

MUCC Policy Board (CPB) Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**  
Meeting of March 12, 2022

Policy Committee Meetings Occurred from 10:30-11:45am. Education, Fisheries, Wildlife, Shooting/Ranges, Parks, Recreation and Trails committees met.

The meeting was called to order by MUCC Vice President Tim Muir at 11:50am.

Tim Muir, MUCC Vice President, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Conservation Pledge.

Tim Muir, Vice President of MUCC and CPB chair, gave a brief introduction of the meeting and introduced the MUCC board members and staff. Explained the role of the policy board for new members since the last meeting.

#### Roll Call

Tim Muir noted vacancies for the fisheries committee chair and a Region 1 club member on the MUCC Conservation Policy Board.

**Rob Miller (Roger Calhoun) Moved to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIES**

**Rob Miller (Jen Davis) Moved to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2021 Conservation Policy Board meeting. MOTION CARRIES**

New NRC Commission Dave Anthony introduced himself to the meeting, answered questions.

#### **Committee Reports**

Education: Chair needs to resign, Greg Peter thinks this committee needs to be redirected.

Fisheries: Reviewed 2 resolutions, have recommendations for both. Talked about NRC steelhead regs and stocking vs. natural spawning fish. Discussion about contacting legislators for cormorant funding. There was discussion about a future resolution relating to fly only zones, as well as social vs. biological regulations.

Sport Shooting and Ranges: No report.

Wildlife: Reviewed 8 resolutions, multiple amendments.

Parks, Trails and Recreation: Who is responsible for the maintenance of state land? How can we provide funding for that maintenance? Nobody assigned water, trails, mushroom lands etc. Their resolution tries to address that.

#### **Discussion of Proposed Resolutions**

**Proposed Resolution #A:** Exception for the use of drones/UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) for the recovery of legally hunted big game animals. - Submitted by Mike Riepen

Wildlife committee has three amendments. Line 9, after word animals strike rest of line and line 10. Add "big game" to line 8. To line 10 add: "on private land only with permission following the current DNR conservation order pertaining to tracking dogs."

**Motion to accept three amendments: Rob Miller (Nick Buggia) MOTION CARRIES.**

Wildlife committee supports the resolution as amended.

Potential size restrictions? FAA has regulations, we do not know what they are.

**Motion to move to convention Leonard Shaner (Brian Reynolds) MOTION CARRIES**

**Proposed Resolution #B:** State Land Access Closures - Submitted by Rob Miller

Wildlife committee recommends amendment striking line 16-17 and replace with: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That MUCC work with the DNR to create a system that does not allow the sale of state lands that have an existing trail or road necessary for access to other public state properties without maintaining a right of way to all associated state, public property associated with said trail/road. This right of way will need to maintain or improve the level of access available prior to the sale to a private party.

**Motion to accept amendment Nick Buggia (Jen Davis) MOTION CARRIES**

**Motion to move to convention Zach Snyder (Abraham Downer) MOTION CARRIES**

The Conservation Policy Board broke for lunch at 12:33pm.

The Conservation Policy Board reconvened at 1:05.

**Proposed Resolution #C:** Siting of Solar Farms on State Lands - Submitted by George Lindquist

Wildlife committee has two amendments. Line 9 strike Former 108th District Representative Judy Narret drafted legislation, which and replace with "Public Act 47 of 2009". Line 16 after the word developed add "with a public input process".

**Motion to accept the proposed amendments Rob Miller (Jen Davis) MOTION CARRIES**

Wildlife committee supports as amended.

**Motion to move to convention Rob Miller (Joe Summers). MOTION CARRIES**

**Proposed Resolution #D:** Gates on Commercial Forest Act Properties - Submitted by George Lindquist

Wildlife committee proposes an amendment. Line 9 after the word labeled add, "with the contact persons name and contact information".

**Motion to accept the proposed amendment Rob Miller (Leonard Shaner) MOTION CARRIES.**

Wildlife committee supports with amendment.

**Motion to move to Convention Abraham Downer (Brian Reynolds) MOTION CARRIES**

**Proposed Resolution #E:** Michigan State Land and Water Access Pass - Submitted by Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee

Discussion on if this was in addition to Rec Passport, intention is not to be in addition to, but may have to be.

**Motion to refer back to writer Leonard Shaner (Brian Reynolds). MOTION CARRIES**

**Proposed Resolution #F:** Limited Firearm Zone Caliber Expansion - Submitted by Jack Ammerman

Wildlife committee proposed amendment line 19 strike .30-06 add non-straight walled cartridges.

