Michigan United Conservation Clubs

81st Annual Convention

June 22-24, 2018 Doherty Hotel Clare, Michigan

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MUCC President Tom Heritier welcomes you to our 81st Annual Convention...

With great expectations, I welcome you to our 81st Annual Convention of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs!

It has been my honor to serve as your president these last two years. In that time, I have become even more aware of the deep impact our organization has on conserving our natural resources, defending our outdoor heritage, and inspiring the next generation of young people to take up the cause of conservation.

MUCC continues to accomplish amazing things on a tight budget, with a small staff, and devoted volunteers and members. This weekend, as we embark upon our Annual Convention, we will once again convene to tackle the most challenging conservation issues in Michigan. Wildlife disease, hunter recruitment and retention, fisheries policy, land management, and sportsmen's ethics are just a few of the topics our resolutions will address.

The work we will do has a **direct** impact on our state and the state of our natural resources. Our grassroots policy process is what sets our organization apart and enables our staff to carry forward and accomplish the policies we will establish this weekend. As always, come prepared, your opinion is valued, please speak up and be ready to productively engage in this most important work.

Additionally, please take full advantage of the many opportunities we provide to connect with fellow members and affiliates. Our organization depends upon active and engaged members — please seek out any member of the Executive Board, Conservation Policy Board or staff if you are interested in serving on a committee or board.

Once again, it's been an honor and privilege to serve this organization and all of you, and I look forward to our weekend together and continuing the strong growth of our organization in the years to come.

Sincerely,

President

Convention Announcement

When...

June 22-24, 2018

Convention registration will be held on Friday, June 22 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Clare Rod and Gun Club and Saturday, June 23 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. at the Doherty Hotel

Where...

Doherty Hotel

604 North McEwan Clare, MI 48617 800-525-4115 Friday night picnic and fun shoot at:

Clare Rod & Gun Club

10844 S Eberhart Ave Clare, MI 48617 989-3862700

Lodging Information

Doherty Hotel

To make a reservation, please call 800-525-4115 and mention that you will be attending the Michigan United Conservation Clubs event. Rooms are filling up quick, so please get your reservation in ASAP.

Pettit Park

This five-acre park is located on the Tobacco River and is just minutes from the Doherty Hotel. Call 989-386-7514 for more information. Also, there are numerous other camping locations throughout the area.

MUCC Nominations

Executive Board

Two-year terms, except where indicated:
Other Executive Board positions are entering second year of two-year terms

Vice President/President Elect	Greg Peter
Treasurer	Fran Yeager
Region 2	
Region 4	
Region 6	Chuck Hoover
Region 8	(No nominations)
At Large Director (Region 8)	(No nominations)
At Large Director (Region 5) One-year Term	(No nominations)

Policy Board

One-year terms

Club members are elected

IM representatives are appointed by the President

Region 1

Brian Reynolds - Club Joe Hudson - Club Keith Lynch - Club Tim Kobasic - IM

Region 4

Jim Chaskey - Club Pete Demos - Club (No nominations - Club) (No nominations - IM)

Region 7

Furmer Reed - Club (No nominations - Club) (No nominations - Club) Dave Van Lopik - IM

Region 2

Donald Canfield - Club Gary Gorniak - Club Jay Maki - Club (No nominations - IM)

Region 5

Kayla McKern - Club JackVanRhee - Club Kevin Eldred - Club JudithVanRhee - IM

Region 8

Roger Calhoun - Club Tim Muir, Jr. - Club Leonard Shaner - Club (No nominations - IM)

Region 3

Bruce Finnerty - Club Greg Nicolaou - Club Lee Ziehm - Club Fred Truschke - IM

Region 6

Jim Gamm - Club Dan McMaster - Club Ted Schulz - Club JonWilson - Club Ken Dalton - IM

Region 9

Rob Miller - Club Sam Morello - Club Gary Summers - Club



Cedar Rod & Gun Club

Ed Matulaitis Ed Eckerle

Chelsea Rod & Gun Club

John Klink Paul Bollinger **Neal Young** Ted Tribble Charlie Stapish

Western Wayne County Conservation

Association Ron Yeglic Louis Bowmann Walter Nemeth **Edward Baugh** Jon Ruohonen Al Turppa

Mark Johnstone

Bridgeport Gun Club

Pete Crawford David Hecht Mark Hugo Thomas Kazyak Randy Marr Hazen Kritzman

Muskegon Conservation Club

Fred Lewis

Straits Area Sportsmen

Gene Harrison **Howard Everson**

Michigan Fly Fishing Club

Joe Sattler

Michigan United Conservation Clubs

Donna Cullers John Robertson Jim Delaney

George Riley Pete Petoskey

Grindstone Port Hope Sportsmen's

Club

Lester Ender Darwin Miller Dennis Stacer

Richard Witherspoon

Art Swavze Eva Mayer R.J. Brazy

Archie Mendahski

South Kent Sportsman's Club

David Retorstorf **Gregory Bieber** Wayne Bishop Phillip Wamben

Edwardsburg Conservation Club

Jon Witmer Duane Truax, Jr. Phillip Byrd **Donald Myers** Norman Cole Alan Meador Leroy Barkman Jack Matinic Joseph Werbiansky, Sr.

Robert Harnly

Cass County Conservation Club

Frances Laskowski Terry Wilson Marlene Wait Wayne Fisher Rose Hairell **Bruce Smith**

Ravenna Conservation Club

Larry John Hendrickson

Alpena Sportsmen's Club

Terrance Bebee Joe Donajkowski

Presque Isle County Sportsmen's

Club

Gerald Leginza

Harbor Beach Conservation Club

Mary Kociba Al Welker Jack Stickney

Tri-County Sportsmen's League

Earl Densel Arnold Barr Paul Fox William Yahr Russ Mynning

Livingston County Wildlife and Conservation Club

Ellen Short Tom Mackenzie

Huron Valley Conservation

Association Dianne Krause Bruce Saffron

Ionia County Fishing & Hunting Club

Keith Sypher Robert Meyers Evan Kiesla

St. Charles Wolverine Sportsmens

Jack Marko

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Instructions to Club Presidents, Sec

- 1. CLUB DUES: Your club dues for 2018 must be paid up to date to qualify as voting delegates for the Convention. We suggest that you check with your treasurer to make sure these dues have been paid prior to registering.
- 2. PROXY VOTES: All proxies must be signed and returned to the MUCC office before **May 31, 2018**. A club will not be permitted to vote if affiliate dues are not paid up to date, this includes proxies. No proxies or credentials will be transferred at the Convention except in case of extreme emergency or illness, such as determined by the Executive Board.
- 3. CLUB DELEGATES: Please bring this agenda with you to convention. Additional copies will not be made available at the convention site. A full book is available at http://www.mucc.org/mucc_annual_convention.
- 4. PREREGISTRATION: Preregistration information has been included in this Convention Agenda. You will find the appropriate forms needed to pre-register and a return addressed envelope for your convenience. Your materials will be available at the convention site. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO PREREGISTER TO AVOID DELAYS AT CONVENTION.
- 5. REGISTRATION: If you do not preregister, voting delegates must bring their completed voting forms with them to the convention registration desk. These forms were mailed to the club president and/or club representatives. No delegate will be allowed to vote without authorization from the club officers. You may not use any cards other than your own to vote. AN ADDITIONAL \$15 FEE WILL BE INCURRED FOR REGISTERING AT THE DOOR.
- 6. THE CLUB AUTHORIZATION FORM must be signed by not less than two officers of the affiliate club. (Please review the agenda on the following pages with your voting delegates so they know your club's decisions and vote accordingly at Convention.)
- 7. THE ATTENDEE REGISTRATION AND VOTING DELEGATE FORM must be filled out showing the total number of club votes, proxy votes and if the member is entitled to a statewide officer vote.

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- 8. THE CLUB NAME AND NUMBER: Please remember to fill in your club name and number wherever requested.
- 9. EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS are considered under New Business. Items shall be restricted to emergency resolutions and only those emergency resolutions not considered at a prior district, regional or Board of Directors' meeting. To be considered as an emergency, such proposal or resolution shall deal with an issue that must be considered prior to the July Executive Board meeting due to time limitations. No more than two (2) proposals under new business shall be presented by any member or member club at the Annual Convention and considered as new business and must be affirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of delegates present and voting. A total of 175 copies must be made available for distribution and a copy made available on a CD or flash drive to be given to the recording secretary. Resolutions Chair, Jack VanRhee, must receive 15 copies as soon as possible.
- 10. VOTING FOR OFFICERS will take place on Saturday, June 23 from 5:30 6:30 pm. Voting will re-open Sunday, June 24 from 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.
- 11. To expedite the annual meeting and accuracy of resolution amendments, it is required that you use the resolution amendment form in the back of this book. Additional copies will be available on the information table at the convention site.



