

**MICHIGAN UNITED CONSERVATION CLUBS**  
**80<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**June 16-18, 2017**  
**Comstock Inn & Suites**  
**Owosso, Michigan**

**Pre-Convention Executive Board Meeting – Saturday, June 17, 2017**

President Tom Heritier called the meeting to order at 9:02AM. Bur verified a quorum was present.

Heritier declared there would were no action items for a pre-convention board meeting.

3 individuals have been appointed for IM Representatives: Ken Dalton for Region 6, Jim Smith for Region 7 and Lee Ann Farrell and Craig Dugan for Region 8, resolved through Presidential appointment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10AM

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**General Session – Saturday, June 17, 2017**

**Call to Order and Welcome** – of the 80<sup>th</sup> annual meeting was made at 9:15 a.m. by President Tom Heritier.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Conservation Pledge was led by President Tom Heritier.

Past Presidents of MUCC in the audience were introduced: Ron Burris, Bill Krepps, Don Meixner, Dawn Levey, Russ Reister, Jack VanRhee, and Fran Yeager.

Heritier introduced Past President Dawn Levey who shared the 2017 Moments of Memory.

Lindquist asked for a moment of silence for Representative John Kivela as well.

**Orders of the Day** – reviewed by Past Parliamentarian Bruce Levey.

MUCC Executive Director Daniel Eichinger mentioned that Logan Schultz would be the time keeper of resolution positions.

**Report of the Credentials Committee:**

Quorum Call: Fran Yeager, Past President, Chair of the Convention Credentials Committee and Attendance Committee, announced that there was a quorum, with 284 votes. She will have the updated number of votes and delegates tallied prior to voting on the Bylaws Amendments.

**Report of the Nominating Committee** – given by MUCC Region 8 Director Kris Matthew.

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: Richard P. Smith, Trevor Hodges  
Region 3: Jane Finnerty  
Region 5: Dawn Levey  
Region 7: Fran Yeager  
Region 9: Bruce Levey  
At Large Director (Region 5): *no nominations*

**CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD (Three elected positions for each region)**

Region 1: ~~Trevor Hodges~~, Joe Hudson, *Keith Lynch, Bryan Reynolds*  
Region 2: Gary Gorniak, Donald Canfield, *Jay Maki*  
Region 3: Jim Maturen, Greg Nicolaou, *Bruce Finnerty*  
Region 4: Pete Demos, Jim Chaskey, David Markle  
Region 5: Kevin Eldred, Jack VanRhee, ~~Bob Novosad~~, *Kayla McKern*  
Region 6: Ted Schulz, *Dan McMaster*  
Region 7: Roberta Reed, David VanLopik, Furmer Reed  
Region 8: ~~Matt Lubaway~~, Roger Calhoun, ~~Jim Pryce~~, *Leonard Shaner, Eric Braden*  
Region 9: Sam Morello, Gary Summers, *Rob Miller*

Nominations will be taken from the floor.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 1 Director. No nominations.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 1 Director.

Yeager (Miller) move to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 3 Director. No nominations.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 3 Director.

Levey (Lubaway) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 5 Director. No nominations.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 5 Director.

Yeager (VanLopik) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 7 Director. No nominations.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 7 Director.

J. Finnerty (Kettler) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board Region 9 Director. No nominations.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board Region 9 Director.

Yeager (Kasdorf) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Executive Board At Large Directors (Region 5). Bill Krepps nominated Chris Kettler. Kettler has declined consideration. No nomination.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Executive Board At Large Directors.

Matthew closed for Presidential appointment.

#### **CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD**

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 1 Voting Members. John Strom nominated Bryan Reynolds. Tim Kobasic nominated Keith Lynch.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 1 Voting Members.

Jay Maki (Greg Peter) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 2 Voting Members. George Lindquist nominated Jay Maki. Maki accepted consideration.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 2 Voting Members.

Yeager (Kobasic) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 3 Voting Members. Julia Meixner nominated Bruce Finnerty. Finnerty accepted consideration.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 3 Voting Members.

D. Levey (VanLopik) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 4 Voting Members. No nominations. Carol Rose reached out to Jordan Kettlewell for IM Region 4 position.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 4 Voting Members.

Miller (D. Levey) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 5 Voting Members. Bob Novasad withdraws his name from consideration. Dawn Levey nominated Kayla McKern. McKern accepted consideration.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 5 Voting Members.

J. Finnerty (Yeager) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 6 Voting Members. Dan McMaster nominated himself. Bruce Levey nominated Ken Fisher. Fisher declined consideration.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 6 Voting Members.

Yeager (Maki) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 7 Voting Members. No nominations.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 7 Voting Members.

Krepps (J. Meixner) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 8 Voting Members. Matt Lubaway nominated Eric Braden and Lubaway withdraws his name from consideration. Braden accepted consideration.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 8 Voting Members.

Discussion occurred on whether an IM representative can also be a club member. If you are affiliated with a club you cannot be an IM. Cathey Farrell, former Region 8 IM weighed in on the discussion.

Point of Personal Privilege (PPP): Kobasic asked why he is ruled out as an IM if he is not an officer of the clubs he is affiliated with? Kobasic is affiliated with 9 different conservation clubs as a member not an officer of those clubs.

