

**MICHIGAN UNITED CONSERVATION CLUBS**  
**82nd Annual Convention**  
**Minutes - Draft**  
**June 21-23, 2019**  
**Lakeside Resort and Conference Center**  
**Houghton Lake, Michigan**

**Pre-Convention Executive Board Meeting – Saturday, June 22, 2019**

President George Lindquist called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Trotter verified a quorum was present.

George Lindquist thanked the Executive Board for their efforts for the last two or more years.

George Lindquist stressed the importance of outreach for MUCC moving forward.

Emergency Resolution – Come home to hunt. Dawn Levey (PatrickHogan) motions to move it to the convention. Motion passed.

Carol Rose (Jay Maki) made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:10AM

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**General Session – Saturday, June 22, 2019**

**Call to Order and Welcome** – of the 82<sup>st</sup> annual meeting was made at 9:21 a.m. by President George Lindquist.

George Lindquist declared today is Past Presidents Day. The past presidents were honored. 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Conservation Pledge was led by Vice President Greg Peter.

George Lindquist introduced Region 4 Director Carol Rose who shared the 2019 Moments of Memory.

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

**Orders of the Day** – reviewed by Nick Green, MUCC staff.

George Lindquist 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, and an update will be given on the number of votes.

Fran will update if needed prior to voting on the Bylaws Amendments.

**Report of the Nominating Committee** – given by MUCC Wildlife Committee Chair Rob Miller.

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 2019-2020**

Region 1: Mike Taylor

Region 3: Jane Finnerty

Region 5: Dawn Levey

Region 7: Ron Burris

Region 9: Sam Morello

At Large Director (Region 5): No nominations

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

Region 1: Bryan Reynolds

Region 2: Gary Gorniak, Donald Canfield, Steve Dey

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

Region 4: Jim Jett

Region 5: Tim Hall, Abraham Downer – IM, Casey Miller – IM

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

Region 7: Judy VanRhee, Chuck Konneck, Diane Konneck IM-David VanLopik

Region 8: Roger Calhoun, Tim Muir Jr, Leonard Shaner, Zach Snyder – IM

Region 9: Bruce Levey, Gary Summers

Nominations will be taken from the floor.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Rob Miller asked if there were any other nominations for the Region 1 Executive Board. No nominations.

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

Jack Lehto (Jay Maki) move to close.

- Vote on motion
- Motion passed

Rob Miller asked if there were any other nominations for Region 3 Executive Board. No nominations.

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

Jack Lehto (Dawn Levey) moved to close.

- Vote on motion
- Motion passed

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

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

Jack Lehto (Bill Krepps) moved to close.

- Vote on motion
- Motion passed

Rob Miller asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 7 Director. No nominations. Rob Miller asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 7 Director.

Jack Lehto (VanLopik) moved to close.

- Vote on motion
- Motion passed

Rob Miller asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 9 Director. No nominations. Rob Miller asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 9 Director.

Jane Finnerty (Mike Taylor) moved to close.

- Vote on motion
- Motion passed

Rob Miller asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 5 At Large Director. Burriss made the motion to nominate Jack VanRhee. Jane Finnerty supports. VanRhee accepted.

Rob Miller asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 5 At Large Director.

Maki (VanLopik) moved to close.

- Vote on motion
- Motion passed

## **CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD**

Rob Miller asked if there were any other nominations for the Region 1 Policy Board. George Lindquist nominates Jack Lehto as the Region 1 IM. Jack Lehto accepts. Rob Miller asked for a motion to close nominations for the Region 1 Policy Board.

Kettler (Randy Hammond) moved to close.

- Vote on motion
- Motion passed

Rob Miller asked if there were any other nominations for Region 2 Policy Board. No nominations. Rob Miller asked for a motion to close nominations for Region 2 Policy Board.

Maki (Ted Schulz) moved to close.

- Vote on motion
- Motion passed

Rob Miller asked if there were any other nominations for Region 3 Policy Board. No nominations. Rob Miller asked for a motion to close nominations for Region 3 Policy Board.

Levey (Krepps) moved to close.

- Vote on motion
- Motion passed

Rob Miller asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 4 Voting Members. No nominations. Rob Miller asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 4 Voting Members.

Carol Rose (Summers) moved to close.

- Vote on motion
- Motion passed

Rob Miller asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 5 Voting Members. Dawn Levey (Jack Van Rhee) nominated Kayla Levey and Kevin Eldred. Rob Miller asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 5 Voting Members.

Fran Yeager (VanLopik) moved to close.

- Vote on motion
- Motion passed

Rob Miller asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 6 Voting Members. Rob Miller asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 6 Voting Members.

Jane Finnerty (Dawn Levey) moved to close.

- Vote on motion
- Motion passed

Rob Miller asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 7 Voting Members. No nominations. Rob Miller asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 7 Voting Members.

Kasdorf (Earl) moved to close.

- Vote on motion
- Motion passed

Rob Miller asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 8 Voting Members. Rob Miller asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 8 Voting Members.

Kettler (Randy Hammond) moved to close.

- Vote on motion
- Motion passed

Rob Miller asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 9 Voting Members. Jason Morrisson nominated Elijah Keller. Bruce Levey nominated Ron Eurick. Tony Smith nominated Erik Schnelle. Tony Smith nominates Rob Miller. Rob Miller asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 9 Voting Members.

Dawn Levey (Fran Yeager) moved to close.