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OTG Event

Gladwin Grouse Enhanced Managment Area Friday, June 22, 2018 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Name	
Address	City, State, Zip
Phone	Email
Are you bringing additional volu	inteers? If so, how many?
	and appropriate safety equipment (helmet, ear and eye protecte not required, but they are helpful. Please indicate what and how
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Medium 2	X Large
Large	

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2018 CLUB AUTHORIZATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS

On the reverse side you will find the Club Authorization Form. Rather than requiring each voting delegate to have their own Voting Authorization form signed, we request that an MUCC club representative complete **ONE** (1) Club Authorization form for all of your club's voting delegates and return it to MUCC by mail, email, or fax.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Write the name of your club on the line provided.
- Write the county in which your club resides on the line provided. If your club does not have a physical location, this should be the county of residence for the main club contact. Write the corresponding MUCC region (see map).
- 3. Write the address, city, state, and zip code of your club on the lines provided.
- 4. Provide the phone number and email address of your club or MUCC club representative.
- 5. List the names and distribution of your club's votes to voting delegates. It is up to you to determine how you would like the votes distributed. If you do not indicate how you would like the votes distributed, the Credentials Committee will distribute them as evenly as possible among your authorized delegates. The number of votes to which your club is entitled is based on dues paid by Records Day. A table with the number of club members and corresponding number of votes is provided at the bottom of the form.
- 6. List the names of alternate delegates in case one of your authorized voters is unable to attend Convention.
- 7. Two (2) club officers are **required** to sign the form prior to submission in order to authorize voting delegates to vote for your club.
- 8. If your club is unable to send club delegates, but would like to send your votes with a proxy voter, please indicate the person who will vote for your club at the bottom of the form. A proxy voter is someone who is not a member of your club to whom your club authorizes to vote on your club's behalf. Each club can send up to one (1) proxy voter. If you are planning to send your votes with a proxy voter, the Club Authorization form MUST BE POST-MARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 2018 NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 9. Mail or email the Club Authorization form to the address or email address provided on the form.

All Club Authorization Forms without proxy voters MUST be received by the beginning of Convention on June 23, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Haller at jhaller@mucc.org or 517-346-6488.



CLUB AUTHORIZATION FORM

Use this form for your club to authorize their voting delegates.

*Must be signed by two officers.

MUCC Annual Convention Membership Club Information 2018 Voting Delegates **CLUB AUTHORIZATION**

Please use this form to register your club for the Annual Convention. Please list voting delegates on the lines provided below and indicate the percentage of club votes you would like for each of them to carry. Please remit ONLY ONE Club Authorization Form to MUCC for your club.

Club Name:			
Club County and MUCC Region #:			
Club Address:			
Club City:	Sta	te: Zip:	
Phone:	Email:		
Delegate 1:		# of Club Votes:	
Delegate 2:		# of Club Votes:	
Delegate 3:		# of Club Votes:	
Delegate 4:		# of Club Votes:	
Alternate Delegate 1:			
Alternate Delegate 2:			
THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY TWO VERBAL AUTHORIZATION WILL NOT E		SHOULD BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN	MAY 31, 2018.
Signed:	Title:	Date:	
Signed:	Title:	Date:	
If you would like for someone to carry P mark one (1) box below.	roxy Votes for your club, this form MU	St be received no later than may 31, 20	18. Please
No, this club will not have an individ	ual carry proxy votes.		
Yes, (print name)delegate in order to also carry proxy vo		roxy votes for this club (this individual must be a	registered

MEMBERS	VOTE	MEMBERS	VOTE	MEMBERS	VOTE
10-49	2	750-999	7	2000-2249	12
50-149	3	1000-1249	8	2250-2499	13
150-249	4	1250-1499	9	2500-2749	14
250-499	5	1500-1749	10	2750-2999	15
500-749	6	1750-1999	11	3000-3249	16

PLEASE RETURN TO MUCC
VIA MAIL:
P.O. BOX 30235
LANSING, MI 48909
OR
EMAIL: JHALLER@MUCC.ORG

2018 ANNUAL CONVENTION ATTENDEE REGISTRATION AND VOTING DELEGATE FORM INSTRUCTIONS

We ask that ALL Convention attendees complete the Attendee Registration and Voting Delegate Form, even if you are not voting, in order to minimize confusion during check-in at Convention. If you are paying for more than one person, you may remit one payment, however, please complete one form for each attendee, so each attendee has their own form for check-in.

The Attendee Registration and Voting Delegate Form contains three (3) sections.

Section 1 should be completed by ALL Convention attendees even if you are not a voting delegate. Please fill out this section completely so we can quickly process your paperwork.

- 1. Please list the name, address, city, state, and zip code for the person registering to attend the Annual Convention.
- 2. Please include your home phone and email address on the registration form.
- 3. Please indicate whether or not you are a voting delegate by checking the box for "Yes" or "No" on the form.
 - a. A voting delegate is someone who has been given authorization to carry votes by an MUCC affiliated club, is an MUCC officer, past MUCC president or MUCC individual member representative or delegate.

Section 2 should be completed by voting delegates ONLY. This section will help the Credentials Committee determine to how many votes a voting delegate is entitled to carry.

- 1. Mark "Yes" or "No" to answer whether or not you are carrying regular club votes. If you mark "Yes," please write the name of the club for which you are carrying votes on the line provided.
 - In order for a voting delegate to carry club votes, (s)he must be authorized by an MUCC member club. If MUCC has NOT
 received a Club Authorization Form from your club by the beginning of Convention, a registered delegate will NOT be able
 to carry club votes.
- 2. Mark "Yes" or "No" to answer whether or not you are carrying proxy votes. If you mark "Yes," please write the name of the club for which you are carrying proxy votes on the line provided.
 - A proxy voter is someone who is not a member of a club to whom a club gives permission to vote on their behalf. A Club
 Authorization form must authorize all proxy voters NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 2018.
- 3. Mark "Yes" or "No" to answer whether or not you are an MUCC Individual Member Representative or Delegate. If you mark "Yes," please write your county of residence on the line provided.
- 4. Mark "Yes" or "No" to answer whether or not you are an Officer of MUCC. If you mark "Yes," please write the Region/District number on the line provided.

Section 3 should be completed by all registrants. No Awards Dinner tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets must be purchased no later than June 6, 2018.

Please remit payment to MUCC online or via mail. If you would like to pay with a credit card, please include the CVV# (three-digit code on the back of the card) on the form.

Please visit www.mucc.org for more information. All Attendee Registration and Voting Delegate Forms MUST be received by the beginning of Convention on June 23, 2018, however, we encourage you to turn them in early to expedite the check-in process. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Haller at jhaller@mucc.org or 517-346-6488.

ATTENDEE REGISTRATION & VOTING DELEGATE FORM

Return to MUCC via mail: P.O. Box 30235, Lansing, Mi 48909 or Email: jhaller@mucc.org

MUCC Annual Convention Membership Club Information 2018 Voting Delegate and Attendee Registration Form

Please fill out one registration form PER PERSON. PLEASE PRINT ON FORM. There are 3 $\sec \theta$	tions on this for	m.
SECTION 1: ALL registrants must complete Section 1.		
Name:		
Home Address:		
Home City:State:	Zip:	
Home Phone: Email:		
Are you a voting delegate? (Mark One)	Yes	No
SECTION 2: Only VOTING DELEGATES must complete Section 2.		
Are you carrying club votes?	Yes	No
Club Name:		
Are you carrying proxy votes for a club (must be carrying at least one regular club vote)?	Yes	No
Proxy Club Name:		
Are you an MUCC Individual Member Representative or Delegate?	Yes	No
County of Residence:		
Are you an an Executive Board member, Conservation Policy Board member or Past Presid	lent?	es, Region
SECTION 3: PAYMENT. ALL registrants must complete Section 3.		
Voting Delegate Registration (\$65 Registration fee at the door;		
Includes 2 breakfasts and 1 lunch)\$50 x Non-voting Delegate (Includes 2 breakfasts and 1 lunch)\$25 x	= A. = B.	
Awards Dinner (<i>Sat., June 23</i>) \$20 x	= C.	
Donation for Picnic Dinner (<i>Fri, June 22 at Clare Rod and Gun Club</i>)	D.	
TOTAL:	(A+B+C+D)	
METHOD OF PAYMENT		
Check (Enclosed) Visa MasterCard	Discover	
Name on Credit Card:		
Credit Card Number:Exp. Date: THIS SECTION FOR REGISTRATION CLERK'S USE ONLY	CVV #	# :
THIS SECTION FOR REGISTRATION CLERK'S USE ONLY		
DELEGATE NAME:Voter Certificate #:	Region	:
DELEGATE NAME:Voter Certificate #: CLUB VOTING AUTHORITY: Club Dues Paid: Proxy Dues Paid: THIS DELEGATE IS ENTITLED TO: Regular Club Votes: Proxy Club Votes: MUCC Officer	Vote: IM V	otes:
TOTAL VOTES: SIGNATURE:		

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Rules

- A. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER SHALL BE THE AUTHORITY ON CONVENTION PROCEDURE.
- B. ALL VOTING WILL BE BY VOICE UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUIRED. A SHOW OF HANDS OR A ROLL CALL VOTE MAY BE ORDERED BY THE CHAIR FOR ACCURACY.
- C. ONLY VOTING DELEGATES MAY BE SEATED IN THE DELEGATES VOTING SECTION.
- D. ONLY REGISTERED VOTING DELEGATES MAY VOTE OR MAKE/SUPPORT MOTIONS.
- E. VOTING DELEGATES MUST WEAR BADGES AND CARRY VOTING CARDS INDICATING THE NUMBER OF VOTES CARRIED.
- F. RESOLUTIONS TO CHANGE THE BYLAWS REQUIRE A 2/3 VOTE.
- G. RESOLUTIONS TO CHANGE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR RULES OR NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION ORDERS REQUIRE A 2/3 VOTE.

