

**MUCC Executive Board meeting minutes**  
**Pre-Convention Board Meeting**  
**March 25, 2023**

**Present:**

Rob Miller  
Leon Hank  
Greg Peter  
Sam Morello  
Ron Burris  
Patrick Hogan  
Jane Finnerty  
Luke Sitton  
Steve Dey  
Len Shaner  
Jeremy Laakso

**Staff:**

Amy Trotter  
Justin Tomei

Vice President Rob Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Pat Hogan (Greg Peter) MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ADDING REGION 6 and 4 ELECTION APPROVAL **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.**

Greg Peter (Len Shaner) MOTION TO APPROVE IM DELEGATES AS PRESENTED **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.**

Pat Hogan (Greg Peter) Board Accepts Resignation of Region 6 Director Dan McMaster **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.**

Pat Hogan (Greg Peter) MOTION TO APPROVE ELECTION AT 2023 CONVENTION AS MECHANISM TO FILL REGION 6 EXECUTIVE BOARD and REGION 4 POLICY BOARD PARTIAL TERM VACANCIES **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.**

Jane Finnerty (Len Shaner) Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 9:06am.

## **General Session - Saturday, March 25, 2023**

**Call to Order and Welcome:** The 85th annual meeting was called to order at 9:15am by Vice President Rob Miller.

Moment of Silence for those we lost this year.

Vice President Rob Miller recognized first-time attendees.

Vice President Rob Miller recognized Policy Board and Executive Board Members.

Vice President Rob Miller recognized keynote speaker Commissioner John Walters.

Vice President Rob Miller Recognized Past Presidents.

Vice President Rob Miller recognized NRC members in attendance.

Vice President Rob Miller read a letter from President Muir.

Past President Greg Peter led the Pledge of allegiance and Conservation Pledge.

Jim Pryce led the invocation.

Shaun McKeon led the moments of memory.

**Orders of the Day:** Reviewed by Patrick Hogan.

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

### **Report of the Credentials Committee:**

Fran Yeager, Past President, Chair of the Credentials Committee and Attendance Committee, Asked for a delay in the presentation of the vote totals due to late registrations.

**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:

101 voting delegates  
330 total votes on the floor

**Report of the Nominating Committee:** Given by Steve Dey. Dey moved that, absent any objections, nominations would be taken by position and nominations would be closed at the end.

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**

Region 1: *George Lindquist*,  
Region 3: *Terry Vuksanovic*  
Region 5: Dawn Levey, Brent Tavis  
Region 6: *Nadeene DeLong*  
Region 7: Ronald Burris  
Region 9: Sam Morello

**Conservation Policy Board**

Region 1: ~~George Lindquist (UP Whitetails Marquette)~~ *WITHDRAWN*, Joe Sommers (UP Whitetails Marquette), *Bryan Reynolds, Jeremy Laakso*  
Region 3: *Jane Finnerty*,  
Region 4: Todd Johnson (NDA Jack Pine Branch),  
Region 5: Jerry Kiel (West Walker Sportsmen Club), Tim Hall (Rockford Sportsman's Club), Steven Lomonaco (Rockford Sportsman's Club), Eric Levey (Ashley Sportsmans Club)  
Region 7: Anthony Hofstetter (New Buffalo Rod & Gun Club), Greg Peck (All Species Conservation Club), Justin VanRhee, Bob Krueger  
Region 9: Rex Lansing (Michigan Bear Hunters Association), Erik Schnelle (National Deer Association), Keith Shafer (Michigan Bear Hunters Association), *Bob Jones*

Paul Rose (Sam Morello) MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.**

**New Business:**

Rob Miller (George Lindquist) MOTION TO MOVE Lt. Tom Wanless ahead of Treasurers Report

Mark Earl (David VanLopik) Miller Asked for a motion to approve the agenda as amended **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chris Kettler (Don Meade) Miller asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2022 Convention **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vice President Rob Miller recognized new Affiliate Clubs and returning Affiliate Clubs.

- All Species Conservation Club
- Ottawa Lake Sportsman Club
- Detroit Athletic Rod & Gun Club
- District 3 UP Trappers Association
- Caledonia Sportsman's Club
- Southern Michigan Weimaraner Club
- Blue Water Sportfishing Association
- Crump Conservation Club
- Northern Jack Pine Branch National Deer Association

No emergency convention resolutions.