**Motion to approve amendment Rob Miller (Jack Lehto). MOTION CARRIES**

Wildlife committee opposes the resolution, even as amended.

Jen Davis proposes amendment, strike line 20 starting with word cartridges through line 21.

**Motion to approve amendment Jen Davis (Rob Miller). MOTION CARRIES**

Rob Miller proposes striking 22-26.

**Motion to approve amendment Rob Miller (Luke Sitton). MOTION CARRIES**

**Rob Miller (Abraham Downer) moves to send back to the writer. MOTION CARRIES**

**Proposed Resolution #G:** Upland Game Bird Specialist - Submitted by Abraham Downer and Travis Powers

Wildlife Committee supports as written.

**Motion to move to convention Nick Buggia (Zach Snyder). MOTION CARRIES**

**Proposed Resolution #H:** Hunter's Safety Training at Local Clubs - Submitted by Ronald Burris

Instructors can already request money to cover class costs.

**Motion to move to convention Rob Miller (Brian Reynolds). MOTION CARRIES**

**Proposed Resolution #I:** American Woodcock Study and Long Term Planning - Submitted by Abraham Downer and Travis Powers

Wildlife committee supports as written.

**Motion to move to convention Zach Snyder (Gary Gorniak). MOTION CARRIES**

**Proposed Resolution #J:** Establishment of Traditional Hunting Season

Wildlife committee proposes amendment to strike lines 15 and 16.

**Motion to accept amendment Rob Miller (Brian Reynolds). MOTION CARRIES**

Wildlife committee opposes as amended.

Concerns expressed about taking of doe in places where it is currently not allowed.

**Motion to refer back to the writer Rob Miller (Joe Summers). MOTION CARRIES**

**Proposed Resolution #K:** Hunter Education

Proposed amendment to line 3 to strike both, and to strike and simulations in place of hands on firearms. Strike lines 7-8.

**Motion to accept amendments Jen Davis (Rob Miller). MOTION CARRIES**

Proposed amendment to replace meet annually with semi annually on line 15.

**Motion to accept amendment Joe Summers (Brian Reynolds). MOTION CARRIES**

**Motion to move to convention as amended Rob Miller (Joe Summers). MOTION CARRIES**

**Proposed Resolution #L:** Protecting the trophy fishery of Stannard Rock

The Fisheries committee would like to withdraw this amendment for further biological study.

### **Policy and MUCC Updates given from Executive Director Amy Trotter and Policy Assistant Justin Tomei**

NRC: Passed bobcat hunting and trapping season expansion amongst large scale negative feedback from antis. Both season dates and geographic boundaries. Waterfowl regulations were also passed. Elk proposals have been made, minimal change except for the department requesting removal of the January season option.

Legislature: There are not many session days left before the election, anything that already doesn't have legs is unlikely to get any before 2023. Now is the time to get legislation and priorities in order for 2023.

Commercial Guiding: The bills have been watered down over the past 7 years. MUCC is working out all possible avenues to salvage it. A major stakeholder group voted it down and Chairman Howell will not move the bills out of committee without their support, Beau LeFave is the major hurdle now. Otherwise there is bipartisan support.

Wolves: The WMAC is obligated to finish its work, and will in May. At the march meeting the WMAC recommended a hunting and trapping season throughout the entire UP. Wolves were relisted February 10th. There are efforts to delist the great lakes wolves congressionally but such efforts have failed in the past. Endangered Species Act reform is also likely a non-starter. There is a movement in the legislature to delete the WMAC from statute.

Consent Decree: MUCC is an amici to the consent decree negotiations. Negotiations began in 2019, the 2000 consent decree has been extended. Current deadline is June 30, 2022. There is a status conference this coming Friday. We will be doing an online sweepstakes in May and June to raise money for CPMR to stay at the negotiating table.

### **Executive Board Report, Amy Trotter & Greg Peter**

MUCC is undergoing strategic planning, with a facilitator, strategic planning committee, and senior staff.

One part of the plan is to hire a development director. An offer has been submitted, but at this time the candidate has not accepted yet. The idea is to change the culture of charitable giving.

Ended the fiscal year in the black, finished the audit process which was accepted by the board.

Greg commends Amy on her excellent job managing financial priorities and doing a great job with MUCC finances and being a great leader.

**Moment for the Mission**

2010 mentored youth program resolution from Rob Miller is finally passed. Rob Miller even attended the bill signing. This past deer season Amy's daughter was able to shoot her first buck, an 8pt, as a result of the success of this law, after shooting two squirrels in 2020.

**Rob Miller (Leonard Shaner) Motions to Adjourn. MOTION CARRIES**

Meeting Adjourned, 2:53 pm.