- Vote on motion
- Motion passed

Jack VanRhee (Dawn Levey) motion to accept all of the candidates

- Vote on motion
- Motion passed unanimously

**New Business**

George Lindquist amended the agenda to have Jason speak at 2:30pm today rather than tomorrow morning.

PPP: Russ Mason was recognized by President George Lindquist.

George Lindquist asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda.

Jay Maki (Ron Burris) moved to approve the agenda as amended.

- Vote on motion
- Motion passed unanimously

George Lindquist asked for a motion to approve the 2018 Convention minutes.

Dawn Levey (Krepps) moved to approve the minutes.

- Vote on motion
- Motion passed unanimously

George Lindquist proceeded with new club affiliate recognitions. Michael Reipen – Michigan Deer Track'n Hounds. Crazy Dave McCon – Paw Paw Conservation Club. Dean Hall – Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger.

**Emergency Resolution Announcements** – George Lindquist announced the emergency resolution introduced by Dawn Levey.

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

- Jane Finnerty (Region 3)
- Dawn Levey (Region 5)
- Ron Burris (Region 7)
- Jack VanRhee (At-Large Region 5)
- Jim Jett (Region 4 Policy Board)
- Bruce Levey (Region 9 Policy Board)
- Erik Schnell (Region 9 Policy Board)
- Rob Miller (Region 9 Policy Board) Rob Miller rescinds his nomination and will stay as Wildlife Committee Chair. Dawn Levey (VanLopik) moves. Motion carries.

George Lindquist mentioned that Bruce Levey is the parliamentarian of the day.

Fran Yeager, chair of the credentials committee with attendance report. 108 registered delegates. 331 votes carried. 248 club votes. 8 proxy votes. 41 officer votes. 34 IM votes.

PPP: Kris Matthews presented President Lindquist with a fly rod and reel from Matt Lubaway.

## **BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

George Lindquist stated MUCC staff will be reading the proposed amendments. Jack VanRhee was invited to explain the 2 Bylaw 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 2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION, CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD VOTING MEMBERS ELECTED IN THE ODD-NUMBERED REGIONS SHALL SERVE A ONE (1) YEAR TERM. THIS PARTIAL TERM WILL NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE SIX (6) CONTINUOUS SERVICE TERM LIMIT.***

Jay Maki (Ron Burris) moves to bring amendment #1 to the floor.  
Rob Miller (Carol Rose) moves.

Rob Miller (Carol Rose) moves.  
On line 13 strike 2019 and add 2020  
On line 14 change "even" to "odd"

- Vote on amendment
- Amendment passed
  
- Vote on bylaws amendment #1
- Bylaws amendment #1 passed

### **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.

### **SECTION 6 – VOTING**

#### **D. Proxies**

1. A delegate of a Member Club or Junior Member Club may act as a proxy for no more than one (1) other Member Club or Junior Member Club.
2. No Member Club or Junior Member Club may have more than one (1) of its delegates act as proxy for another Member Club or Junior Member Club.
3. **REGION 9 AFFILIATE CLUB DELEGATES MAY CARRY PROXY VOTES FOR UP TO ONE (1) CLUB IN ANOTHER MUCC REGION IF THAT CLUB IS AFFILIATED WITH BOTH MUCC AND THE REGION 9 CLUB. THESE PROXY VOTES ARE ONLY**

**VALID ON THE FLOOR OF THE CONVENTION AND NOT FOR THE PURPOSES OF ELECTING OFFICERS OR CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD MEMBERS.**

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

Bruce Levey moves (Rob Miller) to bring bylaws amendment #2 to the floor.

Past President Bill Krepps asked how we are going to keep track of the votes on the floor. Fran Yeager reports there will have to be a slight change in the credentialing procedure.

Support: Fran Yeager, Erik Schnelle, Mike Thorman

Truschke asked if the number that you could proxy could be higher than one. Answer is that the bylaws would have to be amended.

- Vote on bylaws amendment #2
- Bylaws amendment #2 passed

**POLICY RESOLUTIONS**

Led by President George Lindquist. MUCC staff will read each proposed resolution in its entirety.

**Full text of the resolutions passed at the 2019 Convention are available upon request.**

(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 2019 Annual Convention**

**PASSED RESOLUTIONS**

**#01: YOUTH CLAY TARGET RESOLUTION (Mark Hergenreder, Chelsea Rod and Gun Club):** MUCC will endorse and promote the participation of students in the Michigan High School Clay Target League and will encourage all high schools in Michigan to commit to permitting a high school club to be formed in their district. MUCC will encourage all affiliates to offer a learn to shoot clay target opportunities for youth in their local communities and will encourage the MHSAA to recognize the Michigan High School Clay Target League as a club sport. MUCC will encourage the Michigan DNR to recognize the Michigan High School Clay Target league as an educational program that embraces the recruitment, retainment and reactivation of hunting and shooting sports participants.

**#02A: RESOLUTION TO ALLOW TRACKING DOGS TO BE OFF LEASH WHILE TRACKING BIG GAME ANIMALS (Michael Riepen, Et al., Michigan Deer Track'n Hounds Tracking Club):** MUCC will support an initiative to amend the Michigan Wildlife Conservation order to provide added definition to permit registered trackers to operate one dog at a time off-lead, for the goal of recovering legally hunted big



game animals. MUCC will support and work with Michigan legislature to amend any laws contradictory to the suggested changes regarding allowing a registered tracker to operate one dog off lead for the purpose of recovering legally hunted big game animals.