**Candidate Speeches:** Candidates were offered a 3-minute opportunity to give speeches. George Lindquist spoke.

**Bylaw Amendments & Policy Resolutions:** Led by Vice President Rob Miller, MUCC staff will read each proposed bylaw amendment and resolution in its entirety.

(Resolutions to change state or federal law or rules or Natural Resources Commission orders require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to pass per MUCC bylaws)

## **BYLAWS AMENDMENT**

Pat Hogan (George Lindquist) Motion to start with Amendment #6

### **BYLAW AMENDMENT #6**

Kayla Levey spoke on behalf of Author Dawn Levey.

Pat Hogan spoke opposing the amendment.

David VanLopik spoke opposing the amendment.

George Lindquist spoke in support of the amendment.

Erik Schnelle spoke opposing the amendment.

Ron Burris spoke in support of the amendment.

Rob Miller (Kayla Levey) MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT FAILS

**Call for Division**

136 votes for

192 votes against

**MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT FAILS**

**BYLAW AMENDMENT #1**

Pat Hogan (Wayne Hanson) Pat Hogan spoke in opposition to the amendment, MOTION TO AMEND ADDING TO THE END OF LINE G: "They may run for region director again after sitting out a two-year term if they reach their term limit."

**MOTION CARRIES**

Sam Morello (Pat Hogan) MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT AS AMENDED

**MOTION CARRIES**

**BYLAW AMENDMENT #2**

Pat Hogan (Erik Schnelle) Pat Hogan spoke in opposition to the amendment, MOTION TO AMEND ADDING TO THE END OF SECTION 3: "They may run for a conservation policy board position again after sitting out a two-year term if they reach their term limit."

**MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

Steve Dey spoke in support of the amended bylaw amendment.

Len Shaner spoke in support of the amended bylaw amendment.

Rob Miller (David VanLopik) MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW AMENDMENT ADDING NEW SECTION 3 to read: "3. Voting members serving as appointed chairs of policy committee will serve concurrent with the term of the chair that appointed them  
4. Members appointed to fill a vacancy are excluded from term limits for the duration of the existing term. THEY MAY RUN FOR A CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD POSITION AGAIN AFTER SITTING OUT A TWO-YEAR TERM IF THEY REACH THEIR TERM LIMIT."

**MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

Brian Herbet spoke opposing the amended amendment.

Pat Hogan (David VanLopik) MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT AS AMENDED

## **MOTION CARRIES**

**RECESS FOR SCHEDULED BREAK UNTIL 11:00am.**

**Meeting Recessed at 10:34am.**

**Meeting Resumed at 11:00am.**

101 Delegates on floor

330 total votes

### **BYLAW AMENDMENT #3**

Author Ron Burris spoke on the bylaw amendment.

Cy Brefka Had a question on enforcement of the proposed bylaw amendment.

David VanLopik spoke in favor of the bylaw amendment.

Lo Presto (Don Read) MOTION TO ADOPT BYLAW AMENDMENT

## **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

### **BYLAW AMENDMENT #4**

Kayla Levey spoke on behalf of author Dawn Levey.

Jeremy Laakso (Ted Schulz) MOTION TO ADOPT BYLAW AMENDMENT

## **MOTION CARRIES**

### **BYLAW AMENDMENT #5**

Author Jim Wale spoke on the bylaw amendment.

Pat Hogan (Gary Gorniak) MOTION TO ADOPT BYLAW AMENDMENT

## **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

Vice President Rob Miller led the discussion on the proposed resolutions.

### **Resolution #1**

**Submitted by:**

Steve Dey, Straits Area Sportsmen's Club

**Passed:**

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**Title:**

Wolf – Dog Conflict Reporting

Because of the importance of reporting wolf-dog conflicts MUCC will work with the DNR to add a 'Wolf-Dog Conflict' tab to the wildlife viewing section and will work with the DNR to include a "wolf-dog conflict" reporting tool in the DNR smartphone app, which would enable all dog owners who had a wolf-dog conflict to voluntarily report it. MUCC will also work with the DNR to include an option to report "wolf-livestock conflict" on the smartphone app.

**Resolution #2**

**Submitted by:** Greg Peter, Immediate Past President  
**Passed:** March 25, 2023 MUCC Annual Convention  
**Title:** Wake Boat Regulations

MUCC to advocate for the elimination of these craft (wake boats) from vulnerable waters and limit their use to depths of greater than 20 feet and further from shorelines, docks, and other riparian uses to greater than 500 feet.

