

NORFOLK WOODLOT OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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February 2021

President's Message

Looks like Winter remembered us here in Norfolk County. This President's Report reiterates much information on how the Board is handling the AGM, membership renewal and voting on previous AGM minutes, 2020 year end financials and election of Board members.

As mentioned in the last NWOA Newsletter the March 3, 2021 AGM will not take place as we were accustomed to in the past at the German Home in Delhi. We hope to return there in 2022, time will tell.

The NWOA is required to conduct an AGM within 6 months of year end. This year, the NWOA must hold the AGM by June 30th, 2021. The AGM in the past had three components lumped into one event:

- Membership renewal tied to the Early Bird Draw and Door Prizes.
- Membership voting to accept the previous AGM minutes and Financial Report, and election of Board members.
- Gathering of members to further their woodlot education by speaking with vendors and groups involved with various aspects of woodlot management, listen to guest speakers, and share anecdotal knowledge.

Since we cannot gather as we have in the past, this year's AGM will happen in a Covid-19 friendly manner, from a distance. The 2021 AGM is more definitively divided into three components:

A January AGM package was mailed out on Jan 15, 2021. You should have received this package by the end of January and included the following,

- January NWOA Newsletter you hopefully read.
- Membership Application/Renewal Form, which when completed and mailed back prior to March 1, 2021 is eligible for the Early Bird Draw (prizes include chain saw and office chair).
- If you wish to volunteer to work on the Board, please fill in the nomination section at the bottom of the Application/Renewal Form.

February AGM package that includes the following,

1. The February NWOA Newsletter you are now reading.
2. A Proxy Vote Form to indicate your acceptance (or not) of the items below. This replaces the in-person Business portion of our normal AGM.
3. Minutes of March 3, 2020 AGM. Please let us know if any changes are required and forward back to us. Otherwise accept or not on the Proxy vote form.
4. Dec 31, 2020 NWOA financial statements. Please let us know your proxy vote to accept or not.
5. List of current Board members.
6. List of nominees. Please let us know your proxy vote to accept or not.
7. Please note that each completed and returned Proxy Vote Form (one per member) is eligible for a draw on the door prizes so generously donated by local merchants and organizations to NWOA AGM.

The third, or fun part, gathering of members at the German Home to further their woodlot education with informative guest speakers, vendor and organization displays and conversation, will instead happen throughout the year in a different format. The Board plans on ramping up field trips and woodlot tours when we can safely gather again and will offer webinars on forest related topics through the Microsoft Teams platform. These will take place throughout the remainder of the year.

For the March 2022 AGM, we plan to return to the former format of guest speaker, vendor and organization displays, at the German Home in Delhi ... Covid-19 permitting. Time will tell.

Please note NWOA **new** mailing address:

**Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association (NWOA)
P.O. Box 1146
Waterford, Ontario NOE 1Y0**

We welcome your comments, thoughts and ideas for our newsletter, workshops and AGM. We work hard to make them fun and informative, so your feedback is essential. Thanks. You can post them on our website www.norfolkwoodlots.com (Go to the 'About us' Tab then select 'Contact us' to complete the message box), direct email at membership@norfolkwoodlots.com, or call me at 519-426-2782 or email me at john dewitt@kwic.com.

**NORFOLK WOODLOT OWNERS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY March 4, 2020
Delhi German Home**

NWOA President, Mr. John de Witt, opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

There were one hundred & fifteen people attending the meeting.

Mr. de Witt recognized the presence of a local member of government. He also thanked exhibitors and those who have donated time and prizes that help make the AGM a success. In particular, he thanked Premier for the chainsaw, to which the NWOA also donated, and Tim Hortons for the refreshments.

Mr. de Witt mentioned a trifold that can be used for familiarization about NWOA is available to attending members. Tracey Boerkamp moved to confirm Remus Lukosius and Luke Haze as Directors. Angelle van Kleef seconded. Motion carried. Dr John Morrissey moved to approve the Minutes of the 2019 AGM. Betty Chanyi seconded. Motion carried. Mr. de Witt acknowledged the work of Eric Ferguson and Tracey Boerkamp for their efforts in organizing the AGM as well as the other Directors for their contribution to the Association.

