



**2022 MUCC Convention
Minutes**

Radisson Hotel Lansing at the Capitol

General Session - Saturday, June 25, 2022

Call to Order and Welcome- The 85th annual meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Greg Peter.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Conservation Pledge were led by Vice President Tim Muir.

Dawn Levey led the moments of memory.

Jim Price led the invocation.

Orders of the Day - Reviewed by Patrick Hogan.

President Peter Approved that Patrick Hogan would be the parliamentarian for the day. Patrick Hogan reviewed Robert's Rules of order.

Patrick Hogan(Jack VanRhee) Motion to support the amended orders of the day.

MOTION CARRIES

Report of the Credentials Committee:

Quorum Call: Fran Yeager, Past President, Chair of the Credentials Committee and Attendance Committee, announced that there was a quorum, and the votes are as follows:

97 voting delegates

314 total votes on the floor

Report of the Nominating Committee: Given by Rob Miller

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

Treasurer: Leon Hank, Motion to close nomination Greg Peter (Jack Lehto)

Vice President: Rob Miller, Motion to close nomination Tim Muir (Jack Lehto)

Region 2: Steve Dey, Motion to close nomination Allen Kasdorf (George Lindquist)

Region 4: Luke Sitton.

Jane Finnerty (David VanLopik) Motion to close nomination.

Region 6: Dan McMaster.

Shawn Shilling (Sam Morello) Motion to close nomination.

Region 8: Leonard Shaner, Travis Power, Eric Braden.

Paul Rose (Kris Mathew) Motion to close nomination.

Conservation Policy Board

Region 2: Gary Gorniak, Mark Spencer, Robert G. Warner.

Steve Dey (Chrissie VanDyke) Motion to close nomination.

Region 4: Pete Demos, Kelly Ross (IM).

Allen Kasdorf (David VanLopik) Motion to close nomination.

Region 6: Wayne Hanson, *Anthony Mitchell (Saginaw Field & Stream Club)*.

Ron Burris (Ted Schultz) Motion to close nomination

Region 8: Rick Okerhjelm, Taylor Renton, Zach Snyder (IM).

Jack VanRhee (David VanLopik) Motion to close nomination.

New Business

Peter asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Rick Singleton(Ron Burris) Moved to approve agenda.

Dawn Levey(Rob Miller) Motion to amend to approve agenda with flexibility.

AMENDED MOTION CARRIES

Peter asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2021 Convention.

Dawn Levey(Mark Earl) Motion to approve minutes from 2021 Convention.

MOTION CARRIES

President Peter recognized new and returning Affiliate Clubs, and returning Affiliate Clubs.

- Shiawassee Flat Citizens & Hunters Association
- Perch Point Conservation Club
- UP Trappers Association - District 1

- Great Northern Raccoon Club
- Wolverine Sports & Conservation Club
- Michigan Squirrel Dog Association

President Peter recognized first-time convention goers.

No emergency convention resolutions.

Candidate Speeches: Candidates were offered a 3-minute opportunity to give speeches.

Rob Miller (VP) spoke.

Leon Hank (Treasurer) spoke.

Point of Personal Privilege Bob Borchak to speak about Camp.

President Peter called for a recess until 10:30 a.m.

Policy Resolutions- Led by President Peter and Vice President Muir, MUCC staff will read each proposed resolution in its entirety.

(Resolutions to change state or federal law or rules or Natural Resources Commission orders require a 2/3 vote to pass per MUCC bylaws)

#1 GATES ON COMMERCIAL FOREST ACT PROPERTIES

Submitted By: George Lindquist

MUCC will work with the State Legislature to enact changes to the Commercial Forest Act to require that any gates on Commercial Forest Lands be readily identified with a universal system of signage, as Commercial Forest Land and open to foot traffic by the public and that landowners' contact information be properly attached to any gate.

#2 MUCC SUPPORTS ENBRIDGE LINE 5 TUNNEL AS BEST ALTERNATIVE

Submitted By: George Lindquist

MUCC supports Enbridge's underground tunnel project as an important infrastructure update, and that this be carried out in the safest, most reliable manner possible, and that the state requires Enbridge to be responsible financially for the construction and operation of the tunnel holding the state harmless, Enbridge will provide the State with financial assurances (not including self insurance) that would cover cleanup of a catastrophic release to the Straits and that the company submits an acceptable monitoring plan. MUCC asks the State of Michigan to work with Enbridge and its contractors to move this project forward.

#3 SITING OF SOLAR FARMS ON STATE LANDS

Submitted By: George Lindquist

MUCC recommends to the State of Michigan and affiliated agencies that the State not sell, lease, or give up rights to public lands unless clear guidelines are developed with a public input process for doing so, and those guidelines should include wording that solar farms only be

allowed in areas ill-suited for other uses. MUCC work with the the State of Michigan and affiliated agencies to ensure that any solar farms subsequently built on public land be planted in native pollinator mixes and paved areas minimized.