Amendments

LENGTHY AMENDMENTS (MORE THAN A FEW WORDS, TYPOS OR SIMPLE EDITORIAL CORRECTIONS EXCEPTED) SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ON THE "RESOLUTIONS AMENDMENT FORM" (AVAILABLE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING) WITH A COPY, OR THE ORIGINAL, SUBMITTED TO THE RECORDING SECRETARY. THE AMENDED RESOLUTION WILL THEN BE DISPLAYED ON A SCREEN FOR ALL TO REVIEW.

Procedure for Testimoney on Resolutions

- 1. THE SPONSOR OR SPONSORING CLUB OF A RESOLUTION HAS FIVE MINUTES TO EXPLAIN THE RESOLUTION AND ADVOCATE FOR ITS PASSAGE.
- 2. TWO MICROPHONES, DESIGNATED SUPPORT OR OPPOSED, WILL BE AVAILABLE. SPEAKERS MUST USE ONE TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR DISCUSSION AND THEY WILL SPEAK ALTERNATELY. PLEASE USE THE APPROPRIATE MICROPHONE FOR YOUR POSITION (SUPPORT OR OPPOSE) ON THE ISSUE.
- 3. ALL MEMBERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, IF SO INTERESTED, TO SPEAK FOR TWO MINUTES FOR OR AGAINST A RESOLUTION.
- 4. MEMBERS MAY TESTIFY TWO TIMES ON A RESOLUTION. A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE DELEGATES IS REQUIRED FOR A PERSON TO TESTIFY MORE THAN TWO TIMES.
- 5. MUCC'S PARLIAMENTARIAN (OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE) WILL KEEP TRACK OF THE TIME OF EACH
- TESTIFIER TO ENSURE THE TIME LIMITS ARE NOT EXCEEDED.
- 6. MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO NOT DUPLICATE TESTIMONY AND TO STRUCTURE THEIR TESTIMONY TO INCREASE THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONVENTION AUDIENCE ON THE ISSUE.
- 7. A MOTION, AND A SECOND, TO BRING A RESOLUTION TO THE FLOOR WILL NOT REQUIRE USE OF THE MICROPHONES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME CLEARLY.
- 8. SPEAKERS MUST IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH THEIR NAME, CLUB NAME OR MUCC TITLE EACH TIME THEY USE THE MICROPHONE FOR ACCURATE RECORDING BY THE RECORDING SECRETARY.
- 9. IF NO ONE IS AT THE OPPOSITE MICROPHONE THE CHAIR MAY SUGGEST A VOTE BE TAKEN.

2018 MUCC Convention Schedule

*All business will take place in the Main Conference Room unless otherwise specified

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018

10:00 am – 2:00 pm On-the-Ground: Gladwin Grouse Enhanced Managment Area (GEMS)

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Convention Registration Open

Clare Rod and Gun Club

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm MUCC's Family Picnic and Fun Shoot

Clare Rod and Gun Club

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018

6:30 am – 8:30 am Breakfast

Main Conference Room A

7:00 am – 9:00 am Convention Registration: Doherty Lobby

9:00 am – 9:15 am Pre-Convention Executive Board Meeting

9:15 am – 9:17 am Call to Order and Welcome

9:17 am – 9:19 am Pledge of Allegiance and Conservation Pledge

9:19 am – 9:25 am Moments of Memory and Moment of Silence

9:25 am – 9:27 am Orders of the Day

9:27 am – 9:32 am Report of the Credentials Committee

9:32 am – 9:37 am Report of the Nominating Committee

9:37 am – 9:38 am Approval of Agenda and Approval of 2017 Convention Minutes

9:38 am – 9:40 am New Affiliate Club Recognition

9:40 am – 9:45 am Emergency Resolution Announcements

9:45 am – 10:30 am Candidate Speeches

10:30 am – 11:30 am Bylaws Amendments and Policy Resolutions

11:30 am – 12:00 pm Annual Report

Dan Eichinger, Executive Director

12:00 pm - 12:15 pm Break

12:15 pm – 1:45 pm Luncheon

Keynote Speaker: Vicki Pontz, Natural Resources Commission Chair (invited)

Main Conference Room A

2018 Convention Schedule Cont.

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm Director Address

Director Keith Creagh, Department of Natural Resources (Invited)

2:30 pm – 5:15 pm Policy Resolutions

5:15 pm – 5:30 pm Announcements

5:30 pm Recess

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Open Voting: Polls Open for 2018-2019 Officers of MUCC

Conference Room D

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm Dinner and Conservation Awards Banquet

Main Conference Room A

7:45 pm – 10: 00 pm Hospitality Suite and Silent Auction

Main Conference Room A

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018

6:30 am – 8:30 am Breakfast

Main Conference Room A

7:30 am – 8:30 am Open Voting: Polls Open for 2018-2019 Officers of MUCC

Conference Room D

8:30 am – 8:31 am Call to Order

8:31 am – 8:32 am Invocation

8:32 am – 8:40 am Announcements

8:40 am – 8:50 am Treasurer's Report

Fran Yeager, MUCC Treasurer

8:50 am – 9:20 am Special Report

9:20 am – 9:35 am New Business

New resolutions (those not approved by the Conservation Policy Board or Executive Board) may be considered under New Business if approved by the bylaws & Resolutions Committee and announced

by noon on June 23, 2018.

9:35 am – 11:45 am Policy Resolutions

11:45 am – 11:50 pm Report of the Elections 11:50 am – 12:00 pm Introduction of New Officers

12:00 pm Final Adjournment

12:15 pm – 12:45 pm Post-Convention Executive Board Meeting

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MICHIGAN UNITED CONSERVATION CLUBS

80th 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 9:02 a.m. Bur verified a quorum was present.

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

4 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 9:10 a.m.

General Session – Saturday, June 17, 2017

Call to Order and Welcome – of the 80th 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.

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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.

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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 <u>asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 1 Voting Members.</u>
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 <u>asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 2 Voting Members.</u> 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 <u>asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 3 Voting Members.</u>
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 <u>asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 4 Voting Members.</u>
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 <u>asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 5 Voting Members.</u>
J. Finnerty (Yeager) moved to close.

Vote on motion

Yeager (Maki) moved to close.

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.

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Vote on motion Carried

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

Matthew <u>asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 7 Voting Members</u>. 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 an 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 <u>asked for a motion to close nominations for the Conservation Policy Board Region 9 Voting Members.</u>
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 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 SUS-TAINING 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 EXECUTVE 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 HUTNING (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.

opment 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 80th 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) <u>made a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #07 to the floor.</u>
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 <u>asked for a motion to bring Proposed Resolutions #03 to the floor.</u>
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) <u>made a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #04 to the floor.</u>
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) <u>made a motion to bring Proposed Resolution #05 to the floor.</u>
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 (Burris) 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.

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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

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

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) <u>moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and place it on file.</u>
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

Proposed MUCC ByLaws Amendments

Portions in **bold strikethroughs** are removed and **BOLD CAPITALIZATION** are additions.

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT #01

Submitted By: Jack VanRhee, Bylaws Committee
Title: ANNUAL CONVENTION

Purpose: To clarify the members of the Conservation Policy board in this Section are Voting members of the Conservation Policy Board.

Passed: MUCC Executive Board, September 22, 2017

1	ARTICLE VI
2	ANNUAL CONVENTION
3	SECTION 1 - ANNUAL CONVENTION
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5	B. The Corporation shall hold a regular annual convention. The definite date and place of the Annual Convention
6	shall be determined by the Executive Board. All Member Clubs, Statewide Affiliated Clubs, Officers of the corpo-
7	ration and VOTING members of the Conservation Policy Board shall be notified of the Annual Convention at least
8	thirty Five (35) days in advance
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10	SECTION 2 - ANNUAL CONVENTION AGENDA
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12	B. Agenda items shall include:
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14	3. Election of members of the Executive Board and VOTING MEMBERS OF THE Conservation Policy
15	Board.
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17	SECTION 6 - VOTING
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19	C. Acting Delegates and Maximum Votes
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	2. Except individuals serving as a member of the Executive Board, VOTING MEMBERS OF THE Conservation Pol-
2.2.	icy Board or a Past President, no person may carry more than Five (5) votes (including proxies) except as otherwise

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT # 02

dents may carry no more the six

23 provided.

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Submitted by: Jack VanRhee, Bylaws Committee

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A. Members of the Executive Board, **VOTING MEMBERS OF THE** Conservation Policy Board, and Past Presi-

(6) (including Proxies).

Title: CORPORATE OFFICERS

Purpose: To correct an error referring to the Executive Committee instead

of the Executive Board.