Dr. Bob Dukelow	Vice President
Dr. John Morrissey	Secretary / Newsletter Editor
Eric Ferguson	Web committee/Acting Treasurer
Kristen Bernard	Director
Tracey Boerkamp	Director AGM convener
Mark Bacro	Director
Iria Lukosius	Director
Mike Penner	Director
Audrey Heagy	Director
Remus Lukosius	Director
Luke Haze	Director
Dolf Wynia	FSC Committee / Past President

Adam Biddle
Dan Marina
George Demaiter

Norfolk County Advisors
Nomination Advisor

Mr. de Witt invited members to participate in sharing what is of interest to them on the website. He thanked Kristen Bernard and Dan Marina for their work in providing material that may be of interest to woodlots on the website.

2019 Minutes - The Minutes of the 2019 AGM were reviewed. Dr. John Morrissey moved that they be accepted. Anne Wynia seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Financial Report - Eric Ferguson presented the Financial Report. The Opening Balance for 2019 was \$17,413.62. Membership dues from members for the year were \$4,921.06. There was a donation of \$100.00. Total Revenues were \$5,021.06. Expenses for the year were \$5,963.99, leaving a Book Balance of \$16,470.69 as at December 31, 2019. Tracey Boerkamp moved to approve the report. Angelle van Kleef seconded the motion. The motion was carried

Election of Directors – John de Witt conducted a nomination of new Directors. There were no nominations.

Speaker – Dr Christian McQuarry of Great Lakes Forestry Centre, provided a presentation on Management of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and work done with Townsend Lumber. He reported that firewood is the most common means of moving Emerald Ash Borer. He informed that feeding under bark destroys the tree. It takes one to two years to complete the cycle of pupation. Climate influences the development of population. Treatments require injection into trees. Management uses natural enemies of EAB to attack larvae or eggs. Research has been introducing natural enemies since 2013. Research is beginning on resistant and resilient ash tree species. Dr McQuarry reviewed the work done with Townsend Lumber on using a systems approach to managing the processing wood products. Lumber was sampled as it was being processed. The final process reveals the risk of EAB infestation is zero. Heat treated slabs revealed no insects at 54°C or greater. The next steps in research will be to apply similar processes to manage bronze birch borer.

Break

Mr. Adam Biddle provided an update on Gypsy Moth. Severe outbreaks were restricted to a few areas. There is a lower prediction for 2020. The County conducted surveys in woodlots. He noted that there are possible high levels in the same areas as 2019. The County also conducted a study of forest cover in the county. The results show that 23.94% of the County is forested and 86.13% of that is on private land. He noted that only .7% is within urban boundaries. This report is based on data provided to him. The County's objective is to conserve natural heritage by identifying significant woodlands and providing forest conservation bylaws. This is done by regulating destruction, clearing and issuing permits. He reported that there are 100 to 120 harvests per year. Exemption permits vary from year to year between 2 and 10 per year. The leading justifications for exemptions are for agricultural use. The County will be reviewing the bylaws in 2020. Woodlot owners are encouraged to continue to be aware of recommendations and provide feedback.

Early Bird Prizes - Tracey Boerkamp announced the winners of the Early Bird Door Prizes – a Stihl chainsaw, donated by Premier Equipment, was won by Mary deCloet.

Mr. de Witt thanked attendees for their continued interest in the NWOA, sponsors of the meeting, presenters, booth holders and Dan Marina of Norfolk County for providing the technical support for the meeting. He informed association members that there were many gifts provided by sponsors, who were identified, which could be collected at the close of the meeting.

Dr John Morrissey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9 pm.

Members can renew their membership, online, using the NWOA website
www.norfolkwoodlots.com and pay online with PayPal.

Go to the website and then to **Members Area**, then to **Member Renewal**.

You may also print the membership application form and renew by mail.