**Resolution #3**

**Submitted by:** Patrick Hogan, Life Member & Zach Snyder, Individual Member  
**Passed:** March 25, 2023 MUCC Annual Convention  
**Title:** Establish Turkey Harvest Reporting

That MUCC work with the DNR and the Natural Resource Commission to enact a turkey harvest reporting system, in conjunction with the new DNR app-based reporting system.

**Resolution #4**

**Submitted by:** Mike Thorman, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation  
**Passed:** March 25, 2023 MUCC Annual Convention  
**Title:** License for Special Needs Individuals

Michigan United Conservation Clubs to advocate for a system for special needs individuals who cannot pass a hunters safety test, as signed off by an appropriate medical professional, to be able to hunt indefinitely with a mentor.

**Resolution #5**

**Submitted by:** Bruce Hall, Cass County Conservation Club  
**Passed:** March 25, 2023 MUCC Annual Convention  
**Title:** Easier Access to Michigan Recreational Passports

Michigan United Conservation Clubs to work with the Michigan Legislature and the appropriate state agencies to create a more efficient system to make the Recreational Passport immediately available.

**Resolution #6**

**Submitted by:** Erik Schnelle, State Advisory Council President, NDA  
**Passed:** March 25, 2023 MUCC Annual Convention  
**Title:** Game Tracking Dog Use

Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) shall support changes and amendments to tracking dog regulations to encourage the increased use of trained game-tracking dogs and

skilled dog handlers whose dogs are under control at all times and will not enter properties without permission. If the tracking dog is off lead, a reliable means of tracking dog control should be employed to assure property boundary compliance and must be registered with the Michigan DNR as a tracker and if the handler loses control of the tracking dog and it enters an adjoining property without permission, the handler should adhere to current Michigan game laws governing the legal means of recovering hunting dogs from private property. MUCC shall support for tracking dogs and their handlers to be: registered with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), possess a valid Concealed pistol license, have passed a United Blood Trackers level 1 or greater test. If the dog is off-lead, the dog and handler should successfully complete the new United Blood Trackers off-lead test that was established in 2022.

**Resolution #7**

**Submitted by:** Bob Schulz, President, Metro West Steelheaders  
**Passed:** March 25, 2023 MUCC Annual Convention  
**Title:** Pontoon Registration Fee/Renewal Fee

Michigan United Conservation Clubs shall seek to have MCL 324.80124 be amended so that all motorized watercraft vessels pay the same registration/renewal fees based on length.

**Resolution #9**

**Submitted by:** Zach Snyder, Individual Member, Conservation Policy Board Member  
**Passed:** March 25, 2023 MUCC Annual Convention  
**Title:** Retention of Bear Points

Michigan United Conservation Clubs support and advocate through the Natural Resources Commission and Michigan DNR to allow for the retention of a hunter's accrued preference points when purchasing a leftover bear license.

**Resolution #10**

**Submitted by:** Greg Peter, MUCC Past President  
**Passed:** March 25, 2023 MUCC Annual Convention  
**Title:** State Park Endowment Fund (SPEF) Oversight

Michigan United Conservation Clubs will discuss the establishment of 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 % to be considered by the suggested board as that which is appropriate to the grant proposal).

**Resolution #11**

**Submitted by:** Ken Dalton, Individual Member  
**Passed:** March 25, 2023 MUCC Annual Convention  
**Title:** Expansion of Michigan Pheasant Release for Hunter Recruitment

Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with the Michigan Legislature, Department of Natural Resources, and the Natural Resources Commission to support the expansion of release sites available for public pheasant hunting with the goal of getting more pheasant hunters into the field.



**Resolution #12**

**Submitted by:** Erik Schnelle, State Advisory Council President, NDA  
**Passed:** March 26, 2023 MUCC Annual Convention  
**Title:** Green Solar Energy on Private Lands

Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with the State of Michigan and affiliated agencies, Michigan State University, the Michigan Legislature, and other stakeholder groups to develop and implement improved solar zoning, site recommendations, recommend reclamation bond, land-owner education and legislation to ensure that implement solar projects that are truly beneficial to Michigan's natural resources.