Passed: MUCC Executive Board, September 22, 2017

1 ARTICLE III
2 CORPORATE OFFICERS
3 SECTION 3- DUTIES

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5 A. President

Passed:

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- 7 1. The president shall be the Chair of the Executive Board and the President or his or her designee shall chair all
- 8 meetings of the corporation. The President shall have such other powers and duties as are incident to the office and
- 9 not inconsistent with these bylaws, or as shall be assigned by the Executive Board. The President shall work with the
- 10 Executive Director in the development of an annual operations plan. The President shall also facilitate the Executive
- 11 Committee's BOARD'S annual performance review of the Executive Director.

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT #03

Submitted by: Jack VanRhee, Bylaws Committee **Title:** CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD

Purpose: To provide a more reasonable time table for announcement of

quarterly Conservation Policy Board meetings. MUCC Executive Board, September 22, 2017

1 ARTICLE V
2 CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD
3 SECTION 2 -MEETINGS

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A. The Conservation Policy Board shall meet quarterly, including Annual Convention. Meeting dates and locations shall be established FOR THE QUARTERLY MEETING IN THE NEXT QUARTER FOLLOWING THE CONVENTION within 45 days after the Convention. and these THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ANNOUNCED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF EACH SUCCEEDING MEETING. THESE meetings shall be open to any member of the corporation

10 SECTION 5 - VOTING

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- 12 On those matters requiring a vote, representation from a majority of the regions MUST BE present and each VOT-
- 13 **ING** member of the Conservation Policy Board shall have no more than one (1) vote. Matters requiring a vote are:
- 14 passing resolutions on to the Annual Convention, making recommendations on Emergency or Interim Conservation
- 15 policy resolutions to the Executive Board

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT #04

Submitted by: Jack VanRhee, Bylaws committee **ANNUAL CONVENTION**

Purpose: To change the date by which a proxy must be received from a specific date to a date deter

mined by the Executive Board to facilitate a possible change in the month the convention is

held.

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Passed: MUCC Executive Board, September 22, 2017

1	ARTICLE VI
2	ANNUAL CONVENTION
3	SECTION 6 - VOTING
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5	D. Proxies
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7	3. All proxies must be received and date stamped by the Secretary of
8	the corporation prior to midnight (11:59 p.m.) on the last business
9	day of May DAY AS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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2018 Proposed Policy Resolutions

Interim Resolution #01 Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Region 1 Policy Board Member Tim Kobasic on behalf of the Hiawathaland Trail

Association and Straits Area Sportsmen's Club

MUCC Region: 1 and 2

Passed: September 23, 2017 Conservation Policy Meeting and October 18, 2017 Executive

Board as interim policy

Title: PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO ADEQUATELY FUND UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE, MAINTAIN NATIONAL FORESTS, NATIONAL PARKS, AND NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND REDUCE TORT LIABILITY

- 1 WHEREAS, the National Forest System was created by the Land Revision Act of 1891, which was signed
- 2 under the presidency of Benjamin Harrison; and
- 3 WHEREAS, there are 155 National Forests containing almost 190 million acres of land; and
- 4 WHEREAS, land management of these areas focuses on conservation, timber harvesting, livestock grazing,
- 5 watershed protection, wildlife, and recreation; and
- 6 WHEREAS, there are management decision conflicts between conservationists and environmentalists, and
- 7 natural resource extraction companies and lobbies, over the protection and/or use of National Forest lands;
- 8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, these conflicts center on endangered species protection, logging of old-growth forests, intensive
- 10 clear cut logging, undervalued stumpage fees, mining operations and mining claim laws, and logging/mining
- access road-building within National Forests; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service (USFS) is charged with the
- management responsibilities of the National Forests; and

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- WHEREAS, the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) of 1976 (P.L. 94-588) is a United States federal
- 17 law that is the primary statue governing the administration of national forests and was an amendment to the
- 18 Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the NFMA called for the management of renewable resources on national forests lands; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the objectives of the NFMA include requirements for the US Forest Service to develop plans for
- 21 national forests from permanent damages; and
- WHEREAS, Congress requires the USFS in conjunction with other applicable agencies, to thoroughly,
- 23 research, and plan for the nation's renewable resource use, the current demand, anticipated demands, and
- environmental and economic impacts; and
- 25 **WHEREAS**, the ability for the USFS to fulfill its statutory requirement is paid for through funding
- appropriations controlled by Congress; and
- WHEREAS, in 1986, the cost of fire suppression throughout the national forests consumed approximately
- 28 15% of the USFS total budget; and
- 29 WHEREAS, due to the annual increases of incidences of forest fires throughout the national forests, the cost
- 30 of fire suppression to date now consumes and average of 56% of the USFS total budget; and
- 31 WHEREAS, the negative impact in the loss of funding for the operation of the USFS has caused reduction in
- 32 services that include forest management, education and outreach, recreation, and especially road maintenance;
- 33 and
- 34 WHEREAS, staffing reductions within some of the national forests have reached epic proportions (i.e.
- 35 Hiawatha National Forest is at 45%) which further complicates their abilities to perform statutory obligations.
- 36 NOW,
- 37 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs support an initiative for the
- 38 United States Congress to amend the budget process used to fund the United States Forest Service operations
- 39 to offset the extraordinary costs being incurred with fire suppression and assure committed budget line items
- 40 to maintain fundamental services; and

- 41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Congress pass legislation that will assure indemnification of the USFS
- 42 and sponsor organizations from liability under Tort Law to reduce litigation from the inherent risks from
- outdoors activity by those who use the national forests for recreation; and
- 44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Congress assure that all national forests, parks and national
- 45 monuments remain intact and also continue to allow public access.

Proposed Resolution #02 Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Erik Schnelle, Michigan Quality Deer Management Association and Rob Miller

MUCC Region: 9

Passed: December 9, 2017 Conservation Policy Meeting

Title: ANTLER POINT RESTRICTIONS (APR) INITIATIVE ACCELERATION

- 1 WHEREAS, Both Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) are now established deer
- 2 diseases in the State of Michigan with increasing prevalence rates, and we must act now to fight the further
- 3 spread of these diseases and to keep them at low prevalence rates; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Deer hunting in the State of Michigan is +/- a \$2.6 billion-dollar industry; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Our deer herd is out of balance with its habitat, our deer harvest is unbalanced with far more
- 6 bucks being harvested than does. As a result, in many areas of Michigan our deer herd has many more does
- 7 than bucks, and those does are on average much older than the bucks, creating high disease risk, high
- 8 population density, and causing excessive habitat and agricultural damage; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The State of Michigan is losing hunters and not recruiting enough young hunters; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Antler point restrictions (APR) have strong majority support from hunters state wide in every
- 11 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) survey since 2012 (57% support with only 16% against in the DNR
- 12 2016 harvest survey); and
- 13 WHEREAS, In the Northwest APR counties, APR regulations have led to an increased doe harvest of 13%
- and in the 2016 harvest survey gained 77% support from hunters in the area; and

- WHEREAS, In the R3 (recruitment, retention, and reactivation) study commissioned by the Natural
- 16 Resources Commission (NRC) and DNR, Antler Point Restrictions were the change most cited by all hunters
- when asked what regulatory change would lead them to hunt more, with younger hunters the strongest
- 18 supporters of the change; and
- 19 **WHEREAS,** There are proven biological benefits of a more balanced harvest and herd. (reduced dispersal,
- shorter, more intense, and synchronized rut, and increased natural selection for more genetically fit males
- 21 (larger body size & antlers). NOW,
- 22 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) advocate for
- 23 acceleration of Antler Point Initiative process to take no more than a calendar year from initiation to
- regulation change and more quickly when practical; and
- 25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the APR initiative process should be conducted at no cost to the
- sponsoring sportsmen's groups.

Proposed Resolution #03 Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Diane Konneck

MUCC Region:

Passed: December 9, 2017 Conservation Policy Meeting

Title: ESTABLISH REGULATIONS ON THE OPERATION OF WAKE BOATS

- 1 WHEREAS, it is becoming more common to see a surfer or wake boarder riding a wave being produced
- 2 by a boat, and
- 3 WHEREAS, some of this activity is taking place on small to medium inland lakes in Michigan, and
- 4 WHEREAS, The waves produced to support this activity are larger and create more energy than any
- 5 wave produced naturally, even in the strongest winds or storms, and
- 6 WHEREAS, these waves are producing inordinate amounts of damage to on shore and near shore
- 7 structures such as docks, sea walls, beaches and swim platforms, and people have been knocked down or
- 8 off docks and swim platforms, and

- 9 WHEREAS, the propulsion units on wake boats that have the ability to pump water in and out of a boat
- are very disruptive to plant and animal life on the lake bottoms in shallow areas.
- 11 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the
- 12 legislature, Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Commission to create regulations
- 13 restricting the use of boats that produce a wake large enough to support surfing and wake boarding to the
- larger lakes (example: 2000 acres), areas further from shore than the current rules allow (example: 1000
- 15 ft.).

Proposed Resolution #04 Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Erik Schnelle, Michigan Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) and Rob

Miller

MUCC Region: 9

Passed: December 9, 2017 Conservation Policy Meeting

Title: MUCC WORKING CLOSELY WITH DNR IN THE MANAGEMENT OF

CWD, TB, AND OTHER DISEASES.