Matthew stated that because the classification of an IM is an individual who has no relationship and is not a member of any member club of MUCC where the dues are paid. A state wide organization or a sustaining club, which do not submit a roster of their members and do not pay dues for their members

to MUCC, you can be a member of a state wide club and be an IM and run for an office of MUCC. They have two votes and the ability to send two people to exercise those votes, but the club is a member of MUCC, not the membership. A sustaining club is an individual or group of individuals or an organization that has the same beliefs and/or purposes as MUCC and they can join and be a sustaining club, come and participate in our meetings, but they have no votes and none of their members are members of MUCC.

Yeager (Maki) moved to close.  
Vote on motion  
Carried

Matthew asked if there were any other nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 9 Voting Members. Fran Yeager nominated Rob Miller. Miller accepted consideration.

Matthew asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 9 Voting Members.

McKern (Miller) moved to close.  
Vote on motion  
Carried

### **New Business**

Heritier proceeded with new club affiliate recognitions. Since last Convention, SCI West Michigan Bow Hunter's Chapter, Great Lakes Regional Chapter of NWF, and the Great Lakes Sport and Recreation Club are now members of MUCC and affiliates.

Past President, Bill Krepps, from the Elections Committee, would like to amend the agenda. On Saturday, June 17, open voting is from 5:30-6:30PM, but I would like to change that to upon adjournment after this session, that way members of the Elections Committee have the chance to get ready for the dinner reception. Polls will be open for 1 hour upon adjournment.

Heritier asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda.  
Peter (LaPresto) moved to approve the agenda as amended.  
Vote on motion  
Carried

Heritier asked for a motion to approve the 2016 Convention minutes.  
Jim De Clerck (Kasdorf) moved to approve the minutes.  
Vote on motion  
Carried

**Emergency Resolution Announcements** -- Heritier stated there are none at this time.

**Candidate Speeches:** Candidates of contested races were offered a 3-minute opportunity to give speeches. The following candidates chose to do so:

- Fran Yeager (Region 7 Director / Region 7 Executive Board Elect)
- George Lindquist: (VP) on behalf of Trevor Hodges (Region 1 Executive Board Elect)

### **BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

Heritier stated MUCC staff will be reading the proposed amendments.

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws are in CAPITAL BOLD UNDERLINED AND ~~strikethrough~~

### Proposed Bylaws Amendment #1

**Submitted by:** Jack VanRhee, Executive Board Region 5 Director

**Passed:** MUCC Executive Board, January 18, 2017

**Title:** MEMBERSHIP

**Purpose:**

To include Sustaining Members in the Executive Board section for approval of affiliation. This was an oversight when the Bylaws were restructured.

#### ARTICLE II

#### MEMBERSHIP

#### SECTION 3 – QUALIFICATIONS, ACCEPTANCE, DISPOSAL, AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

##### B. Acceptance of Application for Affiliation

All applications for affiliation as a Member Club, ~~or~~ Junior Member Club, ~~or~~ Statewide Affiliate Club, **OR SUSTAINING MEMBER** shall be subject to the approval by the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall approve or disapprove the class designation and designate the Region in which the club will belong. A Statewide Club may be assigned to a Region representing Statewide Affiliate Clubs and those Member Clubs with a statewide mission and membership composed of geographical representation of the state or a Region on the basis of their club's primary location or mailing address of record. After assignment to a Region affiliates may request a change subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

Heritier asked for a motion to bring the Bylaws Amendment #1 to the floor.

Maki (Farrell) moved to bring Bylaws Amendment #1 to the floor.

VanRhee explained the proposed Amendment, stating it was actually submitted by the Bylaws Committee, which is composed of Bruce Levey and himself.

Maki asked a question and Matthew responded.

Jody Matthew asked a question and Heritier responded.

On the original proposed Bylaws Amendment #1.

Vote on motion

Carried unanimously

### Proposed Bylaws Amendment #2

**Submitted by:** Jack VanRhee, Executive Board Region 5 Director

**Passed:** MUCC Executive Board, January 18, 2017

**Title:** CORPORATE OFFICERS

**Purpose:**

To remove the requirement of the President to appoint two at large directors to the Executive Board, but retain that authority if the President, with the approval of the Executive Board, see the need of a board member(s) with a specific area of expertise that would be of benefit to the Board.

#### ARTICLE III

## CORPORATE OFFICERS

### SECTION 3 – DUTIES

#### A. President

2. The President **MAY, ~~shall~~ WITH THE CONSENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**, appoint **UP TO 2** At Large Directors as members of the Executive Board ~~not later than 60 days following Annual Convention.~~

VanRhee explained the proposed amendment.

Heritier asked for a motion to bring the Bylaws Amendment #2 to the floor.

Levey (Matthew) moved to bring Bylaws Amendment #2 to the floor.

Motion carried

Miller (Lubaway) made a motion to amend and strike the “with the consent of the Executive Board” from the proposed bylaws amendment.

Carol Rose opposes, striking the Executive Board may take away the check and balance system.

Miller made a comment in support of the amendment.

VanRhee opposes, the bylaws give the President the authority to appoint in certain instances.

De Clerck opposes, the previous section of Corporate Officers in the last sentence says with the approval of the Executive Board see the need of a Board member with an area of expertise, that would be of benefit to the Board, that used to be a baseline for the duration of that need.