#4 HUNTER'S SAFETY TRAINING AT LOCAL CLUBS

Submitted By: Ron Burris

Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to defend the in-person Hunter Safety field day and test at local clubs as the first priority and virtual instruction as a second choice only when in person is not available. Michigan United Conservation Clubs actively encourage and recruit clubs and instructors to participate in in-person Hunter Safety Classes. Michigan United Conservation Clubs start a dialogue with the appropriate authority about reasonable compensation, for ammunition and targets, to encourage more clubs and more instructors to sponsor and participate in Hunter Safety Classes.

#5 HUNTER EDUCATION

Submitted By: Region 5

Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the MDNR Education division to establish a committee of representatives from the MDNR, Hunter Education Coordinators, and Instructors to re-evaluate the current program: to address safety concerns, criteria for successful completion, and acceptable instruction. The committee should meet semi-annually to evaluate the successes and weaknesses of the program. MUCC work with other recreational safety programs including boating, ORV, snowmobile and trapper education.

#6 EXCEPTION FOR THE USE OF DRONES/UAS (UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS) FOR THE RECOVERY OF LEGALLY HUNTED BIG GAME ANIMALS

Submitted By: Mike Riepen

Michigan United Conservation Clubs work to provide an exception for the use of drones/UAS for the ethical recovery of legally hunted, wounded big game animals on private land only with permission following the current DNR conservation order pertaining to tracking dogs. Michigan United Conservation Clubs support and work with the State Legislature, The Department of Natural Resources, and The Natural Resources Commission to amend any laws or policies contradictory to the purposes of the above suggested changes; and to provide exceptions for the specific goal of recovering an already wounded, legally hunted big game animal.

#7 UPLAND GAME BIRD SPECIALIST

Submitted By: Abraham Downer and Travis Powers

Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) support and advocate that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division, continue to have a dedicated, full-time Upland Game Bird Specialist employed by the agency.

#8 AMERICAN WOODCOCK STUDY AND LONG TERM PLANNING

Submitted By: Abraham Downer and Travis Powers

Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) support and advocate that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division, study the current American Woodcock population, its habitat and develop a long-term plan to address their population and habitat decline. If an Upland Game Bird Specialist be appointed, this issue is slated as one of that

person's responsibilities.

#9 STATE LAND ACCESS CLOSURES

Submitted By: Rob Miller

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 private property.

#10 REAFFIRMATION OF MUCC'S DEDICATION AND BELIEF IN PROPOSAL G AND AN INDEPENDENT, TRANSPARENT NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Submitted By: Michigan Resource Stewards

MUCC will take action to ensure Proposal G's original intent is upheld.

Proposed Resolution #1

Required $\frac{2}{3}$ Majority

Motion to bring proposed Resolution #1 to the floor. (Mark Earl)

The author, George Lindquist, explained the resolution.

George Lindquist (Pat Hogan) Moved to strike on lines 8 & 9 the words "put up" and "labeled or" and on line 9 "such as". Add on line 9 of signage after "system,". Beginning on line 11 add "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that landowners contact information be properly attached to any gate.

MOTION TO ADOPT LINDQUIST AMENDMENT CARRIES

Rob Miller(Leonard Shaner) made a motion to strike line 10 "or paint color"

MOTION TO ADOPT MILLER AMENDMENT CARRIES

Chrissie VanDyke (Dawn Levey) Motion to add line 8 "labeled with a DNR code or number". Line 9 "labeled with thorough signage that is" Add to end of line 11 "or get fined for not putting the appropriate signage".

Oppose: Patrick Hogan (VANDYKE Amendment), George Lindquist (VANDYKE Amendment), David VanLopik (VANDYKE Amendment).

MOTION TO ADOPT VANDYKE AMENDMENT FAILS

Support: Wildlife Committee as amended.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION CARRIES

Proposed Resolution #2

Required $\frac{2}{3}$ Majority

Motion to bring proposed Resolution #2 to the floor. (Jeremy Laasko)

The author, George Lindquist, explained the resolution.

Jason Dinsmore(Dawn Levey) Motion to adopt the “Dinsmore Amendment”

Call for Division on DINSMORE Amendment

88 For

208 Against

MOTION TO ADOPT DINSMORE AMENDMENT FAILS

Nick Buggia(Patrick Hogan) Motion to correct spelling of “Straits of Mackinac” on line 2, on line 11 strike “has to” add “s” to realize.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE BUGGIA AMENDMENT CARRIES

Support: Wildlife Committee, Gary Gorniak, Patrick Hogan (Dinsmore Amendment), Nick Buggia, Steve Dey

Oppose: Dawn Levey, Jason Dinsmore, George Lindquist (Dinsmore Amendment), Patrick Hogan

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION CARRIES

Proposed Resolution #3

Required $\frac{2}{3}$ Majority

Motion to bring proposed Resolution #3 to the floor. (Leonard Shaner)

The author, George Lindquist, explained the resolution.