**#02B: RESOLUTION TO ALLOW REGISTERED TRACKERS TO DISPATCH WOUNDED BIG GAME ANIMALS (Michael Riepen, Et al., Michigan Deer Track'n Hounds Tracking Club):** MUCC will support an initiative to amend the Michigan Wildlife order to provide or remove language to allow registered trackers to dispatch a wounded, legally hunted big game animal for the goal of recovering or ending the suffering of already wounded, legally hunted big game animals in two specific cases: (1) the licensed hunter is unable to walk through a densely wooded area due to a temporary or permanent disability or medical condition (2) the life or safety of the tracking dog is in jeopardy. MUCC will support and work with the Michigan legislature to amend any laws contradictory to the suggested changes regarding allowing registered trackers to dispatch wounded big game animals under the 2 specific cases listed above and to provide exceptions for the goal of recovering or ending the suffering of already wounded, legally hunted big game animals.

**#03: MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION APPOINTMENT CRITERIA (Paul Rose, MUCC Past President):** MUCC will work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, State of Michigan Legislature and Executive office to develop qualification and eligibility criteria which seeks to populate the NRC with members who have a demonstrated interest in both game and non-game fisheries and wildlife, natural resource management, outdoor recreation, a history of personal participation in these activities, and suitable educational and professional background. Consideration for appointment should be given to geographic distribution and the diversity of relevant recreational participation of its membership, as well as a balance among those who have a declared political affiliation. This emphasis on citizen participation should preclude the appointment of former members of the departmental management team of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and members of the Michigan State legislature for a period of eight years subsequent to their most recent date of service or employment.

**#04: MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN CWD AREAS (substitute) (Greg Peter, MUCC Vice President & Erik Schnelle MI QDMA State Chapter President):** MUCC will encourage and support the funding efforts of the NRC and DNR to perform research into determining the best CWD management approaches for Michigan's CWD Management Zones, and any additional areas where the CWD threat is identified with surveillance until sufficient data has been generated as to its effectiveness. MUCC should stress the importance of population control, harvest of the most likely to be infected animals, habitat improvement, hunter education and the role of the hunter/conservationist in this effort. MUCC should encourage the issuance of antlerless permits and the establishment of harvest goals, and in-season harvest updates whenever possible, to decrease the density of susceptible deer where appropriate. MUCC should remain informed as to the design of field studies in consultation with the biologists of the DNR and other wildlife disease authorities who are responsible for the scientific management of this valuable resource.

**#06: COMMERCIAL FISHING STATUTE MODERNIZATION (MUCC Fisheries Committee):** MUCC will work with Michigan legislature to enact legislation that will update commercial fisheries license fees to be commensurate with the oversight that is required of the commercial fisheries. This update to the statute should make improvements that are protective of the fisheries and sport fishing, including: protection of game species (except whitefish) from commercial harvest, governing how often commercial entities check their nets and regulates allowable gear in a manner that also takes into account the time of the

year and specificity of the net, increasing penalties for disturbance of commercial fishing nets and requiring appropriate markers for the location of nets.

**#07: TRIBAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS (Thomas L. Heriter, MUCC Immediate Past President, Saginaw Field and Stream Club):** MUCC will continue to promote and protect hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities in the State of Michigan while also seeking to improve relations with Michigan's Native American Tribal members and leaders.

**#08: USE OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHT TO TRAVEL TO DEER HUNTING SITE (Craig Larson, Dowagiac Conservation Club):** MUCC will 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 to aid with the ingress and egress to the hunting location and not be used for spotlighting, two hours before and two hours after shooting hours while carrying an unloaded firearm or bow and arrow or unloaded crossbow when traveling on foot to or from their hunting location.

**#09: WATER WITHDRAWAL FROM THE MICHINDOH AQUIFER (Ted LePresto, Hillsdale County Conservation Club):** MUCC will work with the Great Lakes Water Compact and the states of Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio (who are members of the Great Lakes Water Compact) to ensure that the rules and processes of the Great Lakes Water Compact be employed in this large scale use or diversion of water of the Great Lakes. MUCC will work with the Environmental Protection Agencies of the States and Provinces of the Great Lakes Water Compact and with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that the waters of the Great Lakes are protected as dictated by the rules and processes of the Great Lakes Water Compact.

**#11: EXPANDED HUNTING OPPORTUNITY WHILE MANAGING FOR A BALANCED DEER HERD (Rob Miller, MUCC Wildlife Chair):** MUCC will work with the DNR and NRC to change the following: 1) The current definition of a combo tag to read valid for the take of one buck and one doe or two bucks with any legal method; 2) To continue to allow a combo buck tag option in areas that would otherwise not allow the take of a doe with any means (such as archery); 3) To make available in all other areas either the new combo or single buck tag; 4) To maintain hunter-supported additional requirements in DMUs that have supported such (such as APRs); 5) In areas of special management needs such as disease or high-density areas additional tags can be made available per DNR recommendations or mandates.

**#12: SPORT SHOOTING RANGES PROTECTION MODERNIZATION ACT (David Van Lopik, Individual Member):** MUCC will 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. New buildings will meet existing building codes. Remodeled buildings will meet building codes in existence when the original structure or structures were built. The legislature will 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 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. The legislature should also enact and/or create civil penalties for private citizen nuisance complaints made to any governmental entity toward a sport shooting range in which those complaints or issues are addressed by Michigan Law, or are based in Common Law.