Maki called for the question on the amendment.

Vote on motion

Failed

On the original proposed Bylaws Amendment #2.

Vote on motion

Carried

### **Proposed Bylaws Amendment #3**

**Submitted by:** Jack VanRhee, Executive Board Region 5 Director

**Passed:** MUCC Executive Board, January 18, 2017

**Title:** EXECUTIVE BOARD

**Purpose:**

To adjust the number of members required to be at a meeting to constitute a quorum for official transaction of business.

The number now required is based on the full number of officers as allowed by the bylaws (17). Two of these members (appointed At Large Directors) are appointed by the President if he/she can find someone that will agree to the appointment. The idea behind these appointments is to find someone with an area of expertise (law/finance/real estate/etc.) that would be of extra benefit to the Executive Board. If these appointments cannot be made, it lowers the number of officers that can be attending a meeting (15). This puts the Executive Board in a position of not having a quorum of more than 3

members are not able to make a meeting. There was at least one instance last year where we could not conduct business because we did not have a quorum due to vacancies.

To assure a reasonable expectation of having a quorum at all meetings, the Executive Board is proposing to lower the quorum requirement to 10 members.

#### **ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE BOARD**

##### SECTION 2 – MEETINGS

###### A. General and Special Meetings of the Executive Board

**4. ~~Twelve (12)~~ TEN (10)** members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the official transaction of business.

Heritier asked for a motion to bring the Bylaws Amendment #3 to the floor.

Levey (Matthew) moved to bring Bylaws Amendment #3 to the floor.

Vote on motion

Carried unanimously

#### **Proposed Bylaws Amendment #4**

**Submitted by:** Jack VanRhee, Executive Board Region 5 Director

**Passed:** MUCC Executive Board, January 18, 2017

**Title:** ANNUAL CONVENTION

**Purpose:**

A clarification to limit those members of the Conservation Policy Board that can vote at the Annual Convention to the Voting Members of the Conservation Policy Board.

#### **ARTICLE VI ANNUAL CONVENTION**

##### SECTION 6 – VOTING

###### 2. Voting Delegates

2. Members of the Executive Board and **VOTING MEMBERS OF THE** Conservation Policy Board

###### B. Number of Votes

**5.** All **VOTING** members of the Conservation Policy Board shall be entitled to one (1) vote at the Annual Convention

Heritier asked for a motion to bring the Bylaws Amendment #4 to the floor.

Peter (Millers) moved to bring Bylaws Amendment #4 to the floor.

VanRhee explained the proposed amendment.



Miller supports, clarifying a mistake on the interpretation.

Vote on motion  
Carried unanimously

Heritier announced guests Dr. Russ Mason, Chief of the DNR Wildlife Division, and Nick Popoff from the DNR Fisheries Division, joined us.

**Resolutions** – led by President Tom Heritier.

**Text of the resolutions passed by the Convention are available as an attachment.**

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

### **Summary of resolutions passed, failing, and postponed at MUCC's 2017 Annual Convention**

#### **PASSED RESOLUTIONS**

**#02: BEAR BAITING WITH BARRELS:** MUCC work with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Natural Resource Commission (NRC) to allow the use of bait barrels on public property in Michigan.

**#03: ALLOW HUNTERS TO POSSESS AND USE BOTH A CROSSBOW AND LEGAL FIREARM, SIMULTANEOUSLY, WHILE HUNTING DEER DURING THE DECEMBER MUZZLELOADER AND LATE ANTLERLESS SEASONS (EXCEPT THE UPPER PENINSULA DECEMBER DEER SEASONS:** MUCC work with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and frame a Wildlife Order that would eliminate certain, conflicting or contradictory statements and confusion from the Hunting Digests, along with removing the prohibition against possessing and using a crossbow and legal firearm, simultaneously, during the December firearms seasons (except in the U.P.); and MUCC, the DNR and NRC work out the hunter orange requirements the above changes would create, along with aligning the elements of the December firearms deer seasons with those presently enjoyed by hunters during the November deer season.

**#04: SANDHILL CRANE HUNTING (GRUS CANADENSIS):** MUCC work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and anyone else to establish a Sandhill Crane Hunting Season in the State of Michigan by unit.

**#05: DESIGNATE MOURNING DOVE AS A GAMEBIRD:** MUCC work with the Michigan Legislature to eliminate the unnecessary restrictions on the Natural Resources Commission in naming game species; and that the Michigan Natural Resource Commission and Michigan's wildlife biologists use sound science to once again designate the mourning dove as a gamebird.

**#06: DEVELOPMENT OF A SHORT TERM (7 DAY) NON-RESIDENT WATERFOWL LICENSE SYSTEM:** MUCC work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan Legislature and waterfowl conservation groups to provide for a short term non-resident waterfowl license system; and that MUCC explore and develop legislative changes to implement a short term non-resident waterfowl license system.

**#07: MICHIGAN PHEASANT RELEASE FOR HUNTER RECRUITMENT:** MUCC work with the Michigan Legislature, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to support the Michigan Pheasant Release for Hunter Recruitment with the mission, goals, and outcomes indicated.

**#08: TREESTAND SAFETY:** MUCC use its communication assets to educate hunters about the risks of hunting from a treestand without a fall arrest system/full body harness.