Don Inman(Patrick Hogan) made a motion to amend line 15 to add after to “the state agencies owning or managing state land”, Line 16 strike “DNR” add “state” also on Line 19 after DNR.

Dan Ulfig(Scott Hassell) made a motion to amend INMAN amendment to read “The state of Michigan and all affiliated agencies“

MOTION TO AMEND INMAN AMENDMENT PASSES

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AMENDED INMAN AMENDMENT PASSES

Anthony Mitchell(Patrick Hogan) made a motion to amend line 18 adding after “uses” “including restoration of its natural state,”

Call for Division on Mitchell Amendment

59 For

219 Against

MOTION TO ADOPT MITCHELL AMENDMENT FAILS

Tim Muir(Leon Hank) Motion to remove on line 15 “and legislature if need be”

MOTION TO ADOPT MUIR AMENDMENT CARRIES

Dan Ulfig(Dawn Levey) Motion to add a period after “doing so” on line 17 and strike the remainder of 17 and 18.

MOTION TO ADOPT ULFIG AMENDMENT FAILS

Support: Wildlife Committee, George Lindquist (Inman Amendment), Dan Ulfig,

Oppose: Don Inman, Jack VanRhee (Inman Amendment), Nick Buggia (Inman Amendment), George Lindquist (Mitchell Amendment),

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Point of Personal Privilege Fran Yeager, Kay needs three volunteers to help count ballots.

Point of Personal Privilege Dawn Levey, debate is at convention as well.

Point of Personal Privilege Jack VanRhee, the MUCC store is at the back of the room.

MUCC Executive Director Amy Trotter gave the Organization's Annual Report.

Convention was recessed for lunch at 12:38 p.m.

NRC Chair Tom Baird provided an address to the convention that centered around the Natural Resources Commission.

DNR Director Dan Eichinger addressed the attendees with a department update.

Point of Personal Privilege: Bruce Hall regarding rec passport sales at the state line.

Meeting Reconvened at 1:52 p.m.

Update from Credentialing Committee

Provided by Fran Yeager

99 Voting Delegates

322 Votes on the floor

Proposed Resolution #4

Required Simple Majority

Motion to bring proposed Resolution #4 to the floor. (Rick Singleton)

The author, Ron Burris, explained the resolution.

Support: Furmer Reed, Wildlife Committee, Rick Singleton, Dawn Levey, Jim Price, Bruce Hall

Oppose:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed Resolution #5

Required Simple Majority

Motion to bring proposed Resolution #5 to the floor. (Dawn Levey)

The author, Dawn Levey on behalf of Region 5, explained the resolution.

Steven Lomonaco(Ted Lepresto) made a motion to add a new resolved clause to read “that MUCC work with other recreational safety programs including boating, ORV, snowmobile and trapper education.”

MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Support: Wildlife Committee, Jim Price, Steven Lomonaco

Oppose:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AS AMENDED CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed Resolution #6

Required $\frac{2}{3}$ Majority

Motion to bring proposed Resolution #6 to the floor. (Bert Vanderweele)

The author, Mike Riepen, was absent.

Support:

Oppose: Wildlife Committee, Dan Ulfing, Mike Thorman, David VanLopik

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION FAILS

Proposed Resolution #7

Required Simple Majority

Motion to bring proposed Resolution #7 to the floor. (Allen Kasdorf)

The author, Abraham Downer, explained the resolution.

Support: Wildlife Committee, Glen Blackwood, Nick Buggia

Oppose:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed Resolution #8

Required Simple Majority

Motion to bring proposed Resolution #8 to the floor. (Ted Schultz)

The author, Travis Powers, explained the resolution.

Rob Miller(Patrick Hogan) made a motion to amend Line 25, Strike the words "wildlife including"

MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Rob Miller(Patrick Hogan) Motion to amend Line 40, after the last word (decline) add: If an upland game bird specialist be appointed this issue is slated as one of that person's responsibilities.

MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Support: Wildlife Committee with proposed amendment

Oppose:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AS AMENDED CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed Resolution #9

Required $\frac{2}{3}$ Majority

Motion to bring proposed Resolution #9 to the floor. (Dawn Levey)

The author, Rob Miller, explained the resolution.

