

MUCC Convention Report

June 24-26, 2022 - Radisson Hotel, Lansing, MI

In the shadow of the State capitol building in Lansing, MI, Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) celebrated our 85th Anniversary of setting the conservation agenda for Michigan. Your MUCC representative, Allen R. Kasdorf, and his wife, Carrol, were there to join in the festivities and the business sessions. They were among some 99 other delegates carrying 322 votes. Friday evening was highlighted by a picnic at the headquarters building prior to getting down to business on Saturday morning. "Moments of Memory" is a time when we remember and honor members who have passed since the last convention. Our club remembered Bob Burlingame, Rodney Boyer, and Past President Nick Sorko-Ram.

As there were only 10 resolutions, we whipped through them in record time. Resolution subjects ranged in categories from wildlife to Line 5 across the Straits of Mackinaw, and various other things. Only one resolution failed to garner enough votes to pass. Delegates defeated the idea of using drones to track wounded big game animals that wander onto private property. The nine resolutions that passed after debate and amendments (some amendments were also amended) dealt with closures of commercial forest roads, the Line 5 tunnel, solar farms, hunter safety training, support of Proposal G and who or what the DNR should have.

As always, anyone who would like details or has a question, is welcome to contact your club MUCC representative, Allen Kasdorf. Saturday afternoon featured an address by DNR Director, Dan Eichenger. He said "It's not a bad time to be in the business of conservation. There's a lot of money floating around out there." This is evidenced by a recent grant received by DNR for \$65M thanks in part to the Recovering Americans Wildlife Act. We voted in a new president of MUCC, Tim Muir, as we thanked immediate past-president, Greg Peter for his 2 years of service. Saturday evening was the annual Awards Banquet where we honored several conservationists, teachers, DNR employees and others for their outstanding contributions to the field of conservation. Sunday is always a wrap up day to finish things that didn't get completed the day before. Adjournment came around 12:00 Noon. Your delegates would like to thank the Board for giving us the opportunity again to attend the convention.

Reported by Allen Kasdorf, Club MUCC Delegate