- 1 WHEREAS, Both Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) appear to be established
- 2 diseases in the state of Michigan; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Deer hunting in the State of Michigan is +/- a \$2.6 billion-dollar industry; and
- 4 WHEREAS, There is no known cure for CWD; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) 2017 convention passed unanimously two
- 6 resolutions in regards to this issue, #13. Bringing Cervid Carcasses into Michigan From Other States and #14
- 7 Captive Cervid Regulation Reform.
- 8 WHEREAS, the MUCC 2017 Convention passed unanimously a resolution regarding funding of the
- 9 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) #12, Unfunded Mandates on the DNR. NOW,
- 10 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that MUCC bring to the forefront the above-mentioned resolutions and
- work with the DNR to enforce the above as well as find alternate funding than fish and wildlife funds to
- 12 combat these diseases; and
- 13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that all the below points be considered:

- MUCC stay on top of the education of members by use of magazine, website, email and or whatever
 they have available to both educate as well as promote hunter involvement in cooperation with the
 DNR while combatting these diseases.
- MUCC support additional harvest of does in the effected DMU's, may be late season, reduced doe tag
 cost or other means.
- MUCC support the implementation of Antler Point Restrictions (APR's) being put in place to help
 promote the take of does and maintaining a balanced herd.
- MUCC continue to support baiting bans in all disease areas and per DNR recommendations.
- MUCC works with other organizations such as the Michigan QDMA in combining resources to help
 the DNR and NRC with this disease and management issue.

Proposed Resolution #05 Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Saginaw Field and Stream Club

MUCC Region: 6

Passed: December 9, 2017 Conservation Policy Meeting and amended March 10, 2018

Title: LINE 5 AND ALTERNATIVES TO UNDERWATER PIPELINES

- 1 WHEREAS, the Line 5 pipeline consists of two parallel pipelines 4.09 miles long underneath the Straits
- 2 of Mackinac, was built in 1953 and runs from Superior, Wisconsin, through northern Michigan and
- 3 ultimately crossing the St. Clair River at Sarnia, Ontario and is currently operated by Enbridge Inc., and
- 4 WHEREAS, Enbridge is also the company that operated the pipeline that ruptured and spilled over
- 5 840,000 gallons of oil into the Kalamazoo River in 2010, and
- 6 WHEREAS, there are numerous places along the underwater section of the pipeline where protective
- 7 coating is missing, and for much of the history of the pipeline until recently, numerous sections of pipe
- 8 were not properly supported on the Lake Michigan lakebed where it gets stressed by currents, and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, a recent 2017 National Wildlife Federation (NWF) report revealed that the land-based
- sections of Line 5 have leaked 29 times since 1968, spilling over 1 million gallons of oil; and

11	WHEREAS, a 2016 University of Michigan study estimates an oil spill in the Straits could cover a
12	segment as large as 20 percent (150 miles) of 700 miles of shoreline potentially at risk from a spill and
13	impact a 17,000-square mile spill zone; and
14	WHEREAS, at risk are the fish and wildlife of the Great Lakes, the drinking water relied upon by
15	citizens, and the region's recreation and tourism economy which supports Michigan's way of life; and
16	WHEREAS, the agreement between the State of Michigan and Enbridge Energy Company dated
17	November 27, 2017 was not executed with any other concerned group participation. NOW,
18	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with
19	National Wildlife Federation and the appropriate decision makers to make every effort to protect the
20	Great Lakes and its tributaries from any potential oil spill, including serious consideration of alternatives
21	to pipelines across or below the Great Lakes.

Proposed Resolution #06 Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Millard H. Holton, MUCC Individual Member

MUCC Region: 7

Passed: December 9, 2017 Conservation Policy Meeting

Title: COMBINE BOTH OF THE SPRING TURKEY SEASON IN HUNT UNIT ZZ INTO

ONE SIX-WEEK SEASON

- 1 WHEREAS, the Michigan Early Spring Turkey Season, Hunt Unit ZZ, Hunt Number 301, usually
- 2 encompasses the later part of April and a few days of early May for a total of 14 days; and
- 3 WHEREAS, the Michigan Late Spring Turkey Season, Hunt Unit ZZ, Hunt Number 234, is held during the
- 4 last four weeks of May; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the Michigan Fall Turkey Season, Hunt Unit YY, has recently been expanded to include 60
- 6 days, starting on September 15 and ending November 14 where up to 60 turkeys of either sex can be
- 7 harvested; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Hunt Units ZZ and YY consist of the 38 most southern Counties of the Lower Peninsula; and

- 9 WHEREAS, most of the State's turkey populations are found in Hunt Units ZZ and YY; and
- 10 Whereas, Hunt Units ZZ and YY are private land hunts only with the exception of Fort Custer, therefore
- 11 hunter pressure and overcrowding can be controlled by the land owner; and
- WHEREAS, hunting seasons are designed to control the amount of hunters allowed to enter a designated
- hunting area at one time in order to prevent overcrowding, as well as to protect the resource from over
- harvesting; and
- 15 WHEREAS, a few decades ago we had far more hunters than we had most game animals, however that
- problem has nearly been reversed for most species at the present time; and
- 17 WHEREAS, only 80% of persons purchasing a Spring Turkey License ever go afield to exercise their right to
- 18 hunt turkeys; and
- 19 WHEREAS, most Turkey Seasons in Michigan have shown a steady decrease in the amount of licenses sold
- WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has determined that "family commitments" and
- 21 "time constraints" are major contributors to the decline in license sales for the ZZ hunt seasons; and
- WHEREAS, due to the short, spring days, most working hunters, as well as students are limited to only four
- 23 weekend days afield at best, during the 14-day early season; and
- 24 WHEREAS, the early, 14-day season in Hunt Unit ZZ, experiences dramatic shifts from year-to-year, in the
- 25 type of weather patterns hunters encounter, i.e., driving rains, gale type winds, sleet, extreme cold, and snow,
- as well as, a few days of sunshine; and
- WHEREAS, the spring turkey hunts feature the added challenge of being able to call in a gobbling, strutting,
- displaying trophy; an experience like no other; and
- WHEREAS, inclement weather combined with strong winds make it nearly impossible to use a turkey call
- 30 effectively; and
- 31 WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has recently reduced the offered license quota for
- 32 the Early Turkey Season in Hunt Unit ZZ from 65,000 to 35,000, and still there are "leftover licenses"
- 33 available; and

34 WHEREAS, combining the two Spring Turkey Seasons in Hunt Units ZZ would lead to increased turkey 35 license sales along with a desired rise in recruitment of new hunters, as well as a retention of the current 36 hunters who are pressured to pursue competing activities, and 37 WHEREAS, allowing one, six week long, spring turkey season with over the counter license sales would 38 provide a lot of expanded hunting opportunities during a period of time that is crowded with numerous 39 competing events; and 40 WHEREAS, the short, early, Spring Turkeys Seasons are competing with all the other spring activities, such as, little league baseball, fishing seasons, graduations, open houses, gardening, farming duties, spring 41 42 vacations, Holidays, church attendance and numerous other events; and 43 WHEREAS, in discussions with DNR personnel reference combining the Two spring turkey seasons in Hunt 44 Unit ZZ, there has never been any scientific reasons presented for opposing the merger of these seasons; and 45 WHEREAS, based on the previously offered 65,000 desired license sales, there should be little if any harm to 46 the turkey population or natural resources by combining the Hunt Unit ZZ turkey seasons. NOW, 47 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and frame a Wildlife 48 49 Order that would combine the two existing Hunt Unit ZZ turkey seasons into one, thereby increasing hunting 50 opportunities, as well as recruiting and retaining more hunters.

Proposed Resolution #07 Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: George Lindquist, MUCC Vice President

MUCC Region:

Passed: December 9, 2017 Conservation Policy Meeting and amended March 10, 2018

Title: DAILY PERCH HARVEST RULES TO BE EXPANDED

- 1 WHEREAS, in 2011, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) adopted Fisheries Order 206, which
- 2 governs special fishing regulations for coolwater species on select lakes; and

3 WHEREAS, the current law authorizes the Director of the Department to provide for better protection

4 and preservation of fish, game and birds; and

5 WHEREAS, the regulations contained in Order 206 are more restrictive than the general hook-and-line

regulations that were needed to improve upon the ability of the Department to protect and enhance

7 populations of sport fish in certain lakes; and

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8 WHEREAS, Lake Gogebic was added to protect large yellow perch from Order 220 to Order 206; and

WHEREAS, large yellow perch are highly pursued by anglers, and prized when harvested; and

10 WHEREAS, surveys indicate that nearly half of the yellow perch sport angling harvest in Lake Gogebic

consists of fish over 10 inches in size; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, local angling groups and residents requested that the Department consider reducing

the daily possession limit to help protect and instill stewardship for this population; and

14 WHEREAS, this resulted in a 25 fish daily possession limit on yellow perch with no more than five fish

15 12 inches or greater; and

WHEREAS, perch fishing is a great way to introduce others, including children, to fishing so those that

desire more than 25 fish could be encouraged to introduce others to the opportunities of perch fishing.