**#13: PFAS AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANT (Greg Peter, MUCC Vice President):** MUCC will support PFAS education for the public and our affiliates as well as supporting the state agencies to do the necessary research to better address the issue. MUCC will work with other organizations for which this is an issue of concern to better facilitate the objective decision making needed to find solutions to PFAS contamination.

**#17: UNATTENDED CAMERA USE (TRAIL CAMS) ON STATE-MANAGED LANDS (Paul Rose, MUCC Past President):** MUCC will 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. Unattended cameras used for DNR-sponsored or DNR-approved research shall be subject to a separate policy regarding their use.

**#19: SPORTSMEN'S CLUB/SHOOTING CLUB FIREARMS OWNERSHIP (Jack Letho, Individual Member):** MUCC will work with the Federal Government, Michigan Legislature and the Governor's office to enact legislation that will legally allow organized, incorporated sportsmen's clubs and/or shooting clubs to register firearms owned by the club.

**#20: RESOLUTION TO ASSURE FAIR AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS DERIVED FROM GAS TAX (Tim Kobasic on behalf of the Hiawathaland Trail Association):** MUCC will support an initiative to change the Michigan Recreational Improvement Account matrix of fund distribution to include only those entities that directly contribute to the account via the gas tax. The Michigan Legislature resolves to also amend the Michigan Improvement Account matrix of fund distribution to establish as fair and equitable sharing of said funds proportionate to the current economic impact by unit sales, and/or permit (license) unit sales, and/or impact on tourism for the State of Michigan. A percentage of all proportionate designated funds shall be put aside for all related remuneration needs and eligible for application and use by those county, state and federal and highway management agencies affected.

**#21: COME HOME TO HUNT (Dawn Levey, MUCC Past President):** Michigan United Conservation Clubs will work with the Natural Resource Commission and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to establish a discounted base hunting license, hunt/fish combo, fishing licenses and the 7-day small game/base for family non-residents, with the exception of animals or birds that require a separate license. Qualified non-resident will mean a son, daughter, mother, father, grandson, granddaughter, step, adopted or natural to a current resident of Michigan.

#### **WITHDRAWN RESOLUTIONS**

**#5: SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH INTO CWD MANAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES (Erik Schnelle, Michigan QDMA State Chapter President):** MUCC will encourage and support the efforts of the NRC and DNR to perform research into determining the best CWD management approaches for Michigan's CWD Management Zones, and any additional areas where the CWD threat is identified with surveillance until sufficient data have been generated as to its effectiveness. MUCC should stress the importance of population control and the role of the hunter/conservationist in this effort and encourage the issuance of additional doe permits and the establishment of doe harvest goals, where advisable, to decrease the density of susceptible deer. MUCC will remain involved in the design of any field studies in consultation with the biologists of the DNR and other wildlife disease authorities.

#### **FAILED RESOLUTIONS**

**#10: EXPAND NUMBER OF RODS FOR BOATING ANGLER (Mike Avery, Individual Member):** MUCC will work with the Michigan Legislature and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to enact legislation to allow the DNR to expand the number of lines for boating anglers in the Great Lakes only.

**#14: MANDATORY DEER REGISTRATION (Rob Miller, MUCC Wildlife Chair):** MUCC will work with the DNR and NRC to enact a mandatory deer check system that is supported with penalties for those that ignore this requirement. This system should entertain these or similar steps: 1) Have a simple call in with predetermined questions such as ID, animal description, method of take, area of take; 2) An online system that will complement the call-in system as another means of reporting; 3) Historic drive-in check stations 4) The deer will need to be registered within 24 hours OR 24 hours of returning home from camp (to accommodate where phone/internet access is not viable).

**#15: STATE PARKS ENDOWMENT FUND (SPEF) OVERSIGHT (Greg Peter, MUCC Vice President):** MUCC will work to develop a similar governing body for the SPEF to make decisions as to the disbursement of the fund for acquisition, improvement, and restoration (capital expenditures) and not for operations (recognizing that any such project will have a certain % of labor cost and staff time needed above and beyond the normal operating costs of the Division – a percentage to be considered by the suggested board as that which is appropriate to the grant proposal).

**#16: ONE BUCK PER HUNTER IN EACH PENINSULA (Charles Felcyn, Paw Paw Conservation Club):** MUCC will work with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and the Michigan Legislature if necessary to simplify and restructure the deer license to include one LP buck tag and one UP buck tag eliminating the need for the combo deer license. The DNR and the NRC will manage Michigan's deer herd for health, buck to doe ratio, and quality and not quantity. The DNR and NRC will provide sufficient antlerless tags available to meet the needs of managing the deer herd in that Deer Management Unit.

**#18: CENTERFIRE CHANGES TO MICHIGAN'S LIMITED FIREARM ZONE (Charles Felcyn, Paw Paw Conservation Club):** MUCC will work with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Natural Resources Commission to change Michigan's limited firearm deer zone to have the same firearm restrictions and regulations as the rest of Michigan.

## PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

George Lindquist led the discussion on the proposed resolutions.

### ***Proposed Resolution #01***

George Lindquist asked for a motion to bring proposed resolution #01 to the floor.

Ron Burriss (Patrick Hogan) moved

Jen Davis (Dawn Levey) moved to amend line 7, strike "handicaps" and replace with "disabilities"

- Vote on amendment #1
- Amendment #1 passed

Dawn Levey (Jack VanRhee) moved to amend line 33, strike "club."

