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MUCC Conservation Policy Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting of March 7, 2020
Ashley Sportsman's Club
Bannister, MI

The meeting was called to order by MUCC Vice President Greg Peter at 12:32PM.

Dawn Levey, Executive Board Region 5 Director led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Conservation Pledge.

George Lindquist, President of MUCC, and Greg Peter, Vice President of MUCC, gave a brief introduction of the meeting and introduced the MUCC board members and staff. Everyone in the room introduced themselves as well.

Gary Summers (Ted Schulz) moved to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIES

Jim Jett (Bruce Levey) moved to approve the minutes from Dec 7, 2019 Conservation Policy Board. MOTION CARRIES.

Doug Craven, the Natural Resources director from Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians discussed treaty rights and natural resources management. Total licenses issued were discussed. 17% of LTBB citizens are license holders. Youth education is a big push to teach tribal treaty rights for hunting and fishing. Majority of funding comes from Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Chad Fedewa of DNR Wildlife Division covered the vacancy of Wildlife Chief, budget outlook which is not great due to low PR dollars and license sales. He also covered deer regulations, which will likely occur in two phases. CWD was also covered, and additional funding requests for research. Research goals are management tools, transmission methods and environmental contamination.

Chad and Amy Trotter, MUCC Executive Director, shared a bit about the MUCC On the Ground program as a "moment for the mission."

Operating Policies and Practices

Greg Peter discussed a policy board description document that was developed by an adhoc committee.

Committee Reports

Youth and Education: Did not meet today.

Wildlife: Chris Kettler acting chair: 27 listed members and 3 staff participate. This year reviewed 20 wildlife resolutions. Committee meeting on 3-14-20. Resolution input will come as each resolution is presented.

Fisheries: Tim Muir Jr.: Discussed 4 proposed resolutions. Commercial fishing regulations, tribal negotiations, Asian carp and legislative topics.



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Range: Jack Ammerman: Discussed emerging issues, went over resolutions and started an email list. Looking for new members.

Parks: Chuck Hoover : Discussed parks open to hunting and how to educate hunters that they can hunt on state park properties.

Discussion of Proposed Resolutions

Proposed Resolution #H. *Further Measures to Facilitate the Elimination of Feral Swine* Submitted by Greg Peter.

Gary Summers (Diane Konneck) moves to change the word “microchip” to “permanent”. Motion carries

Diane Konneck (Leonard Shaner) moved TO GO TO THE 2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #Q. *Limiting January Archery Hunts* Submitted by Mike Thorman

Wildlife committee opposes

Bruce Finnerty (Diane Konneck) moved TO POSTPONE ACTION AND REFER BACK TO WRITER. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #R. *Feral Cats as an Invasive Species* Submitted by Greg Peter

Wildlife Committee suggests striking lines 19 and 20. Remove “oppose trap neuter and release programs and” from lines 21.

Gary Summers (Jack Lehto) moves to amend the proposed resolution as mentioned by wildlife committee. Motion carries.

Ted Schulz (Jim Jett) moves TO GO TO THE 2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #S. *Rescind Outdated MUCC Policy AC740676 and AC 760676 regarding firearm transportation in a vehicle.*

Bruce Finnerty (Jack Lehto) MOVES TO GO TO THE 2020 ANNUAL COVENTION. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #T. *Reduced Youth Hunting Fees* Submitted by Chelsea Rod and Gun Club

Bruce Finnerty (Chuck Konneck) moved TO GO TO THE 2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #U. *Work to change language in MCL that puts Michigan hunters and shooters in jeopardy of committing a crime* Submitted by Jack Ammerman

Chuck Konneck (Tim Muir Jr.) moved TO GO TO THE 2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION. MOTION CARRIED.



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Resolution #V. *Recess in K-5* Submitted by Dawn Levey

Jim Jett (Chuck Konneck) moves GO TO THE 2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION. MOTION PASSES.

Resolution #W. *Work with the MDNR to align free fishing weekend with Father's Day* Submitted by Tim Muir Jr.

Fisheries committee supports.

