

# NORFOLK WOODLOT OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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**February 2022**



## President's Message

The quarterly magazine published by Ontario Woodlot Association (OWA), The Ontario Woodlander, is great! I found it fun to read, with many pearls of information useful for managing many different types of woodlots. And it's showy enough to serve as 'coffee-table literature'. Hope you enjoyed it just as much.

We have been discussing about NWOA becoming a Chapter of OWA since last summer. NWOA is now on a one-year trial, from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 as the Norfolk Chapter of OWA. It will not cost NWOA members for the OWA one year trial, other than the annual \$25.00 NWOA membership renewal fee. NWOA members can decide, by vote, whether to become a Chapter of OWA permanently. The vote will take place early in the fall of this year.

To learn more about OWA please check out <https://www.ontariowoodlot.com/about-owa>

Becoming a Chapter of OWA will not curtail NWOA independence. We would continue to operate with our current Board members (we would welcome the addition of some new Board Members!), continue to publish our own Newsletter, continue with our AGM event and tours. We would be covered by OWA insurance for our tours, directors, AGM and other such events. We will be able to attend OWA events including annual meetings and tours held in different locations across the province. And a NWOA Board member has one seat on the OWA General Board which meets quarterly.

NWOA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on **March 2, 2022 at 7pm**. NWOA Board has booked OWAs' Zoom expertise to conduct our AGM virtually.

Some reminders:

1. Renew your NWOA membership by Feb 18<sup>th</sup> to qualify for the early bird draw for one of two chainsaws.
2. Attend the virtual Annual Meeting to qualify for the draw for the other chainsaw or one of many additional donated door prizes.
3. The NWOA AGM will take place on **Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 7 pm** via Zoom or telephone.
4. Information about how to attend the AGM by Zoom will be emailed to you.
5. The phone numbers to attend the AGM by phone (toll free) is **1 647 374 4685** or **1 647 558 0588** and passcode (Webinar ID) is **881 4728 7337**
6. The February newsletter will contain more information about the Annual Meeting.

Please review the 2021 AGM Minutes and 2021 Financial Year End Statement. We will be voting on the motions to approve both during the meeting and voting on acceptance of any new Board members.

If you wish to volunteer or nominate another NWOA member as a Board Member please contact us in one of five ways:

1. NWOA **new** mailing address:  
**Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association (NWOA)**  
**P.O. Box 1146**  
**Waterford, Ontario N0E 1Y0**

2. NWOA website [www.norfolkwoodlots.com](http://www.norfolkwoodlots.com)
3. NWOA email [membership@norfolkwoodlots.com](mailto:membership@norfolkwoodlots.com)  
or
4. Call me at 519-426-2782  
or
5. email me at [johndewitt@kwic.com](mailto: johndewitt@kwic.com)

Please review the list of generous sponsors that help us out every year and if you have a choice make every effort to patronize their business. They make all the difference in making NWOA AGM as great as it is!

Next year, NWOA 2023 AGM will be held at the German Home in Delhi on March 1, 2023 at 7pm.

And hopefully Wiarton Willie is correct in its' predication of an early spring!

Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association  
President  
John de Witt

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## NORFOLK WOODLOT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting Agenda

March 2, 2022

### **7:00-7:05 Call to Order and Welcome to NWOA 2022 AGM**

### **7:05 Presidents report.** Thank sponsors and Directors

John de Witt	President
Dr. Bob Dukelow	Vice President/Newsletter
Dr. John Morrissey	Secretary/Newsletter Editor
Kristen Bernard	Director Communications/Newsletter
Tracey Boerkamp	Director AGM Convener
Mark Bacro	Director
Mike Penner	Director Woodlot Tours
Audrey Heagy	Director Tours/Newsletter
Dolf Wynia	Director Past President/Tours
Adam Biddle	Norfolk County Advisor
Eric Ferguson	Website Manager/Treasurer/Email&Mail Manager/Newsletter

### **7:15 I call upon our Board Secretary, Dr John Morrissey, to go over 2021 AGM Minutes**

Motion to accept minutes

### **7:20 I call upon our Treasurer, Eric Ferguson, to go over the NWOA 2021 financial report.**

Motion to accept financial report

### **7:25 I call upon community spirited members** to be nominated or step forward to be a NWOA Director

**7:30 John Pineau** John Pineau is currently the Executive Director of the Ontario Woodlot Association and a part-time Professor at Algonquin College in Pembroke. Prior to this he worked as Provincial Leader Ontario for FPInnovations from 2014 to 2020. John also served as the Executive Director of the Canadian Institute of Forestry from 2006 to 2014. John worked for Tembec Inc. and the Forestry Research Partnership as Forest Science Extension Manager from

2000 to 2006. Early in his career, he worked for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (1979-1994) in a variety of capacities including as Technician, Planner, G.I.S. Specialist and Communications Officer. He was employed by Millar Western Forest Products Ltd. in Alberta as G.I.S. Manager and Company Biologist from 1994-2000. John has a BSc. Degree in Biology from Trent University (1983) and a Diploma in GIS Application Development from Fleming College (1991). He currently serves on the boards of the Algonquin Section of the Canadian Institute of Forestry, the Canadian Ecology Centre, the Canadian Ecology Centre Foundation, the Mattawa Museum, and the Friends of the Petawawa Research Forest. In his spare time John enjoys golf, canoeing, and strumming his guitar around the campfire in his family's backyard near Mattawa Ontario (Near North Chapter).