18 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to make those

regulations for yellow perch in Lake Gogebic a rule for state inland lakes and elsewhere determined to be

21 appropriate.

Proposed Resolution #08 Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Charles Felcyn, Paw Paw Conservation Club

MUCC Region: 7

Passed: March 10, 2018 Conservation Policy Meeting. *Maker proposed a substitute for*

the Wildlife Committee on March 24, 2018 (see Comments booklet for substitute)

Title: REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BUCK TAGS PER HUNTER TO ONE PER YEAR

- 1 WHEREAS, reducing the number of buck tags per hunter to one per year could be accomplished without
- 2 losing revenue; and
- 3 WHEREAS, this could be potentially done by having the combination license include one antlered deer
- 4 and one antlerless deer tag and eliminating the single deer tag; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Michigan will still get the license dollars if everyone has to purchase a \$40 combo tag
- 6 versus the \$20 single deer tag; and
- 7 WHEREAS, doe tags would then be available to all hunters instead of just a few people getting more
- 8 than one; and
- 9 WHEREAS, this would help disperse doe harvest more evenly across the landscape and there would be
- more of an incentive to harvest a doe rather than settle on a small buck; and
- 11 WHEREAS, extra doe tags could be issued after a two-year trial period in areas with high deer numbers
- 12 or disease; and
- 13 WHEREAS, this potential new license structure could eliminate the need for antler point restrictions;
- 14 **NOW**
- 15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the
- 16 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to simplify and
- 17 restructure the deer combo license to include one buck tag and one doe tag.

Proposed Resolution #09 Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: UP Whitetails of Marquette County

MUCC Region:

Passed: December 9, 2017 Conservation Policy Meeting

Title: IMPROVING NO NET LOSS OF HUNTING LAND

- 1 WHEREAS, the current law states that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required to keep land
- 2 under its control open to hunting unless it determined that it should be closed to hunting because (1) public

- 3 safety; (2) fish or wildlife management concerns; (3) homeland security concerns; or (4) other legal
- 4 requirements; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the Department is required to manage land under its control to support and promote hunting
- 6 opportunities to the extent authorized by law; and
- WHEREAS, the Department is required to manage land under its control to prevent any net decrease in the
- 8 acreage of such land that is open to hunting; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the "no-net-loss" provision also requires the state to open additional lands to hunting if it closes
- 10 land currently open to hunting; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the current law does not acknowledge where the additional lands must be compensated, such as
- within the Michigan Hunting and Trapping Zones 1 (all of the Upper Peninsula), 2 (Lower Peninsula
- Northwest Michigan), and 3 (Lower Peninsula Southeast Michigan); and
- 14 WHEREAS, these requirements do not apply to private land that qualifies as "commercial forestland" for
- 15 certain tax incentives; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the Department shall submit a report to the Legislature detailing the location and acreage of
- 17 land under its control (except for commercial forestland) that is closed to hunting during the previous year
- ending March 1, and the reason for closure, and the location and acreage of land under its control (except for
- commercial forestland) that it opened to hunting during the previous year to compensate for the land that was
- 20 closed.
- 21 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the
- 22 Michigan Legislature, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Natural Resources Commission
- 23 (NRC) to continue to ensure that the amount of public land available to hunters does not decrease in the
- 24 future; and

- 25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that should land under the control of the DNR close to hunting,
- compensation of additional land will be opened within the same region it was closed, to ensure fair
- 27 opportunities to hunters within the designated regions.

Proposed Resolution #10 Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Leonard Shaner, Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Association

MUCC Region: 8

Passed: March 10, 2018 Conservation Policy Meeting

Title: CHANGE OPENING DAY OF FIREARM DEER SEASON TO THE

SATURDAY CLOSEST TO NOVEMBER 15TH

- 1 WHEREAS, Michigan has long enjoyed a rich and storied deer hunting tradition; and
- 2 WHEREAS, this hunting heritage has historically been defined as a special time for family and friends, as
- 3 well as an introduction of young hunters to this tradition; and
- 4 WHEREAS, changing education, employment, economic, social and cultural conditions within the State
- 5 have contributed to a steady decline in younger (Millennials) adult hunter participation; and
- 6 WHEREAS, this decline has also had an adverse economic impact on businesses which have traditionally
- 7 been dependent on the firearm deer season; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) has long advocated for increasing participation
- 9 of early career people and youth; and
- 10 WHEREAS, after peaking at nearly 800,000 firearm deer hunters in 1998, the number of firearm deer hunters
- has declined, in a fairly steady fashion, to about 530,000 in 2015 which averages about 2% decline per year;
- **12** and
- 13 WHEREAS, there would be three weekends during the firearm deer season each year; and
- 14 WHEREAS, there would likely be more hunters in the field with a Saturday opening day which would likely
- increase the number of deer taken early in the firearm season which could have a positive impact on the
- spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD); and

- 17 WHEREAS, other Great Lakes states have recognized the benefits of changing the opening date of their
- 18 firearm deer season to a Saturday; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has historically concluded that changing
- 20 the opening of the firearm season to the Saturday closest to the 15th of November would not adversely impact
- 21 the wildlife resource. NOW,
- 22 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) urge the DNR and
- other appropriate public entities to examine the economic, social, natural resource, and hunter recruitment
- 24 implications that would result from a change in the opening day of Michigan's firearm deer season to that
- 25 Saturday closest to the 15th of November, and should such a review result in a recommendation to make this
- 26 change, that MUCC would support such an initiative.

Submitted by: Greg Peter, MUCC At Large Director

MUCC Region:

Passed: December 9, 2017 Conservation Policy Meeting

Title: RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL

RESOURCES (DNR) TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE MOOSE MANAGEMENT

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- 1 WHEREAS, the DNR has created comprehensive management plans targeting various species, including
- bear, elk, wolf, and deer.
- 3 WHEREAS, several states, including those located in the upper Midwest and northeastern United States,
- 4 have a comprehensive moose management plan.
- 5 WHEREAS, the Michigan Moose Advisory Council was a established and tasked by Public Act 366 of 2010
- 6 with the development of a comprehensive moose management plan and their report of September 2011 made
- 7 recommendations for the establishment of a plan along the guidelines of the North American Model of
- 8 Wildlife Management
- 9 WHEREAS, the Council's White Paper of February 2011outlined a management plan contingent upon many
- 10 factors impacting the sustainability of the species population

- 11 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that MUCC encourage the Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- 12 to create a comprehensive moose management plan understanding the need for an increased commitment of
- 13 funds and personnel to work to ensure a vibrant, sustainable moose population supporting hunting as a
- management tool understanding the many complicating factors in consideration.

Submitted by: Charles Felcyn, Paw Paw Conservation Club

MUCC Region: 7

Passed: March 10, 2018 Conservation Policy Meeting

Title: CENTER FIRE CHANGES TO MICHIGAN'S LIMITED FIREARM

ZONE

- 1 WHEREAS, Indiana has been using center fire rifles in the entire state the last two hunting seasons
- 2 without a major safety problem occurring; and
- 3 WHEREAS, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources has left out certain calibers such as the .270
- 4 caliber, the 45-70 and others; and
- 5 WHEREAS, here in Michigan, the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) adopted several calibers of
- 6 rifles using straight-walled cartridges in 2014 for the limited firearm deer zone (formerly the shotgun
- 7 zone), which was reauthorized in 2017; and
- 8 WHEREAS, most modern muzzleloaders have a 200-yard range which are allowed in the limited firearm
- 9 deer zone in Michigan as well; and
- 10 WHEREAS, current regulations in Michigan for the rest of the state should apply to the limited firearm
- 11 deer zone. **NOW**
- 12 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the
- 13 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Natural Resources Commission to change Michigan's
- 14 limited firearm deer zone to have the same firearm restrictions and regulations as the rest of Michigan.

Submitted by: David Van Lopik, Sport Shooting Committee Chair

MUCC Region: 7

Passed: December 9, 2017 Conservation Policy Meeting Title: FIREARMS EDUCATION AND SAFETY

- 1 WHEREAS, many public schools do not have a firearms safety program or hunter education safety
- 2 program available.
- 3 WHEREAS, many public schools do not allow firearms or conservation clubs to hold extracurricular
- 4 classes in firearms safety or hunter safety at their facilities.
- 5 WHEREAS, many public schools do not allow any advertisements, flyers, posters or other information
- 6 about firearms safety programs or hunter safety programs on public school property.
- 7 **WHEREAS**, it has been proven that classes and programs in firearms safety and hunter education safety
- 8 have reduced, and in some cases eliminated firearms related hunting deaths.
- 9 WHEREAS, the Michigan United Conservation Club believes firearm safety instruction and hunter
- 10 safety instruction are an integral part of safely handling a firearm and promoting firearms safety.
- 11 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Michigan United Conservation Club will work with the State
- 12 Department of Education, Intermediate School Districts (ISD's), and local school districts to provide
- access to promoting, advertising and providing information about firearm safety classes and hunter
- education classes at local, regional and state facilities and other range facilities open to the public.
- 15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Michigan United Conservation Club will work with the State
- 16 Department of Education, Intermediate School Districts (ISD's) and local school districts to ensure each
- student has the opportunity to attend a firearms safety course within the public school system, or on the
- public school grounds or alternate non-profit facility or sportsman's club.