**Resolution #13**

**Submitted by:** Steve Dey & Gary Gorniak, Straits Area Sportsmen's Club  
**Passed:** March 26, 2023 MUCC Annual Convention  
**Title:** Natural Resources Commission Meeting Locations

Michigan United Conservation Clubs will work with the NRC and DNR to have 3 meetings in the Upper Peninsula per year.

**Resolution #14**

**Submitted by:** Patrick Hogan, Life Member  
**Passed:** March 26, 2023 MUCC Annual Convention  
**Title:** Reaffirm MUCC's opposition to Camp Grayling expansion

Michigan United Conservation Clubs seeks Camp Grayling's full and total compliance with all federal, state and local environmental laws by the Department of Military Affairs. MUCC reaffirms its commitment to opposition to Camp Grayling expansion per resolution BR011089 and opposes any further expansion and MUCC will work with the DNR and National Guard to minimize environmental impact and maximize recreational opportunity and any expansion that may take place will not negatively impact DNR budget. In those instances where public lands can no longer be managed as an environmental resource for public recreation, the department be compensated for by some mitigation acceptable to the Natural Resources Commission, legislature, or appropriate public entity.

**Resolution #15**

**Submitted by:** Steven Lomonaco, Region 5  
**Passed:** March 26, 2023 MUCC Annual Convention  
**Title:** Recreational Vehicle Education

Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resource Commission and instructors to study the feasibility of combining the snowmobile and off-road vehicle (ORV) education programs and that the consolidation includes the combining of instructional material, the certificate, and the final exam and if the feasibility study supports consolidation action be taken to combine the programs. DNR recreational safety staff work with current ORV and snowmobile instructors to come up with a blueprint of what the new books should look like and what should be on the test.

**Resolution #16**

**Submitted by:** Rob Miller, Vice President & Leonard Shaner, Executive Board  
**Passed:** March 26, 2023 MUCC Annual Convention

**Title:** Mandatory Deer Harvest Reporting Requirements

Following this year of education, a violation be dropped from a misdemeanor crime to a civil infraction. The requirement of sharing your location be changed from exact property to listing the county, town range and section where the successful hunt took place. The time allowed for reporting be changed to 72 hours after the harvest, or 24 hours after returning home from a remote camp with inadequate access to service. Michigan United Conservation Clubs to work with the MDNR, the NRC and/or the Michigan Legislature to support the above changes to this new harvest reporting requirement.

**Resolution #17**

**Submitted by:** Gary Gorniak, Straits Area Sportsmen's Club

**Passed:** March 26, 2023 MUCC Annual Convention

**Title:** Add Cormorant Control to the DNR Budget and Implement Cormorant Control

MUCC will work with the Michigan DNR to find the annual funding, a minimum of \$250,000.00, and re-implement the very successful United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services program of cormorant control utilizing volunteers.

**WITHDRAWN RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution #8**

**Submitted by:** Mike Thorman, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation

**Passed:**

**Title:** Extension of Apprentice Hunting License Timeline

That Michigan United Conservation Clubs advocates for allowing Michigan's hunters to hunt legally under an apprentice license for three years if they take at least the online hunter safety education program in the first two years to provide a provisional certificate until the hunter safety in-person field portion can be completed.

**Proposed Resolution #1**

**Requires Simple Majority**

Author Steve Dey spoke on the resolution.

Wildlife Committee Supports the Resolution

Mike Thorman spoke in favor of the resolution.

Len Shaner (Pat Hogan) Wildlife Committee MOTION TO AMEND: Strike all after line 15. Replace with: "THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: because of the importance of reporting wolf conflicts MUCC will work with the DNR to improve its "wolf-dog conflict" and wolf-livestock conflict reporting process, which would enable all members of the public who had a wolf conflict to voluntarily report it."

Steve Dey spoke opposed to the amendment.

## **MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT FAILS**

Pat Hogan (Jeremy Laakso) MOTION TO ADOPT AS INTRODUCED

## **MOTION CARRIES**

### **Proposed Resolution #2**

#### **Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ Majority**

Author Greg Peter spoke on the resolution.

Erik Schnelle spoke in support of the resolution.

Rick Okerjhelm spoke in support of the resolution.

Bruce Hall spoke in support of the resolution.

Chris Kettler (Wayne Hanson) MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION

## **MOTION CARRIES**

### **Proposed Resolution #3**

#### **Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ Majority**

Author Pat Hogan spoke on the resolution.