**#09: REINTRODUCTION OF LAKE HERRING (CISCO) IN SAGINAW BAY:** MUCC work with and urge the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and any other agency, committee or group to get the Lake Herring (Cisco) reintroduced into Saginaw Bay, Lower Lake Huron.

**#10: RESEARCH IMPACTING FISHERIES AND ANGLER EXPERIENCE:** MUCC work with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Michigan Legislature if needed to implement a fisheries research policy that would:

- Engage sport fishing and conservation interests in scoping the needed research projects;
- Seek to avoid or reduce conflict with major seasonal runs of sport fish;
- Consider maintaining angler access to the maximum extent possible during the research period;

And that MUCC recommends DNR only use of resistance board weirs for research purposes if 1) the project development has included public input from anglers and others who may be impacted by the study and 2) that the benefits of the research outweighs the impact that research may have on the local non-target fisheries populations and recreational users.

**#11: "SURPLUS" STATE OF MICHIGAN-OWNED PUBLIC LAND DISPOSAL PROCESS:** MUCC oppose any legislation or other Department of Natural Resources administrative activities which would allow for the sale or exchange of State of Michigan-owned or managed lands greater than 80 acres in size, or parcels which would restrict public riparian access without having been previously designated as "Excess" or "Surplus" from a published list which has been developed through a transparent process which includes a local and regional Departmental review, as well as a public comment or engagement process.

**#12: UNFUNDED MANDATES ON THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES:** MUCC oppose or seek to amend any legislation which requires the expenditure of Michigan Department of Natural Resources funds for tasks or functions which may result in a diversion of hunting and fishing license revenue or funding whose use may otherwise be restricted, and that any such legislation should include the appropriation of the necessary supplemental funding in an effort to avoid such a diversion before it would be supported MUCC.

**#13: BRINGING CERVID CARCASSES INTO MICHIGAN FROM OTHER STATES:** Michigan adopt a stance that Minnesota, Montana and other states have adopted in that any cervid, (deer, moose, elk,...) carcass brought into Michigan (whether taken from a wild or captive population) be in the form of deboned meat, clean skullcap, finished taxidermy, and/or other parts not anticipated to carry CWD prions; and that the Michigan Legislature work to increase the fines and penalties for violations of this whole carcass prohibition; and that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and other federal agencies as necessary, with support from the Michigan delegation of U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives, work to make the prohibition of carcass movement a federal regulation.

**#14: CAPTIVE CERVID REGULATION REFORM:** MUCC work with the Michigan Department

of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services, Quality Deer Management Association, and other interested parties, to reform captive cervid facility regulations to reduce the chance of Chronic Wasting Disease transmission between captive cervid facilities and the wild deer herd. These regulatory reforms shall include, but not be limited to:

- establishing double fencing to reduce opportunities for transmission through the fence,
- a mandatory supervised testing process to eliminate opportunities for illegal substitution of deer for testing from outside the facility,
- a state funding mechanism that would provide adequate funding for Chronic Wasting Disease surveillance and response both inside and outside of captive cervid facilities,
- improved cervid facility record keeping requirements,
- non removable cervid tagging,
- oversight of cervid transportation,
- a 30-day maximum period for depopulating an infected facility once the decision has been made to do so, and
- improved enforcement mechanisms,

and that these policies are intended to supplement the 2010 MUCC policy that requests that an immediate moratorium on new captive cervid facilities, imposes a strict schedule for expiration of registrations of facilities not in compliance, and limits future registrations to and by renewal, transfer, or sale of current registrations.

**#15: SUPPRESSOR TAX ELIMINATION:** MUCC works with the Michigan delegation of U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives to remove regulations for suppressors from the National Firearms Act of 1934; and that MUCC work with our U.S. and state legislature to allow the purchase of a suppressor to follow the same guidelines currently in place to purchase firearms through the NICS (National Instant Criminal Background Check System) program; and that MUCC supports suppressors being eligible for the Pittman Robertson excise tax.

**#16: STATE OWNED MINERAL EXCHANGES AND PURCHASES TO PROTECT PUBLIC LAND:** MUCC urges the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to make it a priority to acquire severed minerals where the State owns the surface only to protect and control the commercial use of public land; and that the highest priority should be given to minerals in State Parks and lands purchased with PR and Game and Fish Funds.

**#17: REINSTATE CORMORANT CONTROL:** MUCC work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reinstate the Public Resource Depredation Order on cormorants; and that MUCC work with our U.S. Representatives and U.S. Senators to come up with a law to reinstate cormorant control.

### **FAILED RESOLUTIONS**

**#01: YOUTH HUNTER SUPERVISION:** MUCC work with the Michigan Legislature, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to institute the following: On private land only, a minor who is at least 14 years old shall be permitted to hunt within a distance no greater than 660 feet from the parent or legal guardian which permits uninterrupted electronic communication and allows the parent or legal guardian to come to the immediate aid of the youth. The youth hunter MUST have completed all of the following criteria:

- has successfully completed a certified hunter safety program,

- has been properly licensed and been supervised hunting for at least 20 hours in each of the immediately preceding two hunting seasons
- the parent or legal guardian of the youth hunter must submit a signed affidavit at the time of the youth hunter's license is purchased stating that the applicant has completed at least 20 hours of supervised hunting in each of the immediately preceding two hunting seasons and that the youth hunter was properly licensed in the immediate two preceding seasons.