- 19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Michigan United Conservation Club will work with the State
- 20 Legislature and Department of Education to ensure the above goals of providing each student an
- 21 opportunity to access a firearms safety or hunter education safety class.

Proposed Resolution #14 Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Tim Dusterwinkle, Michigan Bear Hunters Association

MUCC Region: 9

Passed: March 10, 2018 Conservation Policy Meeting

Title: BOBCAT LICENSE

- WHEREAS, when the 2013 hunting and fishing license package was adopted, there was a desire to make it
- 2 simple, fair, and efficient; and
- 3 WHEREAS, there was discussion that any additions or changes should wait until it was up for
- 4 reauthorization prior to the 5-year sunset, and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, under a bill adopted in 2016, the sunset clause was removed and thus the license restructuring is
- 6 permanent unless changed again by legislation; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the bobcat is currently legal game under the fur harvesters license, but a separate, free bobcat
- 8 kill tag must be requested prior to the start of the trapping season by November 30; and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, about 6,000 bobcat kill tags are issued to hunters and trappers on average each year with about
- 10 700 harvested and each must be registered; and
- 11 WHEREAS, there is growing interest in the pursuit of bobcats, including by hunters with commercial guides,
- which may be impacting the population in some areas; and
- WHEREAS, the bobcat should be on a separate license, recognizing it as the premier game species that it is.
- 14 NOW,
- 15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the
- Michigan Legislature to create a stand-alone bobcat license for a reasonable fee that will recognize bobcats as
- 17 a valuable game species and recoup some of the Department of Natural Resources costs for their
- management.

Submitted by: Paul Rose, MUCC Past-President

MUCC Region: 4

Passed: December 9, 2017 Conservation Policy Meeting

Title: MICHIGAN ARCTIC GRAYLING STOCKING INITIATIVE RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, native Arctic Grayling (*Thymallus arcticus*) were believed to have been extirpated in
- 2 Michigan in the 1930's and,
- 3 **WHEREAS**, the extirpation of Arctic Grayling is believed to have occurred due to the degradation of
- 4 habitat and unsustainable harvest and,
- 5 WHEREAS, all prior attempts to plant Arctic Grayling in Michigan have been unsuccessful, and
- 6 WHEREAS, Michigan now enjoys a restored trout fishery which is among the most highly regarded
- 7 in the nation, and
- 8 WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has announced an Arctic
- 9 Grayling stocking initiative which lacks a clear public or stakeholder engagement process for the
- selection of water bodies and watersheds for planting, and
- 11 WHEREAS, the decline of Arctic Grayling in other states could potentially result in a changed legal
- status of the species such as listing under the Endangered Species Act, and
- 13 WHEREAS, many of Michigan's watersheds continue to undergo fisheries habitat restoration which
- 14 could be impacted by the presence of a species which may become subject to federal protections
- 15 elsewhere, and
- 16 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that MUCC and its partners work with the MDNR to assure that
- introduction of Arctic Grayling to Michigan rivers and streams will only be done if the following
- 18 conditions are met:
- 1) The management of Michigan's existing fisheries will not be affected by a change of legal status
- of Arctic Grayling such as designation as "threatened" or "endangered" under the terms of the
- 21 Endangered Species Act elsewhere in the United States.

- 22 2) The planting of Arctic Grayling will only occur in those water bodies and watersheds where support
- 23 exists from stakeholder groups and a surveyed majority of responding anglers who use areas proposed for
- 24 stocking, and
- 25 3) If the funding for an Arctic Grayling planting program is confirmed to be sustainable and will not
- 26 undermine existing fisheries programs or staffing requirements in Michigan.

Proposed Resolution #16 Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Tim Dusterwinkle, Michigan Bear Hunters Association

MUCC Region: 9

Passed: March 10, 2018 Conservation Policy Meeting

Title: PROTECTING LIVESTOCK FROM BEAR DEPREDATION

- 1 WHEREAS, privately-owned captive cervid (deer and elk) are considered "livestock" within state law in
- 2 Michigan; and
- WHEREAS, owners of livestock have the ability to kill an animal that is chasing, attacking, injuring or
- 4 killing their livestock; and
- WHEREAS, bears are natural predators for fawns, so they are attracted to cervid operations; and
- 6 WHEREAS, bears are primarily attracted to captive cervid facilities due to year-around feeding practices;
- 7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, there is no law requiring cervid operations to protect their "livestock" from bears; and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, electric fence has been found to be an effective deterrent of bears. NOW,
- 10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the
- Michigan Legislature to amend state law to require electric perimeter fence on privately-owned cervid
- operations to deter bears and other species such as coyote and wolf.

Proposed Resolution # 17 Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: MUCC Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee **Passed:** March 10, 2018 Conservation Policy Meeting **Title:** ORV USE IN THE STATE FOREST

- 1 WHEREAS Act 288 of 2016 requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to inventory all forest
- 2 roads and
- 3 WHEREAS the DNR is required to determine the forest roads that would be open to Off-Road Vehicle
- 4 (ORV) use by the public and
- 5 WHEREAS the inventory of the northern lower peninsula is complete and 6000 miles of forest roads are now
- 6 open to ORV use and
- 7 WHEREAS the State forest is certified for sustainable forest management and
- 8 WHEREAS forest certification requires the DNR to remediate ORV damage in the state forest and
- 9 WHEREAS no additional money is earmarked for ORV damage remediation and ORV enforcement for the
- substantial increase in roads approved for ORV use. **NOW**,
- 11 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that MUCC should urge the DNR to develop an annual public report
- that provides data on ORV damage, enforcement activity and accidents in the state forest; and
- 13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that MUCC should request that the DNR not allow any additional
- expansion of forest roads open to ORV use until the ORV report is posted for public review and evaluated
- 15 related to the DNR's compliance with forest certification criteria, the ability of the DNR to mitigate resource
- damage and that funding for ORV enforcement due to the expansion of ORV use on forest roads is adequate.

Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Sam Morello, Michigan Bow Hunters Association

MUCC Region: 9

Proposed: March 10, 2018 Conservation Policy Meeting

Title: PRIMITIVE ARCHERY SEASON EXTENSION FROM ONE DAY AFTER

THE LIBERTY HUNT THROUGH JANUARY 31ST

- 1 WHEREAS, The impact on the resource would be very minimal due to the level of success with these
- 2 primitive archery weapons historically has been low: and

- 3 WHEREAS, This hunting method & weapons can be used in more urban areas to control deer due to their
- 4 limited range: and
- 5 WHEREAS, The primitive equipment be limited are hand held and hand drawn longbow, recurve bow, and
- 6 self-bow, using only wooden arrow shafts, tipped with fixed blade or stone tips only.
- 7 No mechanical string release, no bow mounted sights or bow mounted optics allowed; and
- 8 **WHEREAS**, The hunting method requires more time afield than modern archery equipment to be
- 9 successful; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Primitive Archery equipment was the only equipment allowed at the time Michigan first
- allowed archery hunting. NOW,
- 12 **THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED** that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the
- Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Natural Resource Commission (NRC) to allow a
- Primitive Archery equipment Season with a start date being the first day following the Liberty Hunt
- and continue the season until January 31 the following year.

Submitted by: MUCC Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee **Passed:** March 10, 2018 Conservation Policy Meeting

Title: ESTABLISH DESIGNATED WATER TRAILS PROGRAM

- 1 WHEREAS Michigan has over 3000 miles of water trails on the Great Lakes, inland lakes, and rivers, and
- 2 WHEREAS water trails provide a great opportunity to attract tourists, promote healthy lifestyles, and grow
- 3 local and regional economies, and

- 4 WHEREAS the authority for establishing a designated water trails program is provided through PA 451 of
- 5 1994, and
- 6 WHEREAS the development of a designated trails system is recommended in the "Michigan Statewide
- 7 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan", "Department of Natural Resources Managed Public Land
- 8 Strategy" and the "Michigan Parks and Recreation Division Strategy", and
- 9 WHEREAS an August 18, 2016 draft "Michigan's Policy on State Water Trails Designation" provides the
- information needed to create a program to formally designate water trails and
- 11 WHEREAS a Designated Water Trails Program would provide standardized criteria for designated water
- trails that provide a level of expectation related to facilities and amenities such as access, signage, restrooms
- and rest areas. **NOW**
- 14 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that MUCC should urge the Department of Natural Resources to
- finalize the draft "Michigan's Policy on State Trails Designation" and implement the designation Program.