- Vote on amendment #2
- Amendment #2 passed

Support: Jim Pryce, Fred Truschke, Tony Smith, and David VanLopik, sport shooting and range committee.

- Vote on proposed resolution #01 as amended
- Proposed resolution #01 passed unanimously as amended

***Proposed Resolution #02***

George Lindquist asked for a motion to bring proposed resolution #02 to the floor.

Rob Miller (Greg Peter) moved to bring resolution #02 to the floor.

Rob Miller (Greg Peter) moved to split the resolution as provided in the comments book into #02A and #02B.

- Vote on motion to split proposed resolution #02
- Motion to split resolution #02 passed

***Proposed Resolution #02A***

George Lindquist asked for a motion to bring proposed resolution 2A to the floor.

Rob Miller (Tony Smith) moved to bring 2A to the floor

Support: Wildlife Committee, Michael Riepen (maker)x2, Mike Thorman, Patrick Hogan, Jim Wale

Opposed: Bruce Levey, Chris Kettler (Not completely opposed, but concerned), Jay Maki, Mike Taylor

- Vote on proposed resolution #02A
- Proposed resolution #02A passed

PPP: Dawn Levey, Region 5. 200 dollars to the cooler at youth camp.

Bruce Levey calls for division

Yea - 231 Nea – 72

Proposed Resolution #02A passed by 2/3<sup>rd</sup> required

***Resolution #02B***

George Lindquist asked for a motion to bring proposed resolution #02B to the floor.

Greg Peter (Jane Finnerty) moves to bring resolution #02B to the floor.

Support: Wildlife Committee

Mike Riepen (Patrick Hogan) moves to amend by striking lines 11 through 14 starting at “in”

Oppose amendment: Wildlife Committee, David VanLopik, Erik Schnelle

Mike Riepen (Erik Schnelle) moves to amend the amendment by striking 200 feet in field conditions.

Support: Patrick Hogan, Fred Truschke

Oppose: Jay Maki

- Vote on motion of the amended amendment
- Motion carries

Support as amended: Wildlife Committee, Erik Schnelle, Mike Thorman, Michael Riepen, Jason Morrisson, Patrick Hogan

Oppose as amended: Alex Schaffer, Jen Davis

- Vote on proposed resolution #02B
- Proposed resolution #02B passed

Call for division by Mike Taylor

Yea - 211 Nea- 91

Proposed resolution #02B passed by 2/3<sup>rd</sup> required

PPP: Greg Peter mentioned the importance of tracks magazine and donations

PPP: George Lindquist recognized Dan Eichinger, current DNR Director.

### **Annual Report**

Executive Director Amy Trotter welcomed everyone to the 82<sup>st</sup> annual convention.

Amy mentioned 7 staff departures, 5 staff arrivals. And one boomerang, left and came.

The Deputy Director position is still open.

Amy Trotter thanked Dan Eichinger for his work, and being here today. Amy thanked the past presidents.

Trotter introduced the MUCC staff:

- Max Bass, Camp Director
- Amber Albert, Club Membership Coordinator
- Ian FitzGerald, Policy and Special Events Assistant
- Makhayla LaButte, OTG Coordinator
- 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
- Stephanie Wheeler, MSU Glassen Scholar

There are sewage repairs needed at camp, estimated cost of \$3,600.

Region 7 donated 100 dollars yesterday to the cooler, and Region 5 donated 500 dollars. Amy Trotter invited Tim Muir Jr. to the stage. Lake St. Clair Walleye Association is donating 1000 and Tim donated 40 dollars to the sewage repairs. Amy listed all of the individuals and clubs that have put forth donations towards the cooler.

Field operations, OTG is doing well and Makhayla has completed 7 projects in 6 weeks. Autumn has been with the organization since January, and has completed a list of the OTG projects completed on an integrated web interface. OTG had its 2,500<sup>th</sup> volunteer which we recognized. Last fiscal year alone, 3,500 volunteer hours were put into habitat. Consumers Energy has completed 3 projects with us and are sending their employees to conduct habitat work.

Wildlife cooperatives are doing great, and the UP has gained its first cooperatives. 12,000 acres have been added to coops since last convention. Coop acres now total to 350,000 acres. Pheasant rendezvous went from 13 people last year to 42 this year. Habitat workshop series reached 160 people in just 5 events.

Consumers Energy Foundation has also donated \$100,000 to start the "On-the-Water" program. There will be projects July 6, July 13, and 20.

Tracks Magazine brings in \$64,000 dollars a year. 15,000 tracks subscriptions now. Sue Pride has helped to facilitate much of this. Sue has spent 37 years with MUCC.

Michigan Out-of-Doors has been growing rapidly since in the hands of Nick Green. Award winning writers are now in our magazine. MOOD is now in the black due to his work.

A study commissioned by the C.S. Mott Foundation along with the MSU Broad College of Business derived the economic impact of hunting and fishing in Michigan. \$11.2 billion economic impact.

Stephanie has dove into the policy world and is the Glassen intern for this summer.

Amy recognized Ian for his work in policy and events.

During the 2017-2018 legislative session we tracked 77 bills. Connected with legislators on 63 of them. Through this work we have secured \$3.6 million for CWD, approved the land strategy, and added more public land. 330 hours in lobbying during the last session. Nearly 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the bills we engage on, we win. 27 bills signed into law. 13 got killed. 3% loss rate.

Vicki Pontz will unfortunately not be here today due to health issues.

Amy Trotter thanked all of the chairs that serve on the policy board.