**7:45 Adam Biddle** A graduate of Sir Sandford Fleming College. Holds a provisional membership with the Ontario Professional Foresters Association and is a Managed Forest Plan Approver for the purposes of the MFTIP program. Is involved in: As the Supervisor of Forestry for Norfolk County he oversees various committees and organizations for the purpose of promoting responsible forest management and ecological conservation; oversees the implementation of the Forest Conservation By-law, management of County owned forests; the management of County owned trees in parks, cemeteries, trails and along roadsides. Tonight he is here to update you on the Norfolk Tree By Law.

**8:10 pm Grand Champion Door Prize for Attending (virtually or by phone) Draw for a Chainsaw donated by Premier and NOWA** The Early Bird draw for another chainsaw will be drawn by the AGM Convener Tracey Boerkamp from all the members that renewed prior to Feb 18, 2022 at a later date. Tracey will also be drawing the winners of all the other door prizes from the names that attended tonight's virtual AGM either via Zoom or telephone.

**8:20pm** Adjourn

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**NORFOLK WOODLOT OWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Monday March 29, 2021**  
**Microsoft Team Virtual**

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

The current Directors are shown in the chart below:

John de Witt	President
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
Mike Penner	Director
Audrey Heagy	Director
Dolf Wynia	FSC Committee / Past President
Adam Biddle	Norfolk County Advisors
Dan Marina	
George Demaiter	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** – It was reported that the Minutes of the 2019 AGM contained some typographical errors. The errors did not affect the motions that were conducted as part of the meeting. The amendments have been made and the revised Minutes will be provided to the membership in the next Newsletter.

**2020 Minutes** – A total of 107 proxy votes were received to accept the Minutes. This represents a majority of the membership.

**2020 Financial Report** - Eric Ferguson presented the Financial Report. The Opening Balance for 2020 was \$16,470.69. Membership dues from members for the year were \$3,732.49. Total Revenues were \$4,027.49. Expenses for the year were \$1,997.02, leaving a NWOA Operating Balance of \$18,501.16 as at December 31, 2020 and a NWOA Reserve Fund (used for program support such as the NEST Program) of \$15,428.68 and a total Balance of \$33,929.84 as at December 31, 2020. A total of 106 proxy votes were received to accept the Report. This represents a majority of the membership.

**Election of Directors** – No nominations to join the Board were submitted.

**Early Bird Prizes** - Tracey Boerkamp announced the winner of the Early Bird Door Prize – a Stihl chainsaw, donated by Premier Equipment and NWOA, was won by Mike Whitehead.

Additional door prizes were donated by:

Bert Cronkwright	Premier Equipment - Simcoe
Echo Canada	Riddock Lumber
Home Hardware – Delhi	Townsend Lumber
Norfolk Field Naturalists	Scotts Canada

Mr. de Witt thanked the Board members for their continued work. Dr John Morrissey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

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Members can renew their membership, online, using the NWOA website [www.norfolkwoodlots.com](http://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

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## Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association

Annual General Meeting –  
Financial Statement – December 31, 2021

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 2, 2022

## Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association

OPENING BALANCE JANUARY 1 2021		\$18,501.16
<b>STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS</b>		
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021		
		<b>2021</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Membership Dues	4,114.73	
Donations	200	
Interest & Other	0	
Total Revenues	4,314.73	
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Meeting Expenses	383.23	
Promotional Material	327.63	
Liability Insurance (2020 dues -\$2352.24 & 2021 dues \$2271.24)	4,623.48	
Website Expenses	124.36	
Mailing and Postal expenses	2315.68	
Other	225.95	
Total Expenditures	8,000.33	
<b>Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures</b>	<b>-3,685.60</b>	
<b>NWOA OPERATING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2021</b>		<b>\$14,815.56</b>
<b>NWOA - RESERVE FUND - Program support ( ie NEST program)</b>		<b>\$15,428.68</b>
<b>NWOA - TOTAL Asset - DECEMBER 31, 2021</b>		<b>\$30,244.24</b>

## Annual Meeting Sponsors & Displays

<u>ANNUAL MEETING Sponsors and Displays</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
FireArms Licensing & Education	519 443 7678
NEAC	519 426 5870
MNR Conservation Endanger, Species risk	519 773 4739
OPP	519 426 3434
G W G Resources Services	519 644 0791
Southwest Branch QDMA	519 582 8824
Townsend Lumber	519 688 1236
Primitive Skills	519 458 8824
Long Point Basin Land Trust	519 586 3985
Long Point Region Conservation	519 842 4242
Nature Conservancy Canada - NCC	519 586 7773
Long Point Phragmites Action Alliance	519 875 1765
ALUS	519 420 8127
St Williams Conservation Reserve Council	519 586 3531
Bird Studies Canada	519 586 3531
Norfolk Field Naturalists	519 586 3531
St Williams Nursery	519 586 9116
NFA Norfolk Farm Safety Association	519 443 5889
Long Point Fish and Game	519 586 9464
Ruffed Grouse Society	519 842 8468
Canadian Chestnut Council	519 426 7127
Scotts Canada	519 582 3330
Long Point World Biosphere	519 582 4264
Forest Interpretive Centre	519 875 3350
Norfolk County Superintendent Forestry	519 426 5999
Nature Canada	613-562-3447
Tree Climbing Canada	519 586 9358
Nature Calling	519 410-7376
EHP Logging	519 582 2067
GodFathers Pizza	519 582 1112
Culligan Water	519 426 1272
Tim Hortons Simcoe / Delhi	519 582 8373
Coyote Watch Canada	Website
Premier Equipment	519 426 8130
Lands Forest Consulting	519 442 3102
Stihl Norfolk Tractor	519 426 1090
Halnor Farm Equipment	519 443 8622
MNR Conservation Office #4722	519 773 9241
Forest Health / Parks	519 376 2352