Members who renew early would be eligible for the AGM Early Bird Door Prizes

Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association

Annual General Meeting – March 29, 2021

Financial Statement – December 31, 2020

The following statements have been prepared for information purposes only. While the Board of Directors believes they accurately reflect the Association's financial results in a manner consistent with prior years, they have not been audited or reviewed by any individual or organization independent of the Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

John de Witt, President

Eric Ferguson, Treasurer

March 29, 2021

OPENING BALANCE JANUARY 1 2020		\$16,470.69
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS		
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020		
		2020
Revenues		
Membership Dues		3,732.49
Donations		295
Interest & Other		0
Total Revenues		4,027.49
Expenditures		
Meeting Expenses		1,262.42
Promotional Material		225.15
Liability Insurance (annual dues -\$2352.24 pd Jan/21)		0.00
Website Expenses		509.45
Other		0
Total Expenditures		1,997.02
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures		2,030.47
NWOA OPERATING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2020		\$18,501.16
NWOA - RESERVE FUND - Program support (ie NEST program)		\$15,428.68
NWOA - TOTAL Asset - DECEMBER 31, 2020		\$33,929.84

2021 AGM Door Prize Donors

The following are the door prize donors for this year's AGM. Winners will be notified and may pick their prizes up at:

Springview Farm Golf Course
657 Culver Road, Waterford, Ontario
519.443.0589

Premier Equipment Simcoe Stihl - Henry
Scotts Delhi - Dean Stone and Brad Pridham
Townsend Lumber - Mike Penner
Home Hardware Delhi DownTown King Street - Paul Andratis
Norfolk Tractor - Richard Parker
Riddock Lumber Waterford - Jim
Halnor Farm Equipment - Brian Vanroy
Echo Power Equipment - Mike and Loyd

There are approximately 40 prizes included in this year's draw.
And proxy votes received before Mar 20th will be drawn for door prizes.

Gypsy Moth Treatment

Members who may be interested in having their woodlots sprayed for Gypsy Moth treatment can contact Daniel Haupt of Zimmer Air Services, Inc. at the following:

<https://zimmerair.com/services/aerial-application-services/forest-pest-control/>

Chatham: 519-676-9550

St.Thomas: 519-637-0711

Mobile: 905-512-0538

Mail: dhaupt@zimmerair.com

Web: www.zimmerair.com

NORFOLK WOODLOT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting - PROXY VOTING FORM

We will not be able to have our usual in-person AGM at the Delhi German Home this year due to the Covid 19 restrictions. However, we still need to fulfill the requirements of our AGM by having our membership vote on several important items. Please take a moment to review the list below and vote.

I am instructing - Eric Ferguson - NWOA Treasurer - to cast my Proxy votes according to the instructions below.

Alternate name if preferred:

YOUR NAME:

Address:

Date:

Phone #:

ACCEPT REJECT

ITEM 1 March 4, 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes (copy provided in your February Newsletter package). Please review and let us know if any changes are required (errors or omissions) and send comments back to us as soon as possible via email to membership@norfolkwoodlots.com

Do you accept the 2020 AGM Minutes?

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ITEM 2 NWOA 2020 Financial Report for year ending December 31, 2020 (copy provided in your February Newsletter package).

Do you accept the Financial Report for year ending December 31, 2020?

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ITEM 3 **NWOA Board of Directors (current)**

- John de Witt – President
- Dr. Bob Dukelow – Vice President
- Dr. John Morrissey – Secretary
- Eric Ferguson – Acting Treasurer /Website /Membership
- Tracey Boerkamp – Annual General Meeting Chairman
- Mike Penner – Director
- Dolf Wynia – Director
- Marc Bacro – Director
- Audrey Heagy – Director
- Kristen Bernard – Director

ITEM 4 **New Board Nominees**

Nominations have been received for the people below (and they have agreed to let their name stand)
Please vote for each one:

Name 1 - note : no Nominations have been rec'd at the time the newsletter is being sent

Name 2

Please return this completed Form to us:

By mail: Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association
P.O. Box 1146
Waterford ON, N0E 1Y0

By email: scan the completed form and send to membership@norfolkwoodlots.com

Proxy Voting Forms received by March 20th 12:00 pm will be entered into a Door Prize Draw!

Note: The board of Directors will meet March 29, 2021, to conduct formal AGM and receive the results of the Proxy Vote from the membership. (Door Prize draw winner(s) will be announced at the meeting)