Wildlife Committee Supports.

David VanLopik (Cy Brefka) David VanLopik MOVES TO ADD THE WORD  
"VOLUNTARY" ON LINE 39 AFTER THE WORD A.

Pat Hogan spoke opposing the amendment.

Erik Schnelle spoke opposing the amendment.

David VanLopik spoke in support of the amendment.

Cy Brefka Spoke supporting the amendment.

Zach Snyder spoke opposing the amendment.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AMENDMENT FAILS

## **Call for Division**

107 votes for.

206 votes against.

## **MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT FAILS**

Sam Morello (Bob Jones) MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AS INTRODUCED

## **MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION CARRIES**

Executive Director Amy Trotter gave the annual report.

Vice President Rob Miller offered a challenge on behalf of President Muir to raise \$200 from each club.

Point of Personal Privilege Mike Thorman, auctioning off a gun at a club event is a great way to raise money for MUCC.

**Convention was recessed for lunch at 12:35pm.**

**Meeting Reconvened at 2:15pm.**

**Proposed Resolution #4**

**Requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  Majority**

Pat Hogan (George Lindquist) MOTION TO AMEND “THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Michigan United Conservation Clubs advocate for a system for special needs individuals who cannot pass a hunters safety test, as signed off by an appropriate medical professional, to be able to hunt indefinitely with a mentor.” AND CHANGE TITLE TO LICENSE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS INDIVIDUALS

**MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT CARRIES**

Author Mike Thorman spoke on resolution.  
Roger Thorman spoke in support of the resolution.

Don Mead (Steven Lomonaco) MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AS AMENDED

**MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

**Proposed Resolution #5**

**Requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  Majority**

Author Bruce Hall spoke on the resolution.

David VanLopik (Bill Krepps) MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION

**MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

**Proposed Resolution #6**

**Requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  Majority**

Erik Schnelle (Steven Lomonaco) Erik Schnelle spoke on the amendment. MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION WITH SUBSTITUTE “The Schnelle Amendment”

Point of Personal Privilege Paul Rose, Clarifying the substitute amendment.

Paul Rose (Dawn Levey) Paul Rose moves to amend amendment (Rose amendment) on line 12: delete all words after off lead. Insert “a reliable means of tracking dog control should be employed to ensure property boundary compliance.”

Bob Jones spoke against Rose amendment.

Mike Thorman spoke opposed to the amendment/resolution.

Eric Peterson spoke opposing the Rose amendment.

Roger Thorman, can use whistle or other non-electronic means.

Bob Jones spoke.

Mike Thorman spoke.

Erik Schnelle spoke against amendment.

Paul Rose spoke for amendment.

#### **MOTION TO ADOPT THE ROSE AMENDMENT CARRIES**

Zach Snyder (Steven Lomonaco) Zach Snyder opposes the amendment. MOTION TO ADD BEAR, ELK

#### **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

Bob Jones (Bruce Levey) Bob Jones wants tracking back in MOTION TO ADD “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the MUCC shall support for tracking dogs and their handlers to be: registered with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), possess a valid Concealed pistol license, have passed a United Blood Trackers level 1 or greater test. If the dog is off lead, the dog and handler should successfully complete the new United Blood Trackers off lead test that was established in 2022.” aka “Jones Amendment”

Eric Peterson supports the amendment.

Sam Morello supports the amendment.

#### **MOTION TO ADOPT JONES AMENDMENT CARRIES**

Abe Downher (George Lindquist) Abe Downer, clarify does not have to contact the landowner to retrieve a dog. MOTION TO AMEND LINE 17 from be-penalties. “Adhere

to current Michigan game laws governing the legal means of recovering hunting dogs from private property.”

Erik Schnelle spoke opposing the amendment.

Mike Thorman supports the amendment.

**MOTION TO ADOPT DOWNER AMENDMENT FAILS**

Call for Division

175 Votes For

121 Votes Against

**MOTION TO ADOPT DOWNER AMENDMENT CARRIES**

**MOTION TO ADOPT SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED CARRIES**

**Proposed Resolution #7**

**Requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  Majority**

Bob Jones (Dawn Levey) MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION

**MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

**Proposed Resolution #8**

**Requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  Majority**

Mike Thorman (Kayla Levey) Author Mike Thorman spoke, MOTION TO WITHDRAW RESOLUTION

**MOTION TO WITHDRAW CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

**Proposed Resolution #9**

**Requires Simple Majority**

Author Zach Snyder spoke to the amendment.

