUAL CONVENTION

SECTION 1 - ANNUAL CONVENTION

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

SECTION 2 - ANNUAL CONVENTION AGENDA

B. Agenda items shall include:

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

SECTION 6 - VOTING

C. Acting Delegates and Maximum Votes

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

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

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

Miller (Lubaway) moved to bring Bylaws Amendment #1 to the floor.

Vote on motion

Carried unanimously

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT # 02

Submitted by: Jack VanRhee, Bylaws Committee

Title: **CORPORATE OFFICERS**

Purpose: To correct an error referring to the Executive Committee instead of the Executive Board.

Passed: MUCC Executive Board, September 22, 2017

ARTICLE III

CORPORATE OFFICERS

SECTION 3- DUTIES

A. President

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

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

Maki (Jane Finnerty) moved to bring Bylaws Amendment #2 to the floor.

Vote on motion

Carried unanimously

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT #03

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

**ARTICLE V
CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD**

SECTION 2 -MEETINGS

A. The Conservation Policy Board shall meet quarterly, including Annual Convention. Meeting dates and locations shall be established **FOR THE QUARTERLY MEETING IN THE NEXT QUARTER FOLLOWING THE 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.

WITHDRAWN RESOLUTIONS

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

FAILED RESOLUTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Heritier led the discussion on the proposed resolutions.

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

Dawn Levey (Rob Miller) moved

Vote on motion

Motion Carried

Proposed Resolution #01

Rob Miller on behalf of the Wildlife Committee supports unanimously

Gorniak supports

Kobasic as maker supports

Vote on Resolution 1

Resolution 1 carried unanimously

Heritier recognized Vicki Pontz, Chair of Michigan Natural Resources Commission

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

Rob Miller and Bruce Levey oppose

Vote on motion

Motion fails.

Proposed Resolution #02

Erik Schnelle as maker supports this resolution

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

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

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

Vote on the resolution
Resolution #02 fails

Call for Division

Resolution fails 93-224

Proposed Resolution #03

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

Konneck (Burris) moved

Diane Konneck as maker supports

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

Vote on Resolution 3
Resolution 3 carried unanimously

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

Annual Report

Executive Director Dan Eichinger welcomed and greeted everyone to the 81st 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.

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

Vote on the Substitute Resolution
Resolution fails unanimously

Proposed Resolution #09

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

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

Vote on resolution #09
Resolution #09 passes unanimously

Proposed Resolution #10

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

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

Vote on resolution #10 resolution.
Resolution #10 fails

Proposed Resolution #11

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

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

Vote on resolution #11.
Resolution #11 carries unanimously

Proposed Resolution #12

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

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

Vote on resolution #12.
Resolution #12 fails

Proposed Resolution #13

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

Kettler (Rob Miller) moved

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

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

Vote on amendment #1

Amendment #1 carries

Support on amended resolution: Mike Thorman, Dawn Levey

Vote on amended resolution.

Resolution #13 carried unanimously

Proposed Resolution #15

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

Carol Rose (Schulz) moved

Paul Rose as maker supported the resolution.

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

Vote on the amendment

Amendment carries.

Vote on the amended resolution.

Resolution #15 carries unanimously.

Proposed Resolution #17

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

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

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

Oppose amendment: Paul Rose, Mindy Koch

Vote on amendment #1

Amendment #1 fails

Vote on resolution #17.
Resolution #17 carries unanimously

Proposed Resolution #19

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

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

Support: Mike Meisner, Harbor Beach Conservation Club

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

Proposed Resolution #20:

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

Dan McMaster as maker, explained the proposed resolution.

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

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

Vote on amended resolution.
Amended Resolution #20 carries

Announcements:

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

General Session – Sunday, June 24, 2018

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

Invocation – was given by Jim Pryce.

Announcements:

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

Treasurer's Report

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

Yeager also called for more volunteers for the Credentials Committee.

Special Report

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

- Mining in the Boundary Waters
- Farm Bill

New Business

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

Proposed Resolution #21

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

Tony Smith (Maki) moved

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

Supports: Tony Smith

Vote on resolution.

Resolution #21 carries unanimously.

Proposed Resolution #22

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

Tesch (Burriss) moved

Hoover as maker supported and explained the resolution.

Supports: Rob Miller on behalf of the Wildlife Committee

Vote on resolution.

Resolution #22 carries unanimously.

Proposed Resolution #23

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

Furmer Reed (Kettler) moved

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

Supports: Rob Miller on behalf of the Wildlife Committee

Vote on resolution.

Resolution #23 carries unanimously.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

President: George Lindquist

Immediate Past President: Tom Heritier

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

Treasurer: Fran Yeager

Region Directors:

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

At-Large Directors:

- Region 5 Vacant: Kevin Eldred

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

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

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

Yeager (Tony Smith) moved

Vote on motion

Carried

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

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

McKern (Jack VanRhee) moved

Vote on motion

Carried

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