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

Heritier led the discussion on the proposed resolutions.

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #01 to the floor.

Miller (Krepps) moved

Vote on motion

Motion Carried

### *Proposed Resolution #01*

B. Levey opposes, concerned that a young child could accidentally kill someone being alone whether it's on state or private land.

Jim De Clerck opposes

F. Reed opposes

Miller supports

Kobasic supports

Kobasic offered an amendment to the resolution by including language on line 18 to include after on private land only, "not open to public access such as commercial forest act land" and striking lines 24-28 after the word license, and stopping at "that the youth hunter was properly licensed in the immediate two preceding seasons.

Miller (Levey) moved to bring the amendment to the floor.

Vote on motion

Motion Carried

C. Farrell opposes, stating the teenage brain is not ready for this.

Miller spoke in support, again

Lindquist supports

McKern opposes, stating she was 16 when she went out the first time and still isn't comfortable enough to go alone.

Norman Miller opposes, stating this provides parents more opportunity to have more guns out in the field. They should be hunting as a team with their parents for mentoring.

Gary Gorniak supports

C. Farrell spoke again in opposition

Kobasic reiterated support

D. Levey (Miller) called for the question on the Amended Proposed Resolution #01.

Vote on resolution

Resolution #01 fails

Call for Division.

On resolution #01: Yes: 114 No: 154  
Resolution #01 failed due to the requirement for 2/3.

Heritier appointed Lindquist to chair the discussion on Resolution #02 for a short break.

### *Proposed Resolution #02*

J. Finnerty (Malloch) made a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #02 to the floor.  
Carried

Mike Thorman, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

Bruce Levey opposes, arguing that it will leave trash in the woods. That black felt marker washes off and the barrels won't have a proper label.

Roger Thorman supports

Sam Morello opposes, MBH is opposed for many of the reasons B. Levey mentioned. The site is going to be a mess the bear will dig a hole, we as hunters won't be putting our best foot forward on public land.

Jim Wale supports

Gary Summers opposes

F. Reed supports

De Clerck supports

M. Thorman asked for a moment to speak one more time. Lindquist allowed. Thorman spoke to the previous arguments.

Call for question.

Vote on the resolution  
Resolution #02 carries

Lindquist announced that the Annual Director's Report was next.

### **Annual Report**

Executive Director Dan Eichinger welcomed and greeted everyone to the 80<sup>th</sup> annual convention, and introduced MUCC staff.

- Amy Trotter, Deputy Director
- Shaun McKeon, Camp Director & Educator
- Stephanie Rustem, Project Manager
- Amber Albert, Club Membership Coordinator
- Logan Schultz, Digital Media Coordinator
- Ashley Bur, Policy Assistant
- Anna Mitterling, Wildlife Cooperative Coordinator
- Sarah Topp, Wildlife Volunteer Coordinator
- Nick Green, Editor and Public Information Officer
- Sue Pride, Membership Relations and Coordinator
- Tyler Butler, Camp Director
- Alonzo Bell, Glassen Scholar

PPP: Craig Peterson mentioned that MUCC staff have done an outstanding job and deserves a round of applause.

Eichinger then presented the Annual Report, emphasizing where the organization has come from and where we hope to see it in the next 80 years. Eichinger reported that our membership is stable, we have stabilized revenues and expenses, leveraged new funders and fund sources to diversify where our revenues come from and have directed it to program and mission related work. Our administrative processes are improving, our education programs are growing and expanding rapidly. OTG has expanded to include classroom components. MUCC has our new editor who will take Michigan Out-of-Doors to new levels. Our policy and advocacy agenda is on track and deeply impactful. MUCC has participated in a variety of workshops and committees including: Blue Ribbon Panel on State Game Areas, Boone and Crockett Club, Michigan's R3 Coalition, among various others. MUCC will be taking on a comprehensive, ambitious and aggressive strategic plan.

PPP: Jack VanRhee stated that he brought posters of the Conservation Pledge for members to hang in their clubs and so forth.

**Announcements:**

Heritier announced lunch will be served in the conference room and thanked Dan and MUCC staff for their commitment to the organization and mission and asked the audience to stand and join him in applause for all of their hard work.

-----**Convention was recessed for the Luncheon**-----

Session came back to order at 1:57 p.m.

Heritier introduced Dr. Russ Mason, Chief of the DNR Wildlife Division before he gave his address on behalf of Keith Creagh, the DNR Director.

**Director Address:** Mason thanked MUCC for the work they accomplished in helping secure \$1 million for the fiscal year for CWD surveillance and work. Mason spoke on the relevance of conservation in Michigan. The GUD Marketing strategy that the DNR did over the previous year proved that the public is out of touch with the nature of the hunting, trapping and angling community. We need to be thinking carefully about how we develop coalitions for these natural resources, and how we reach out in recruitment and retention efforts, these coalitions should be broad and inclusive. The DNR over the last year has developed a whole variety of programs including a wetland restoration/mitigation banking. Mason also spoke on the concerns of CWD. At this point 13,000+ deer have been tested, 9 have been confirmed positive to date. 324 deer have been removed from Mecosta County, and about 70% of the ones tested have been through sharp shooting. This fall there will be a symposium in Lansing, focused on CWD. Mason spoke briefly on wolves, moose, cormorant and Sandhill cranes. Mason offered to answer questions at the conclusion of his speech.