Proposed Resolution #20 Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Daniel L. McMaster, Shiawassee Conservation Association

MUCC Region: 6

Passed: March 10, 2018 Conservation Policy Meeting

Title: WANTON AND WASTE LAW PERTAINING TO WHITETAIL DEER

- 1 WHEREAS, Michigan does not have a true wanton waste law pertaining to whitetail deer; and
- 2 WHEREAS two thirds of states in the country have wanton waste laws that pertain to wildlife; and
- 3 WHEREAS Michigan currently has a Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) crisis and a deer carcass should not
- 4 be left on the ground and should be disposed of properly; and
- 5 WHEREAS Michigan continues to have a population in need of food assistance; and

- 6 WHEREAS Michigan has several meat processors who take whole deer or partial deer and process at no cost
- 7 to the hunter and distribute the meat to food banks and food networks.
- 8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that MUCC work with Quality Deer Management Association
- 9 (QDMA), Whitetails Unlimited (WTU), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Natural Resources
- 10 Commission (NRC), and the legislature to create and adopt wanton waste legislation pertaining to whitetail
- 11 deer; and
- 12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a wanton waste law
- will require a hunter to make a reasonable attempt to retrieve rear hindquarters, front shoulders, back loins
- 14 (back straps), and neck portions of a deer. In addition, the carcass shall disposed of properly and not left in
- the field.

Proposed Resolution #21 Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Tim Muir, Lake St. Clair Walleye Association

MUCC Region: 8

Passed: March 10, 2018 Conservation Policy Meeting

Title: WORK WITH THE DNR TO EXPAND PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE DETROIT RIVER AND

LAKE ST. CLAIR BY CONSTRUCTING A PUBLIC BOATING ACCESS SITE ON BELLE

ISLE.

- 1 WHEREAS, Belle Isle is a 982-acre island in the Detroit River, managed by the Michigan Department
- of Natural Resources (MDNR) as a State Park; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The Lake St. Clair Walleye Association has collected and given to the MDNR and Belle Isle
- 4 conservancy more than 4,500 signatures in an informal petition of support for a boating access site on Belle
- 5 Isle; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The Detroit River is a year-round world class fishing destination and Lake St. Clair is one of the
- 7 most heavily utilized lakes in the Michigan; and
- 8 WHEREAS, there are no publicly owned boating access sites on the north end of the Detroit River; and

9 WHEREAS. There are only two privately owned boating access sites on the north end of the Detroit river that provide public use, these existing sites have safety of use and security issues, a common concern and 10 problem amongst anglers; and 11 12 WHEREAS, it is not uncommon to wait over two hours and have to park on unsecured city streets to launch 13 a boat and fish the Detroit River in the spring or drive many miles downriver to access the river; and WHEREAS, night fishing is very popular on the river and safety and security of property is a significant 14 15 concern; and WHEREAS, Tournament-friendly boat launch facilities have a proven track record in other states of 16 17 attracting more fishing tournaments of all sizes along with more non-tournament anglers who have learned of 18 the quality of fishing through the value-added marketing efforts of tournament organizations; and 19 WHEREAS, A tournament-friendly boat launch is defined as a public boating access site with at minimum 8 20 two sided launch docks, restrooms, and parking for at least 100 vehicles with trailers; and 21 WHEREAS, a quality tournament-friendly boating access site will draw people from within the state and 22 from outside the state to Belle Isle, providing an increased positive economic impact for not only the MDNR, but also the City of Detroit and the State of Michigan as experienced by communities in other states that have 23 24 built tournament-friendly launches - one major fishing tournament can bring a direct economic impact during 25 the event up to \$1.5 Million or more; and 26 WHEREAS, the MDNR and Belle Isle Conservancy have allocated \$75,000 for a feasibility study for the 27 construction of a public boating access site on Belle Isle or nearby Milliken State Park; and 28 WHEREAS, The current FY18 capital improvement budget for Belle Isle Park is ~\$1.25 million per the 29 Belle Isle Strategic Management Plan Draft (Dec 4, 2017) for a total of ~\$6.25 million of capital 30 improvement funds outlaid from FY18-FY22, these dollars are planned for investment on Belle Isle to upgrade and/or repair the island's infrastructure; additionally, Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund 31 32 monies have been invested in Belle Isle these investments should be protected and maximized for continued

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recreation and enjoyment; and

- 34 WHEREAS, there was a previous resolution that passed in 2015 concerning supporting the MDNR in the
- 35 pursuit of public improvements, including a boating access site on Belle Isle; and
- 36 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) reaffirm its
- 37 commitment to expanding fishing opportunities on the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair by encouraging and/or
- 38 supporting the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Belle Isle Conservancy, and Belle Isle Park
- 39 Advisory Committee with the construction of a tournament friendly, 24 hour a day boating access site on
- 40 Belle Isle; and
- 41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the MDNR work with fishing tournament organizations and local
- fishing conservation clubs to review and consider the positive local economic benefits associated with
- 43 building tournament-friendly boating access sites which are capable of hosting organized fishing events such
- as fishing tournaments and local fishing derbies.

Submitted by: MUCC Parks, Recreation, and Trails Committee **Passed:** March 10, 2018 Conservation Policy Meeting

Title: ESTABLISH WORK ORDERS TO REQUIRE PARKS TO CO-OPERATE WITH

OTHER DIVISIONS ON HABITAT MANAGEMENT

- 1 WHEREAS the different divisions of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources share expertise in the
- 2 management of wildlife habitat, and
- 3 WHEREAS State Recreation Areas' and State Parks' lands are the habitat of the wildlife therein, and
- 4 WHEREAS, Within Michigan State Recreation Areas, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- 5 (DNR) Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) is required to co-manage the habitat of the area with the DNR
- 6 Wildlife Division; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the DNR Forest Resources Division (FRD) has additional expertise on forest management that
- 8 should also be utilized; and
- 9 WHEREAS the PRD is mainly interested in the maintenance of human requirements in their operations, and

10 WHEREAS cooperative management by all of the divisions would best serve the habitat management for the

11 wildlife. NOW,

12 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the

13 Michigan Department of Natural Resources to establish work orders to require the Parks and Recreation

14 Division to cooperate with the other divisions of the DNR to address the needs for managing wildlife habitat

15 located within the State Parks and State Recreation Areas.

Proposed Resolution #23 Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Michigan Resource Stewards

Passed: March 10, 2018 Conservation Policy Meeting

Title: RESOLUTION ON THE VALUE OF PUBLIC LAND

1 WHEREAS: Michigan is blessed with a rich abundance of public land including the largest state forest

2 system east of the Mississippi River, and

3 WHEREAS: These public lands provide habitat for a great variety of wildlife, which poll after poll shows is

4 of critical importance to Michigan citizens, and

5 WHEREAS: Michigan citizens enjoy a multitude of activities on public land including hunting, fishing,

6 boating, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, camping, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing,

7 mushrooming, berry-picking, birding, ORV adventures, horseback riding, and other activities too numerous to

8 list, and

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9 WHEREAS: Studies have proven numerous health benefits from outdoor activity including longer lives from

outdoor exercise and the fact that children do better socially, academically, and cognitively when they have

opportunities to engage in unstructured outdoor play, and

12 WHEREAS: The ability to engage in these and other activities represents a birthright and a priceless heritage

that benefits the health and welfare of Michigan citizens as documented in many studies, and

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- 14 WHEREAS: Public land benefits Michigan's economy through our estimated \$22 billion annual return from
- tourism, \$20 billion from forest products on DNR-administered public land; \$5 billion from hunting and
- 16 fishing, and other benefits not yet quantified, and
- 17 WHEREAS: Property with access to public land generally sells at a premium, and
- 18 WHEREAS: The economic benefits and jobs created thanks to our public lands are not very thoroughly
- 19 studied and not always given appropriate recognition, and
- 20 WHEREAS: The Department of Natural Resources is working with Michigan State University and others to
- 21 study the value of and value added to Michigan's economy by public land, and
- 22 WHEREAS: Such studies are important in documenting the importance of public land in economic terms and
- helping the public and policy makers understand the importance of public land to Michigan citizens and our
- economy, especially the Michigan Legislature which is charged by our Constitution with protecting our
- 25 natural resources and requiring reports on public land, and
- WHEREAS: The loss or diminishment of our public land base would lead to irreparable damage to the
- 27 quality of life enjoyed in Michigan and to our economy. NOW,
- 28 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the
- 29 Michigan Resource Stewards (Stewards) to urge our legislature, advocacy groups and policy makers at all
- 30 levels to support the efforts of the DNR, MSU and others to thoroughly document the value and value added
- 31 to our economy by public land, and
- 32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That MUCC and the Stewards call upon our legislature, advocacy groups
- and policy makers at all levels to acknowledge the multiplicity of health benefits, social benefits and other
- intangible benefits that accrue to Michigan citizens because of our public lands, and
- 35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**: That MUCC and the Stewards call upon the Legislature to assist the DNR
- in documenting the above referenced values of public land pursuant to the charge given to the Legislature in
- 37 the Michigan Constitution, Article X, Section 5, to "require annual reports as to such lands from all
- departments having supervision or control thereof..." and

- 39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**: That MUCC and the Stewards call upon the Legislature to protect and
- 40 maintain our public lands, pursuant to the charge in Article IV, Section 52 of the Michigan Constitution to
- 41 "provide for the protection of the air, water and other natural resources of the state from pollution impairment
- 42 and destruction," and
- 43 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**: That MUCC and the Stewards assert that protecting our public land
- 44 heritage in Michigan is of paramount importance to our citizens for health, quality of life and prosperity,
- 45 today and for the future.

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