Wildlife Committee Supports

Nadeene DeLong spoke opposing the resolution.

Mike Thorman spoke opposing the resolution.

George Lindquist spoke supporting the resolution.

Zach Snyder spoke supporting the resolution.

Nadeene DeLong spoke opposing the resolution.

Jim Wale (George Lindquist) MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION

**MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION CARRIES**

**Proposed Resolution #10**

**Requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  Majority**

Author Greg Peter spoke on the resolution.

Mike Thorman (Pat Hogan) MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION

**MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

**Proposed Resolution #11**

**Requires Simple Majority**

Wildlife Committee Supports

Mike Thorman spoke in support of the resolution.

Jim Ballard spoke in support of the resolution.

Cy Brefka asked about pheasant funding.

Don Brown (Shaun Shilling) MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION

**MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION CARRIES**

Point of Personal Privilege, Jim Pryce Munising Boys Basketball team won state championship.

**RECESS 3:50pm.**

**General Session - Sunday, March 26, 2023**

Meeting Reconvened at 8:30am

107 Delegates

345 Votes on the floor

Jim Pryce gave the invocation.

Vice President Rob Miller gave morning announcements.

Lt. Tom Wanless spoke on DNR Recreational Safety

Treasurer Leon Hank gave the Treasurer's Report.

Steve Windom gave a Development update.

Board Member Doug Krizanac introduced an MUCC pilot dividend program.

Jason Dinsmore gave the NWF update.

[https://www.nwf.org/-/media/new-website/shared-folder/regional/great-lakes/PDFs/2023\\_Great-lakes\\_Federal-priorities\\_final](https://www.nwf.org/-/media/new-website/shared-folder/regional/great-lakes/PDFs/2023_Great-lakes_Federal-priorities_final)

No new emergency resolutions.

### **Proposed Resolution #12**

#### **Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ Majority**

Rob Miller (Bruce Levey) Motion to Bring to Floor

Author Erik Schnelle spoke on the resolution.

Ted Schulz spoke in support of the resolution.

Mark Earl (David VanLopik) Mark Earl spoke in opposition to the resolution. MOTION TO AMEND STRIKE THE WORD SOLAR FARM(S) AT ALL INSTANCES AND REPLACE WITH “ENERGY PRODUCTION SITE(S)”

#### **MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT CARRIES**

George Lindquist (Dawn Levey) George Lindquist spoke in support of the resolution.

MOTION TO AMEND LINE 24 AFTER THE WORD RECOMMENDATIONS ADD “RECOMMEND RECLAMATION BOND”

#### **MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT CARRIES**

#### **MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AS AMENDED CARRIES**

### **Proposed Resolution #13**

#### **Requires Simple Majority**

George Lindquist (Greg Peter) Motion to bring resolution to floor

The author Gary Gorniak spoke on the resolution. MOTION TO AMEND LINE 9

REMOVING 3 MEETINGS IN N. MI and STRIKE ALL OF LINE 10.

#### **MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

George Lindquist (Mark Earl) MOTION TO ADD TO END OF LINE 9 “PER YEAR”

#### **MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

Steve Dey spoke in favor of the resolution.



## MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AS AMENDED CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

### REPORT ON ELECTIONS

Kay Leja reported on the election results.

#### Executive Board

Region 1: George Lindquist

Region 3: Terry Vuksanovic

Region 5: Dawn Levey, Brent Tavis

Region 6: Nadeene DeLong

Region 7: Ron Burris

Region 9: Sam Morello

#### Conservation Policy Board

Region 1: Jeremy Laakso, Bryan Reynolds, Joe Summers

Region 3: Jane Finnerty, Greg Nicolau

Region 4: Todd Johnson

Region 5: Tim Hall, Jerry Kiel, Steven Lomonaco

Region 7: Greg Peck, Bob Krueger, Anthony Hoffstetter

Region 9: Rex Lansing, Erik Schnelle, Bob Jones

Fran Yeager (George Lindquist) MOTION TO SAVE THE BALLOTS FOR 30 DAYS THEN DESTROY

## MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

### Proposed Resolution #14

#### Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ Majority

Abe Downer (Zach Snyder) Motion to bring to the floor

Don Brown spoke in opposition to the resolution.