Heritier thanked Dr. Mason and indicated proposed policy resolutions were next on the agenda and an update from the Credentials Committee.

Yeager, Past President, Chair of the Convention Credentials Committee gave an update for the Credentials Committee: Currently have 293 votes.

Heritier mentioned during the break that he was approached by someone to move Resolution #07 forward because they have to leave Convention early.

Heritier asked for a motion to move Resolution #07 ahead of schedule.

Levey (Yeager) moved

Carried

Proposed Resolution #07:

Don Brown (Elden Montross) made a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #07 to the floor.

Carried

Ken Dalton, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

Bill VanderZouwen and Pheasants Forever is neutral but leaning in opposition. Put and take is not what wild restoration is, its outside of our mission, we are not opposed if it's not an unfunded mandate, or if pheasants are not stocked on featured state public land.

M. Thorman supports

Rob Miller and Wildlife Committee are neutral. Concerns include: funding sources, disease spreading, does it create a territory issue if pheasants are privately raised and then put on state land.

Jim Ballard supports

Jim Wale supports

Call for question.

Vote on the resolution.

Resolution #07 carries.

*Proposed Resolution #03*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #03 to the floor.

Maki (Ken Liesinger) moved

Carried

PPP: Lindquist please be prepared if you are the maker to give your 5-minute presentation. Move up to the front of the room when your resolution is being brought forward.

Millard Holton, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

Lindquist supports offers an amendment to change any word "cross bow" to "using legal archery equipment."

PPP: Kobasic, crossbows are not considered legal archery equipment.

Eichinger stepped in an explained the difference between the two. According to the law they are not the same. He agrees with Kobasic.

There was no second on the offered amendment and after discussion, Lindquist withdrew the amendment.

B. Levey (McKern) Objection to the Consideration of the Question. This is already law, and it was inappropriate of staff to encourage this resolution be brought forward to Convention, and should be censured.

Kobasic supports the proposed resolution.

PPP: Chris Kettler, right or wrong the objection to consideration of the question is not debatable and should be called to a vote.

Heritier called for the objection to the consideration and called for a vote on whether or not to vote on the proposed resolution.

Vote on this resolution.

Carried

Vote on resolution.

Resolution #03 carries.

*Proposed Resolution #04*

De Clerck (Miller) made a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #04 to the floor.

Carried

Heritier, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

Rob Miller (B. Levey) offered the following amendment on behalf of the Wildlife Committee:

Offers an amendment to acknowledge that this may not be a statewide season. At the end of line 9 add **"BY UNIT"** after the word Michigan.

Vote on amendment.

Carried.

Vote on amended resolution.

Amended Resolution #03 carries.

*Proposed Resolution #05*

D. Levey (Meixner) made a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #05 to the floor.

Carried

Jim Pryce the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

Vote on resolution.

Resolution #05 carries unanimously.

*Proposed Resolution #06*

Lindquist asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #08 to the floor.

J. Finnerty (Liesinger) moved

Carried



Steve Wyckoff, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

Vote on resolution.  
Resolution #06 carries.

*Proposed Resolution #08*

Lindquist asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #08 to the floor.  
Miller (VanRhee) moved  
Carried

Kobasic, the maker, explained the proposed resolution. Acknowledged the opposition of the Wildlife Committee.

Rob Miller (VanLopik) offered the following amendment on behalf of the Wildlife Committee who is opposed as it stands:

**Strike lines 16-19**, and amend line 20-21 striking ~~THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED~~ and at the end of line 21 add after word without a **“FALL ARREST SYSTEM/”**

Discussion on amendment:

Maki opposes the amendment.  
B. Levey supports the amendment.  
Kobasic opposes the amendment.  
Peter supports the amendment.

Vote on amendment.  
Amendment carries.

PPP: De Clerck asked if required 2/3 majority.  
Eichinger clarifies it is not required for the amendment, just simple majority.

Call for Division on the Amendment.  
On the proposed amendment: Yes: 152 No: 87

De Clerck supports the amended resolution.

Vote on the amended resolution.  
Amended Resolution #08 carries.

Lindquist made a clarification that a simple majority is needed on an amendment, Call for Division is not necessary, but was still completed.

*Proposed Resolution #09*

De Clerck (Lubaway) moved to bring Proposed Resolution #09 to the floor.  
Carried

Heritier, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

Lubaway on behalf of Paul Rose and the Fisheries Committee supports unanimously.

VanRhee on behalf of Paul Rose and the Fisheries Committee supports unanimously.

Vote on resolution.

Resolution #09 carries unanimously.

**Announcements:** Lindquist announced that the Convention was joined by Andy Buschbaum, Vice President of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), Brian Preston, and Jason Dinsmore.

*Proposed Resolution #10*

Lindquist asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #10 to the floor.

J Finnerty (Miller) moved

Carried

Nicolaou, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

Jack VanRhee speaking on behalf of the Fisheries Committee supports unanimously with an offered amendment:

Amend line 28 add after word MUCC **"RECOMMENDS DNR ONLY"** and strike out the words **oppose the future**. Amend line 30 add **"IF"** and strike the word **"unless."**

Cedar Rod and Gun Club Board accepted the offered amendment.