Gary Summers (Ted Schulz) moves to amend on line 16 by adding "in the summer" after weekends. MOTION CARRIED.

Kevin Eldred (Gary Summers) moved TO GO TO THE 2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #X. *Hunter Orange* Submitted by Bruce Levey

Bruce Levey (Kayla Levey) moved TO GO THE 2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #Y. *Preservation of Hunting Contests* Submitted by Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers Association

Wildlife Committee supports

Steve Dey (Leonard Shaner) to add "and social media" after communciations. MOTION CARRIED.

Gary Summers (Steve Dey) moved TO GO THE 2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #Z. *A resolution to propose a state tax credit for the donation and processing of legally harvested deer to feed the hungry of our state.* Submitted by Dean Hall.

Bruce Levey (Gary Summers) moved TO GO THE ANNUAL CONVENTION. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #AA. *Allow hunters one leftover spring turkey tag* Submitted by Zach Snyder

Wildlife Committee supports as written

Bruce Finnerty (Zach Snyder) moves TO GO TO THE 2020nANNUAL CONVENTION. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #AB. *Clarify ATV helmet laws* Submitted by Joe Sommers

Fisheries committee supports

Jon Wilson (Luke Sitton) moves to amend the resolution by adding adult before rider on line 5. MOTION CARRIED.

Diane Konneck (Jack Lehto) moves TO GO TO THE 2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION. MOTION CARRIED.



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Resolution #AC. *Logging Quiet Time* Submitted by Leonard Shaner
Ted Schulz (Gary Summers) moves TO GO TO THE 2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #AD. *Better define or discontinue the public boat launch "restricted hours of use"* Submitted
by Rob Miller

Fisheries committee supports

Tim Muir (Zach Snyder) moves TO GO TO THE 2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #AE. *One Buck Rule* Submitted by Ron Launstein

Wildlife Committee opposes unanimously

Gary Summers (Bruce Levey) moves TO REFER BACK TO THE WRITER. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #AF. *Supplemental bear feeding to mitigate nuisance complaints* Submitted by Michigan Bear
Hunter Association

Wildlife Committee opposes.

Zach Snyder moves TO GO TO THE 2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION. DIED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT AND
NO ADDITIONAL MOTION.

Resolution #AG. *Enhanced deer management for herd health & hunter recruitment, retention &
reactivation* Submitted by Erik Schnelle

Wildlife recommends striking 1-3, 6-7, 18-21 and in line 35 strike "in part, by protecting the majority of
yearling bucks."

Bruce Levey (Jim Jett) moves to amend by the above suggestion from wildlife committee. MOTION
FAILS.

Zach Snyder (Fred Trushcke) moves TO GO TO THE 2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION. MOTION FAILED.

Resolution #AH. *Voluntary QDM/APR* Submitted by MUCC Region 5

Wildlife committee suggests amending by adding "and oppose mandatory (even where already
implemented)" after voluntary on line 14.

Bruce Levey (Kevin Eldred) moves to amend by the above suggestion. Levey withdraws amendment.

Steve Dey (Bruce Finnerty) moves TO POSTPONE ACTION AND REFER BACK TO WRITER. MOTION
CARRIED.



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Policy and MUCC Updates given from Executive Director Amy Trotter and Policy Assistant Ian FitzGerald

Policy

- HB 4313 – Pheasant stamp
- HB 4567-69 Commercial Fishing
- HB 5558, 5559, and 5560 Commercial Guiding
- Budget was also discussed including Asian carp appropriation, invasive species and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.
- Cormorant comments are due on March 9, in two days.
- NRC updates were discussed as well.

Executive Board Report

President George Lindquist discussed the executive board meeting which occurred yesterday. Policy board position description and audit were the highlights. A day of the feathered event was discussed by Nick Green. It is in partnership with BHA, RGS and Hunting dog podcast. Film festival event for birds.

Closing Announcements

- Convention is in Sault Ste. Marie June 27 and 28.

Bruce Finnerty (Bruce Levey) MOVED TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:19 P.M.