Rob Miller(Leonard Shaner) Motion to amend to Strike lines 13-15.

MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Support: Wildlife Committee with proposed amendment

Oppose:

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Interim Resolution

Required $\frac{2}{3}$ Majority

Motion to bring proposed Interim Resolution to the floor. (Ted Schultz)

The author, Mindy Koch on behalf of Michigan Resource Stewards, explained the resolution.

Support: Wildlife Committee, Jack Lehto

Oppose:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Point of Personal Privilege: Dawn Levey Region 5 meet in hall to set up meetings. Write in Bruce Levey to Region 6 Policy Board

Point of Personal Privilege: Furmer Reed asked for show of hands for hunters safety instructors, and former instructors.

Point of Personal Privilege: Rob Miller, thanks for buying tickets for the rifle currently at 189 tickets, if we get to 350 we will give away two rifles

Point of Personal Privilege Ron Burriss wanted to dedicate a joke to Cliff Waters

Point of Personal Privilege Tim Muir, embroidered shirts from Embroidery USA is donating 1% of all shirts with MUCC logo back to MUCC. Tim presented \$105 to MUCC. Thanks to Greg Peter for his service over the past two years.

Point of Personal Privilege George Lindquist appreciates the personal involvement of everyone in attendance, but we can always do more to build on what we have.

Amy Trotter reminded the participants that voting starts at 4pm across the hall. Dinner for those that registered is next door. Cash bar with 2 drink tickets for those that registered, bar will open at 6. Silent auction will be available until 10pm.

Point of Personal Privilege Bob Borchak a half dozen folks have volunteered to help at camp. Thank you very much! Would like to see a convention or board meeting at Cedar Lake Outdoor Center.

RECESS UNTIL 8:30am Sunday, June 26 2022

Convention was recessed at 3:04 p.m.

General Session - Sunday, June 26, 2022

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

Jim Price gave the invocation

Announcements

No announcements.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Fran Yeager gave a budget report for FY21 and into FY22. Fran spoke about things finally seeming to be getting back to normal after the past two years have been a bit of a struggle.

Club recruitment is up 20% over last year.

We received two sizable bequests that will provide a transformational change to the organization.

Fran spoke of the importance of planned giving to MUCC in estates.

Camp is back, but still cut back a bit due to issues hiring staff.

Yeager announced this would be her last treasurer's report.

NWF Report

NWF Director of Conservation Partnerships Jason Dinsmore gave the NWF report.

RAWA is a generational transformation to conservation funding. May finally see passage this year.

The coalition is important, and the grassroots aspect is how things get done.

Wolves are still under ESA protections, it is going through the process.

Jason is not the youngest person in the room, he is 42.

Policy Report

Trotter began with a proclamation from the State Legislature signed by the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chairs celebrating MUCC's 85th Anniversary. Justin Tomei read the proclamation to the membership.

Amy Trotter discussed:

- Recovering America's Wildlife Act
- Commercial Guiding
- Senate Bill 1028 MNRTF Appropriations
- State Parks Endowment Fund
- Tribal Consent Decree/Coalition to Protect Michigan's Resources
- The gun raffle raised \$5,080

Justin Tomei discussed:

- NRC Schedule
- Legislators retired until after elections
- Camp Grayling
- MUCC advocacy vision
- Legislative Agenda/New legislators
- Mandatory Deer Harvest Reporting

Development Update

New Development Director Steve Windom gave an update on current development initiatives and his vision for MUCC's development future.

Amy presented George Lindquist his Past Presidents plaque as George will now be exiting the board. George thanked the membership and commended Amy for her service to MUCC.

New Business

No new business.

Report of Elections

Kay Leja gave the report on the elected officers and Conservation Policy Board voting members for 2022-2023.

Executive Board (2-year term except those noted)

Vice President: Rob Miller

Treasurer: Leon Hank

Region 2: Steve Dey

Region 4: Luke Sitton

Region 6: Dan McMaster

Region 8: Leonard Shaner

At-Large: Eric Braden

Conservation Policy Board (Three elected positions for each region, IMs appointed by VP)

Region 2: Gary Gorniak, Mark Spencer, Robert G. Warner

Region 4: Pete Demos, Joe Heberling, Kelly Ross (IM)

Region 6: Wayne Hanson, Anthony Mitchell, Bruce Levey

Region 8: Rick Okerhjelm, Taylor Renton, Roger Calhoun, Zach Snyder (IM)

Introduction of New Officers

Fran Yeager(Jack VanRhee) made a motion to keep the ballots for 30 days following the Convention before destroying.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

President Peter passed the gavel to President-Elect Tim Muir

Muir asked for a motion to adjourn, made by Greg Peter(Rick Singleton)

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Adjourned at 10:40 a.m.