**Future items:** Our education and grants fund 60% of the organization. But they don't fund office space, janitors, or lobbying. We need to restructure our funding.

Marketing tracks beyond the classroom. Lapsed member campaigns and auto renewals will be taking effect.

Conservation partners program to gain interest in corporations.

\$1,592 was raised during Amy's announcement for the sewage problem at camp.

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

MDNR Director Dan Eichinger was presented an award and tribute on behalf of MUCC to honor the MDNR Parks and Recreation Division on their 100 years of Michigan State Parks.

Director Eichinger addressed the audience highlighting priorities of MDNR, including:

- Fish and Wildlife Health
- Changing comfort zones and how we hunt to combat disease.
- Michigan State Parks
- Infrastructure issues with Michigan State Parks
- Renewable energy in the state parks
- Old fish hatcheries and their infrastructure needs

-Invasive species – Brandon Road Lock and Dam to help prevent the spread of Asian Carp in the Great Lakes, Illinois is now on board.

-Conservation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century - “resiliency and relevancy”

-Finding a pathway to engage people with little opportunity to access wildlife and wetlands

Jason Dinsmore from National Wildlife Federation gave an update on policy issues that the National Wildlife Federation are working on.

-Asian Carp

-LWCF, dedicated funding

Fran Yeager PPP: Fran mentioned the elections and for all voting delegates to go and vote. Needs volunteers to help count votes. Two tonight and Three tomorrow morning. 6 volunteers to help count votes.

No change in the number of votes on the floor.

### ***Proposed Resolution #03***

George Lindquist asked for a motion to bring proposed resolution #03 to the floor.

Greg Peter (Jack VanRhee) moved to bring to the floor

Mindy Koch (Rob Miller) moves to amend:

1. On line 11 strike “and” after “Resources.” On lines 11 and 12 Add “and Executive Office” after “Legislature.”
2. On line 13 after “management,” add “outdoor recreation,”
3. On line 19 strike “employees” and add “members of departmental management teams”
4. On lines 19-20 strike “Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)” and add “Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy”
5. On line 21 strike “ten” and add “eight”
  - Vote on amendment
  - Amendment passed

Support: Past President Don Meixner, Mindy Koch, Paul Rose (Maker)

- Vote on proposed resolution #03
- Proposed resolution #03 passed unanimously

### ***Proposed Resolution #04***

George Lindquist asked for a motion to bring proposed resolution #04 to the floor.

Dawn Levey (Bruce Levey) moved

Robert Miller (Pat Hogan) moved to bring forth a substitute for proposed resolution #04

### **Substitute Resolution #04**

**Submitted by:** Greg Peter, MUCC Vice President & Erik Schnelle MI QDMA State Chapter President

**MUCC Region:** 8

**Proposed:** June 22, 2019





approaches for Michigan's CWD Management Zones, and any additional areas where the CWD threat is identified with surveillance, until sufficient data have been generated as to its effectiveness, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, MUCC should stress the importance of population control, harvest of the most likely to be infected animals, habitat improvement, hunter education and the role of the hunter/conservationist in this effort and encourage the issuance of antlerless permits and the establishment of harvest goals, and in-season harvest updates whenever possible, to decrease the density of susceptible deer where appropriate, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, MUCC remain informed as to the design of field studies in consultation with the biologists of the DNR and other wildlife disease authorities who are responsible for the scientific management of this valuable resource.

Support: Wildlife Committee

- Vote on substitute resolution #04
- Substitute resolution #04 passed unanimously

***Proposed Resolution #05***

George Lindquist asked for a motion to withdraw proposed resolution #05

Erik Schnelle (Greg Peter) moved

- Vote on motion to withdraw proposed resolution #05
- Motion to withdraw proposed resolution #05 passed

***Proposed Resolution #06***

George Lindquist asked for a motion to bring proposed resolution #6 to the floor.

Jane Finnerty (Jim Jett) moved

Support: Fisheries Chair Eric Braden

- Vote on proposed resolution #06
- Proposed resolution #06 passed unanimously

***Proposed Resolution #07***

Greg Peter asked for a motion to bring proposed resolution #07 to the floor.

Tony Smith (Ron Burris) moved

Support: Tom Heritier (maker)

- Vote on proposed resolution #07
- Proposed resolution #07 passed unanimously

***Proposed Resolution #08***

Greg Peter asked for a motion to bring proposed resolution #08 to the floor.

Pat Hogan (Tony Smith) moved

Rob Miller (Jim Jett) moves to amend:

1. lines 13-14 after the word "light" and before "to" add "to aid with the ingress and egress to the hunting location and not to be used for spotlighting"
  2. lines 15 after "arrow" and before "when" add "unloaded crossbow"
- Vote on amendment
  - Passed unanimously

Support as amended: Wildlife Committee

- Vote on proposed resolution #08 as amended
- Proposed resolution #08 passed unanimously as amended

***Proposed Resolution #09***

Greg Peter asked for a motion to bring proposed resolution #09 to the floor.

Pat Hogan (Ron Burris) moved

Support: Ted LoPresto, Ron Burris

- Vote on proposed resolution #09
- Proposed resolution #09 passed

***Proposed Resolution #10***

Greg Peter asked for a motion to bring proposed resolution #10 to the floor

Allen Kasdorf (Pat Hogan) moved

Pat Hogan (Earl) moved to amend the title and line 13, strike "trolling" and add "boating"

- Vote on amendment #1
- Motion carries

Support: Mike Avery (maker), Jim Wale

Oppose: Fisheries Committee, Bruce Levey, David VanLopik (not for inland waterways), George Lindquist, Roberta Reed

Rose (Jett) moved to allow Mike Avery to speak a third time.

