

MUCC Conservation Policy Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting of December 5th, 2020
Zoom Virtual Meeting

The meeting was called to order by MUCC Vice President Tim Muir at 11:10 AM.

Ian FitzGerald, Policy/Special Events Assistant led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Conservation Pledge.

Greg Peter, President of MUCC, and Tim Muir, 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.

Hanson (Shafer) moved to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIES

VanLopik (Schnelle) moved to approve the minutes from the March X, 2020 Conservation Policy Board meeting. MOTION CARRIES

Davis (Calhoun) moved to approve the minutes from Sept 2, 2020, Conservation Policy Board. MOTION CARRIES.

Bill Jackson, from McAlvey Merchants and Associates gave a talk on the political landscape moving forward for the 2021-22 legislative session in Michigan.

Chad Stewart of DNR Wildlife Division covered the second phase of deer regulations in Michigan which is moving through the process of the NRC right now.

Jen Davis provided a report on the PFAs summit that she attended

A break occurred from 1 pm to 1:20 pm.

Committee Reports

Youth and Education: Did not meet today.

Wildlife: Rob Miller: 20+ attendees, went over resolutions C and D. Also brought up access on CFA lands. A subcommittee will be formed to create a resolution.

Fisheries: Tim Muir Jr.: Discussed comm fishing and tribal negotiations. Came to a consensus on fishing resolutions. Roundtable discussion.

Range: Jack Ammerman: 6 members attended. Discussed goals of the committee, being proactive on ranges and sportsmen's groups. Revising the mission statement of the committee to include more firearms-related issues.

Parks: Allen Kasdorf: Discussed designated water trails in the state. Land access permit was also discussed along with promoting that hunting in state parks is allowed in many instances.

Discussion of Proposed Resolutions

Proposed Resolution #A. Pike size limit submitted by Steve Dey and Gary Gorniak

The fisheries committee is in full support of this resolution as is.

(Boswell) VanLopik moved that this resolution is passed onto the 2021 Annual Convention as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Resolution #B. Mother's Day Free Fishing Weekend submitted by Patrick Hogan and Tim Muir Jr.

The fisheries committee is in full support of this resolution as is.

Miller (Davis) moves to amend after line 13 by adding "in addition to Father's Day" after Mother's Day. Motion carries.

Shaner(Miller) moved that this resolution is passed onto the 2021 Annual Convention as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Resolution #C. Foothold Trap Marking and Visibility submitted by Steve Baughan

The resolution was voted to not be consistent with the mission.

Davis (Snyder) moved to refer the resolution back to the writer with comments. Motion carried.

Proposed Resolution #D. Low or no cost CWD testing submitted by Erik Schnelle

Wildlife committee supports this moving forward to convention.

Miller (Shaner) moved that this resolution is passed onto the 2021 Annual Convention as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Amy discussed commercial fishing legislation moving through the Senate. Fisheries order signed by DNR director recently would effectively stop whitefishing operations unless a bill is passed. A mention was made that the pheasant stamp would likely get a vote in the Senate before moving to the House for a concurrence vote.

Our recent work on climate change impacts on Michigan species was discussed.

Ian mentioned the importance of having individuals speak before the NRC meeting, for which the next meeting is on Dec. 10.

Executive Board Report

Amy provided an update on MUCC internal operations and the impacts that 2020 have had.

President Peter discussed

Closing Announcements

- Next CPB meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2021. Format TBD. Convention is in Gaylord at TreeTops Resort June 26 and 27.

Snyder(Davis) MOVED TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:27 P.M.