Miller (Burriss) move to accept the offered amendment.

Vote on amendment.

Amendment carries unanimously.

Nick Popoff, Fisheries Division made a clarification.

Lubaway supports the amended resolution.

Vote on amended resolution.

Amended Resolution #10 carries unanimously.

*Proposed Resolution #11:*

Lindquist asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #11 to the floor.

B Levey (Kobasic) moved

Carried

Spelling correction on line 7 should be "brought" not "bought."

Carol Rose speaking on behalf of the maker, Paul Rose, explained the proposed resolution and offered a minor amendment.

Amend line 17 to add after word surplus **“FROM A PUBLISHED LIST WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED”**

Rose (Maki) move to accept the amendment.

Vote on amendment.

Amendment carries unanimously.

VanRhee speaking on behalf of the Fisheries Committee supports unanimously.

Vote on amended resolution.

Amended Resolution #11 carries unanimously.

*Proposed Resolution #12*

Lindquist asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #12 to the floor.

De Clerck (Miller) moved

Carried

Carol Rose, speaking on behalf of the maker, Paul Rose, explained the proposed resolution.

VanRhee on behalf of the Fisheries Committee supports unanimously.

Vote on resolution.

Resolution #12 carries unanimously.

Heritier will chair the discussion on Proposed Resolution #13.

*Proposed Resolution #13*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #13 to the floor.

Maki (Burris) moved

Carried

Lindquist, the maker, explained the purpose resolution.

Rob Miller on behalf of the Wildlife Committee supports unanimously with an offered amendment:

Amend line 16 strike **“this”** and replace it with **“THE PROHIBITION OF CARCASS MOVEMENT.”**

Miller (Kobasic) move to accept the proposed amendment.

Vote on amendment.

Carried unanimously.

Vote on amended resolution.

Amended Resolution #13 carries unanimously.

*Proposed Resolution #14*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #14 to the floor.

J. Finnerty (Lindquist) moved

Carried

Rob Miller on behalf of the Wildlife Committee supports unanimously with an offered amendment:

Amend line 14 strike "~~should~~" and replace with "**SHALL**" and at the end of the resolution add "**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THESE POLICIES ARE INTENDED TO SUPPLEMENT THE 2010 MUCC POLICY THAT REQUESTS THAT AN IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM ON NEW CAPTIVE CERVID FACILITIES, IMPOSES A STRICT SCHEDULE FOR EXPIRATION OF REGISTRATIONS OF FACILITIES NOT IN COMPLIANCE, AND LIMITS FUTURE REGISTRATIONS TO AND BY RENEWAL, TRANSFER, OR SALE OF CURRENT REGISTRATIONS.**"

Miller (B. Levey) move to accept the proposed amendment.

Vote on amendment.

Carried unanimously.

Jason Dinsmore with NWF supports.

Vote on amended resolution.

Amended Resolution #14 carries unanimously.

#### *Proposed Resolution #15*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #15 to the floor.

Miller (Kasdorf) moved

Carried

Dan Dial, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

Kettler offered an amendment:

Amend line 14 and add "**; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT MUCC SUPPORTS SUPPRESSORS BEING ELIGIBLE FOR THE PITMAN ROBERTSON EXCISE TAX.**"

Kettler (Kobasic) move to accept the proposed amendment.

Vote on amendment.

Carried.

Kettler spoke in support, again.

Johann Krenzer supports the amended resolution.

Vote on amended resolution.

Amended Resolution #15 carries unanimously.

Heritier asked the group whether they would like to finish the remaining resolutions or adjourn for the day, due to good timing.

Vote on the decision.

Decision to continue carried.

*Proposed Resolution #16*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #16 to the floor.

De Clerck (D. Levey) moved

Carried

Virginia Pierce, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

De Clerck supports

Vote on resolution.

Resolution #16 carries unanimously.

*Proposed Resolution #17*

Heritier asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #17 to the floor.

Kobasic (Malloch) moved

Carried

Gary Gorniak, the maker, explained the proposed resolution.

VanRhee on behalf of the Fisheries Committee supports unanimously.

Vote on resolution.

Resolution #17 carries unanimously.

**Announcements:**

- Heritier announced he has never seen all of the resolutions pass through on a Saturday.
- Krepps announced that the elections will be open immediately after adjournment. Please have your ribbon with you.
- Eichinger announced the Conservation Awards Dinner at the Shiawassee Conservation Association, for those of you who purchased the tickets ahead of time you have table assignments, those of you who purchased today or yesterday please sit table 16 or 17.
- Heritier announced that general session will recess until 8:30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

**General Session – Sunday, June 18, 2017**

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

**Invocation** – was given by Past President Dawn Levey.

**Announcements:**

- Lindquist made an announcement that the next CPB meeting will be in Munising on Sept. 23, 2017
- Heritier made an announcement that the meeting will not require the two-hour block for resolutions since they have already been completed.

- Malloch gave a brief update on Roy's U.P. endeavor fighting against the Feds for trespassing on state land.
- De Clerck thanked the CPB for working on the resolutions and having them for the most part formatted before Convention.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jim De Clerck, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report by reviewing financials as of September 30, 2016 briefly and speaking for the need of a corpus. Stating as membership rises so will our investment. The \$100K raffle could have gone better, and wants to see the raffle happen again maybe under different marketing techniques. The members do not have MUCC as a high priority on their minds. Attempting to get to the 100,000 membership will require all the members reaching out to other clubs, (insurance). MUCC needs to be a higher priority for members.