- Vote on motion to allow speaking
- Motion passed

Erick Schnelle (Pat Hogan) moves to amend line 13 after "angler" to add "in the Great Lakes only."

- Vote on amendment #2
- Amendment #2 passed
  
- Vote on proposed resolution #10 as amended
- Proposed resolution #10 failed to pass as amended

***Proposed Resolution #11***

Greg Peter asked for a motion to bring proposed resolutions #11 to the floor.  
Maki (Kettler) moves

Rob Miller (VanLopik), wildlife committee chair moves to amend:

1. Line 22 after the word “doe,” add “or two bucks”
2. Line 24-25 rewrite to say “Continue to allow a combo buck tag option in areas that would otherwise not allow the take of a does with any means (such as archery)”
3. Line 26 strike the words “(both sex)”

Oppose: U.P. Whitetails of Marquette County

- Vote on amendment
- Amendment passed unanimously

Support as amended: Rob Miller (Maker; Wildlife Committee), Erik Schnelle

Oppose as amended: Jack Lehto

- Vote on proposed resolution #11 as amended
- Proposed resolution #11 passed as amended

Call for division by Dawn Levey

Yea – 246 Nea - 66

Proposed resolution #11 passed by 2/3<sup>rd</sup> required

PPP: Lindquist mentioned Cliff Waters who couldn't make it, got him into MUCC.

### ***Proposed Resolution #12***

Greg Peter asked for a motion to bring proposed resolution #12 to the floor.

Ron Burris (Kayla Levey) moved

Supports: David VanLopik (Maker) George Lindquist

- Vote on proposed resolution #12
- Proposed resolution #12 passed unanimously

### ***Proposed Resolution #13***

Lindquist made a motion to bring proposed resolution #12 to the floor.

Jack Lehto (Mike Taylor) moved

Maker Greg Peter explains the resolution

Supports: Jen Davis, Fred Trushcke

- Vote on proposed resolution #13.
- Resolution #13 passed unanimously

### ***Proposed Resolution #14***

Lindquist asked for a motion to bring proposed resolution #14 to the floor.

Rose (Tony Smith) moved

Rob Miller (Erik Schnelle) on behalf of the Wildlife Committee moves to amend on line 3 between the words “accurate” and “information” add the words “real time” and between lines 5 and 6 add another “WHEREAS, Michigan’s current harvest estimation system is believed to be one of the best methods employed by any agency in the country.”

- Vote on amendment #1
- Amendment #1 passed unanimously

Mike Taylor (Erik Schnelle) moves to strike lines 4 and 5

- Vote on amendment #2
- Amendment #2 passed

Support on amended resolution: Rob Miller (Wildlife Committee), Erik Schnelle, Greg Peter

Opposition to amended resolution: Bruce Levey, Alex Schaffer, Paul Rose, Tony Smith

- Vote on proposed resolution #14 as amended
- Proposed resolution #14 failed as amended

***Proposed Resolution #15***

Lindquist asked for a motion to bring proposed resolution #15 to the floor.

Carol Rose (Ted Schulz) moved

Greg Peter (Maker) explains resolution

Oppose: Chuck Hooverx2

- Vote on proposed resolution #15
- Proposed resolution #15 failed

***Proposed Resolution #16***

Lindquist asked for a motion to bring proposed resolution #16 to the floor.

Rob Miller (Fred Trushcke) moved

Crazy Dave speaks on the makers behalf

Support: Rob Miller (Wildlife Committee)

Oppose: Mike Taylor, Mike Thorman, Gary Gorniak

- Vote on proposed resolution #16
- Proposed resolution #16 failed unanimously

***Proposed Resolution #17***

Lindquist asked for a motion to bring proposed resolution #17 to the floor.

Rose (Jett) moved

Maker Paul Rose explained the resolution.

Support: Wildlife Committee unanimously supports

- Vote on proposed resolution #17
- Proposed resolution #17 passed unanimously

***Proposed Resolution #18:***

Lindquist asked for a motion to bring proposed resolution #18 to the floor.

Jack Lehto (Summers) moved

Support: Furmer Reed, Rob Miller on behalf of the Wildlife Committee,

Oppose: Bruce Levey, Gary Gorniak, Erik Schnelle, Jen Davis, Gary Summers, Rob Miller

- Vote on proposed resolution #18
- Proposed resolution #18 failed

Bruce Levey (Kayla Levey) moved to recess.

*Announcements:*

- *Voting is open at 5:30 PM*
- *The awards dinner will start at 6:30 PM*
- *The meeting will stand in recess until 8:30 AM*

**General Session – Sunday, June 23, 2019**

Lindquist called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

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

**Announcements:**

- Credential report given by Fran Yeager: Yesterday 331 votes. Maximum today is 324 votes.
- President Lindquist touched on the importance of the OTG program and MUCC habitat endeavors.
- Amy Trotter mentioned that the polos that staff are wearing are open for sale on lands end. Urged the members to take handouts home.

**Treasurer's Report**

PPP: Fran Yeager: Gave thanks to Ian and Amber. The 2017-2018 fiscal year report is available, contact the office. Our current financial situation is 60% funded by grants and education. This doesn't pay for bills and such, mostly programs. Club memberships are steady, but IM memberships have been dropping. The MUCC headquarters building was sold and the funds were invested into an endowment fund. Budget and finance committee is reenacted to try and improve our financial situation.

