Elgin-Middlesex Woodland Association Minutes of a Business Meeting held at the Annual General Meeting 18 March 2023

<u>Directors present</u>: Stan Caveney (President), Greg Greer, Gary Austin, Ken Laing. <u>Apologies</u>: Ron Drabick (Treasurer), Ron Casier (Past-President). <u>Members present</u>: 21 <u>Guests present</u>: 12

<u>Welcome</u>: Attendees were welcomed to the meeting by Rob Flack, MPP Elgin-Middlesex-London.

<u>Treasurer's Report 2022:</u>

In the absence of the Treasurer, the outgoing President reported that the Chapter's balance stood at \$4997.55 as of March 2023. Ron Drabick and Stan Caveney have signing authority for the Chapter for the period 2023-2024. <u>Motion to approve the Financial Report</u> Moved by Gary Austin. Seconded by Greg Greer: Motion CARRIED.

Revised Chapter name:

Motion to approve a change in the Chapter's name from Elgin-Middlesex Woodlot Owners' Association to the Elgin-Middlesex Woodland Association Moved by Gary Austin. Seconded by Greg Greer: Motion CARRIED

<u>New Chapter constitution:</u> <u>Motion to approve the revised EMWA Constitution</u> Moved by Greg Greer. Seconded by Gary Austin:

Motion CARRIED

The revised name of the Chapter and its new Constitution are to be registered with the provincial Ontario Woodlot Association. The new Constitution comes into effect immediately.

Board of Directors for 2023-2024

The interim slate for the 2023-2024 includes Stan Caveney as Past-President, Ron Drabick as Treasurer, Greg Greer, Gary Austin, Ken Laing and Ron Casier as members-at-large. New director Rob Porter was nominated by Ken Laing. The positions of President and Vice-President have yet to be filled.

Motion to approve the current slate of DirectorsMoved by Greg Greer. Seconded by Gary Austin:Motion CARRIED

After the business meeting Jim Handyside proffered his services as a provisional board member with immediate effect. A motion to approve his election as a chapter director will take place at the 2024 AGM.