Tim Biewer asked what the current membership is. De Clerck responded 45,000 strong.

Lindquist asked members to be cognizant of updating emails and addresses for clubs.

Maki (Miller) moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and place it on file.

Vote on motion

Carried

### **Special Report**

Eichinger gave a special presentation on Hunting Works for Michigan. We're doing more to talk about the connection between Michigan hunting and fishing and the impacts on local economies. When we go into a debate on public policy, one of the best arguments that we can make is the economic one. We have never been able to build a good offense to that, but now we can. Launched in the fall of 2016 MUCC and partners have commissioned MSU to complete a study on the value of hunting and fishing and local regional levels. Eichinger answered questions at the conclusion of his special presentation.

### **New Business**

Montross trying to sell his last three raffle tickets.

Discussion on potential future Convention dates occurred:

- VanRhee mentioned that June is an expensive time for Convention. In addition, the NRC has made their regulations by June already, so our policies fall behind.
- D. Levey is concerned about spring being in graduation, for instance May. March and April you deal with spring break issues.
- Eichinger mentioned that a survey went out to membership to better understand what is wanted and what will make a better turn out rate for Convention.
- De Clerck talked about the NRC and DNR cycles. September seems to be the best and most effective time.
- Jody Matthew talked in light of the preparation that goes into the meetings, and prices which Jack touched on. April may be a better time to begin, and avoid Father's Day.
- Fran Yeager has no opinion on whether we change the date and location. Attendance was down this year, last year 100 delegates this year just under 80.

- Lindquist is neutral.
- McKern has spring break and Easter in April.

Mary Krenzer spoke about the new region restructure, and that it may have something to do with the low attendance.

D. Levey stated she completed a report on NWF, please pick up a copy.

Kris Matthew introduced Craig Dugan. He carries votes as an IM Representative for Region 8.

S. Rustem spoke about Charity Shoot, it is on June 30, 2017. Registration is down this year, if you could go back to the clubs and spread the word.

Eichinger thanked Bob Borchak for raising enough money to purchase a large bore rifle for our Youth Camp in Chelsea.

**Elections Committee Report:** Past President, Bill Krepps gave the report on the elected officers and Conservation Policy Board voting members for 2017-2018.

EXECUTIVE BOARD (2-year terms for everyone except EVEN numbered Region and At Large Directors for this year only in order to stagger terms)

**President:** Tom Heritier, Saginaw Field and Stream Conservation Club

**Immediate Past President:** Ron Burris, Individual Member

**Vice President/President Elect/Chair of the Policy Board:** George Lindquist, U.P. Whitetails of Marquette County

**Treasurer:** Jim De Clerck, Saginaw Field and Stream Conservation Club

**Region Directors:**

- Region 1: Trevor Hodges, Calumet-Keweenaw Sportsmen's Club
- Region 2: Bill Malloch, Individual Member
- Region 3: Jane Finnerty, Cadillac Sportsmen's Club
- Region 4: Carol Rose, Montmorency County Conservation Club
- Region 5: Dawn Levey, Past President
- Region 6: Chuck Hoover, Saginaw Field and Stream Conservation Club
- Region 7: Fran Yeager, Past President
- Region 8: Kris Matthew, Huron Valley Conservation Association
- Region 9: Bruce Levey, Michigan Bow Hunters

**At-Large Directors:**

- Greg Peter, Chelsea Rod and Gun Club (Region 8)
- Region 5 Vacant

**CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD (Three elected positions for each region, 1-year term)**

- Region 1: Joe Hudson, Keith Lynch, Bryan Reynolds
- Region 2: Gary Gorniak, Don Canfield, Jay Maki
- Region 3: Bruce Finnerty, Jim Maturen, Greg Nicolaou
- Region 4: Pete Demos, Jim Chaskey, David Markle
- Region 5: Kevin Eldred, Jack VanRhee, Kayla McKern
- Region 6: Ted Schulz, Dan McMaster
- Region 7: Roberta Reed, Dave VanLopik, Furmer Reed
- Region 8: Jim Pryce, Eric Braden, Roger Calhoun
- Region 9: Rob Miller, Sam Morello, Gary Summers

Krepps asked for a motion to keep the ballots for 30 days following Convention before destroying.

Kettler (Yeager) moved

Vote on motion

Carried

Lindquist asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:37 a.m.

VanRhee (D. Levey) moved

Vote on motion

Carried

### **Post-Convention Executive Board Meeting**

**Sunday, June 18, 2017**

President Heritier called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m. Bur verified a quorum was present.

Newly elected officers took their oaths of office.

B. Levey is concerned about only meeting quarterly, but wouldn't mind every other month. He has issues with the 9AM weekly call since he has to drive to work.

Matthew stated that he disagrees with every other month and believes the Board should meet face to face once a month.

Heritier asked how many people want to meet face to face every other month.

Vote on meeting schedule.

Carried

When the CPB meets they will host a meeting on the Friday night before for the Board.

Heritier (D. Levey) moved to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.

Vote on motion

Carried