Brian Herbert spoke in support of the resolution.

## MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION CARRIES

Rob Miller recognized veterans and families of veterans.

### Proposed Resolution #15

#### Requires Simple Majority

Joe Sommers (Steven Lomonaco) Motion to bring the resolution to the floor  
Author Steven Lomonaco spoke on the resolution.  
Cy Brekfa spoke in support of the resolution.

### **MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **Interim Resolution #1**

##### **Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ Majority**

Chris Kettler (Steve Dey) Motion to bring the resolution to the floor  
Author Rob Miller spoke on the resolution.

Paul Rose (Erik Schnelle) Paul Rose spoke in support of the resolution. MOTION TO AMEND ADDING "TOWN RANGE AND SECTION" AFTER COUNTY ON LINE 18

David VanLopik spoke in opposition to the amendment.  
Brian Herbert spoke in opposition to the amendment.  
Erik Schnelle spoke in support of the amendment.  
Jim Kuntz spoke in opposition to the amendment.  
Mike Thorman spoke in support of the amendment.  
Bob Taylor spoke in opposition to the amendment.  
George Lindquist spoke in favor of the amendment.

#### **MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT CARRIES**

Call for Division  
169 Votes for  
100 Votes Against

### **MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT CARRIES**

Jody Mathews points out grammatical change.  
Erik Schnelle (Ryan Radlof) Erik Schnelle supports the resolution as amended.  
MOTION TO ADD TO LINE 1 after (MDNR) ", clubs, wildlife cooperatives, and hunters"  
and add additional BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED "that anonymized harvest data be made available throughout the deer season down to the section or township level."

David VanLopik spoke in opposition to the amendment.  
Brian Herbert spoke in opposition to the amendment.  
Erik Schnelle spoke in support of the amendment.  
Erik Schnelle (Ryan Radlof) MOTION TO AMEND AMENDMENT TO TAKE OUT WORDS "SECTION OR"

David VanLopik spoke in opposition to the amendments.

**MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDED AMENDMENT FAILS**

**MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDED RESOLUTION CARRIES**

### **Interim Resolution #2**

#### **Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ Majority**

Cy Brefka (George Lindquist) Motion to bring the resolution to the floor

The author Gary Gorniak spoke on the resolution.

Cy Brefka spoke in support of the resolution.

Rick Okerjhelm spoke in support of the resolution.

Brian Herbert (Dave Kusaki) Brian Herbert spoke in support of the resolution. MOTION TO AMEND ADDING NEW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED “MUCC will work with the DNR to create a controlled cormorant hunting season to reduce the cormorant population thereby reducing the cost of this program.”

Gary Gorniak spoke in opposition to the amendment.

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE AMENDMENT FAILS**

**MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

### **New Business**

No new business.

### **Policy Update**

[2023-2024 Legislative Priorities](#) unveiled.

Gun legislation update.

David VanLopik Point of Personal Privilege, thanking staff for work on gun control legislation.

### **Introduction of New Officers**

Vice President Rob Miller introduced newly elected officers.

Vice President Miller presents Past President Greg Peter with his Past President Plaque.

Fran Yeager Point of personal privilege to thank Rob for filling in for Tim on short notice.

Bruce Levey (Mark Earl) Vice President Miller asked for a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

Adjourned at 11:37am.

**Post Convention Executive Board Meeting  
Sunday, March 26, 2023**

**Present**

Rob Miller  
Leon Hank  
Doug Krizanic  
Terry Vuksanovic  
Dawn Levey  
Sam Morello  
Len Shaner  
Ron Burris  
George Lindquist  
Steve Dey  
Luke Sitton  
Brent Tavis  
Nadeene DeLong  
Greg Peter

**Staff**

Amy Trotter  
Justin Tomei

Vice President Miller called the meeting to order at 11:40am and Amy Trotter verified a quorum was present.

Dawn Levey (George Lindquist) Motion to approve agenda

**MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

Newly elected officers took their oaths of office.

Signatories on bank accounts were summarized for newly elected officers.

Rob Miller (Greg Peter) MOTION TO GIVE RUNNER UP IN REGION 5 ELECTION  
At-Large Director.

**MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

Dawn Levey (Sam Morello) Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42am.