-Planned giving, talk to your financial advisor

-Corporate Sponsor

**Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund**

Amy Trotter gave a presentation on the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the upcoming SJR O. November 2020 this will be on the ballot as an amendment to the state constitution.

**New Business**

***Proposed Emergency Resolution #21***

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

Dawn Levey (Mike Taylor) moved

Dawn Levey (Rob Miller) moves to change "nonresident" to "family nonresident" on lines 11 and 14; and strike 16 through 21

Support on amendment #1: Greg Peter, Mike Taylor, Rob Miller

Oppose on amendment #1: Carol Rosex2, Megan Hall

- Vote on amendment #1
- Amendment #1 passed

Support as amended: Bruce Levey, Rob Miller, George Lindquist, Dan Macut, Tony Smith  
Oppose as amended: Alex Schafferx2, Roberta Reed, Mike Hogan

Jen Davis (Jody Matthew) moves to amend by adding “to establish a criteria for who is defined as a qualified nonresident” after “commission.”

Support on amendment #2: Norman Miller

Oppose on amendment #2: Carol Rose

- Vote on amendment #2
- Amendment #2 failed

Support as originally amended: Jack VanRhee, David VanLopik, Erik Schnelle, Kayla Levey, Mike Taylor

Oppose as originally amended: Pat Hoganx2, Greg Peter, Megan Hall

- Vote on proposed resolution #21 as originally amended
- Proposed resolution #21 passed as originally amended

### ***Proposed Resolution #19***

Lindquist asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #19 to the floor.

Ted Schulz (Dawn Levey) moved

Jack Lehto (maker) explained the resolution.

Rob Miller (Jane Finnerty) moves to amend on line 3 to add “and Federal” after “state”

- Vote on amendment
- Amendment passed unanimously

Support: David VanLopik, Tony Smith

- Vote on proposed resolution #19 as amended
- Proposed resolution #19 passed unanimously as amended.

### ***Proposed Resolution #20***

Lindquist asked for a motion to bring proposed resolution #20 to the floor.

Carol Rose (Jack VanRhee) moved

Pat Hogan (Rob Miller) moves amend by striking lines 21 and 22.

- Vote on amendment
- Amendment passed

Support: Pat Hogan

- Vote on proposed resolution #20 as amended
- Proposed resolution #20 passed as amended

**- Done with policy resolutions -**

## **POLICY REPORT**

*Ian FitzGerald*

-Commercial Fishing HB 4567-4569 (support)

-Sturgeon HB 4018 (support)

-DNR budget (support)

*Amy Trotter*

- MPHI (support)
- Pheasant Stamp HB 4313 (support)
- Pneumatic airbows HB 4332
- Hunter harassment HB 4340 (support)
- Baiting SB 37, HB 4687 (oppose)
- Commercial guiding HB 4442 (support)
- Earn a buck provision SB 35 (oppose)

PPP: Ian FitzGerald recognized the volunteers and Amy Trotter for her hard work.

PPP: Wanton waste was stressed by Greg Peter after Sandhill cranes was brought up.

**Elections Committee Report:** Kay Leja gave the report on the elected officers and Conservation Policy Board voting members for 2019-2020.

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

**Region Directors:**

- Region 1: Mike Taylor
- Region 3: Jane Finnerty
- Region 5: Dawn Levey
- Region 7: Ron Burris
- Region 9: Sam Morello

**At-Large Directors:**

- Region 5 Vacant: Jack VanRhee

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

- Region 1: Bryan Reynolds
- Region 2: Gary Gorniak, Steve Dey, Don Canfield
- Region 3: Bruce Finnerty, Lee Zeem, Greg Nicolaou
- Region 4: Jim Jett
- Region 5: Kevin Eldred, Kayla Levey, Tim Hall
- Region 6: Dan McMaster, Jon Wilson, Ted Schulz
- Region 7: Chuck Konneck, Diane Konneck, Judy VanRhee
- Region 8: Leonard Shaner, Tim Muir Jr., Roger Calhoun
- Region 9: Elijah Keller, Bruce Levey, Gary Summers

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

Fran Yeager (Jim Jett) moved

- Vote on motion
- Motion passed

Raffle grossed \$3,885; \$3,225 net was raised.

Lindquist asked for a motion to adjourn at 11:19 a.m.



Kayla Levey (Bruce Levey) moved

- Vote on motion to adjourn
- Motion passed; meeting stands adjourned

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**Michigan United Conservation Clubs  
Post-Convention Executive Board Meeting  
Sunday, June 23, 2019**

President George Lindquist called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m. Amy Trotter verified a quorum was present.

Newly elected officers took their oaths of office.

Lindquist asked for a motion to ensure the signatories stay the same.

George Lindquist  
Greg Peter  
Fran Yeager  
Amy Trotter

Dawn Levey (Jay Maki) moved the signatories stay the same.

- Vote on motion to ensure signatories stay the same
- Motion passed

Dawn Levey (Greg Peter) moved to adjourn at 11:27am.

With the election to Treasurer, Fran Yeager 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.

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

- Vote on resignation
- Motion passed; resignation is accepted

The first Conservation Policy Board will be September 22 and Greg 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 are 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.

Jay Maki (Carol Rose) moved to adjourn at 11:31 a.m.

- Vote on adjournment
- Meeting stands adjourned