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MDA-UAW Local 571
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2023

July 11, 2023

President William E. Louis called the meeting to order and asked that we keep in our thoughts recently deceased retirees Ronald Lastella, Donna D'Amico and Geraghty Hawkins Erikson, family members and our Veterans.

President William E. Louis asked for a motion to accept the June 12, 2023 General Membership Meeting Minutes as circulated and posted. A motion was made (D. R.), seconded (M. C.) and passed to accept.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Robert Faraci read the Treasurers Report. A motion was made (J. N.), seconded (M. C.) and passed to accept.

Correspondence:

To President William E. Louis from the Connecticut AFL-CIO, a call letter to the 15th Biennial Constitutional Convention, September 14 and 15, 2023, at Foxwoods Resort Casino.

To President William E. Louis from the United Way of SECT, a letter thanking our local for the \$2,000 donation for the 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament in June, benefiting the United Way of South Eastern Connecticut.

To President William E. Louis from the UAW International a call letter to the 37th Annual Civil & Human Rights Conference, September 24 through September 29, 2023, at the Walter and May Reuther Family Education Center Black Lack, Onaway, Michigan.

To President William E. Louis from the New London Police Union Local 724, they are conducting a fundraiser and looking for our support by placing an ad in their Community Crime Prevention Guide to be distributed throughout the area.

Officer Reports:

First Vice President David Reagan reported no new step 3 grievances filed.

Second Vice President Amy Stephenson reported no new step 3 grievances filed.

Recording Secretary Greg Maynard for Martha Fletcher reported, filed Grievance U-0014, non-bargaining engineering doing bargaining unit work.

We had a member receive a five day suspension for Violation of Rules and Regulations (Gross abuse of Company Time.)

William E. Louis, President
David M. Reagan, 1st Vice President
Amy Stephenson, 2nd Vice President



Martha Fletcher, Recording Secretary
Dave W. Evans, Financial Secretary
Robert J. Faraci, Treasurer

Financial Secretary Dave Evans reported no new step 3 grievances. A member received a 1-day suspension for being out of assigned work area. We also had a member received a 3-day suspension for being out of assigned work area. A member was given a written warning for violation of the cell phone policy.

Treasurer Robert Faraci reported no new step 3 grievance filed.

Standing Committee Reports:

Recreation Committee 2nd Vice President Amy Stephenson reported:

The Solidarity Picnic will be held Saturday, August 26, 2023 at Washington Park in Groton. We are having Tony D's and Chester's BBQ cater the event, including ice cream from Tony D's. We will have an inflatable obstacle course and bounce house with slide, dunk tank, balloon creations, face painting and a DJ. This will be a great time for the entire family. Please call the Union Hall to sign up.

Columbus Day weekend camping at Natures Campsites in Voluntown, CT is October 6 through 9, 2023. We have sites available for members or you can call the campground and book it yourself, but please let us know. The union will cover 1-night of camping and dinner for Saturday night, along with covering the cost of any walk-ins that want to join.

Saturday, December 9, 2023 is the Dinner Dance at Foxwoods. If you are interested in getting a discounted room, the link is below. Rooms tend to go fast so book soon if you know you will be attending. November 16, 2023 is the last day for discounted rooms.

<https://book.passkey.com/go/MDAUAWlocal571HolidayParty>

The MDA golf outing at Cedar Ridge will be held September 9, 2023. More information coming soon.

Apprentice Committee Chair David Evans reported the June Apprentice rotations went well. The rotation team continues to meet regularly to make this as smooth as possible, the team would welcome any feedback from the apprentices. I would like to thank all the Admin Aides for their continued effort.

Summer Hire Intern Program (SHIP) Committee Chair David Evans reported all of the Summer Hire Interns have been placed in their respective disciplines. If you have an Intern in your group, please reach out to them and make them feel welcome.

Absentee Committee Wayne Carbone reported that the following people were absent from the June 12, 2023 Executive Board/Executive Council/General Membership meeting held at the Mystic Marriott Hotel, 625 North Road, Groton CT 06340: Robert Faraci, Mark Ciliano, Nicole Reagan, Peter Anastas, Debbie Basnight, Richard Gianfrocco, John Lombardo, Saige Louis, Jerry Momplaisir, Eric Nelson, Edward Rocznik.

When a member of council is recorded as being absent in the meeting minutes, per the UAW Constitution, it does not reflect whether the absence is excused or unexcused. Lateness in excess of 15 minutes is considered one unexcused absence. If you feel you were reported in error, please submit in writing to the Absentee Committee the reason you feel your absence was reported in error.

The Absentee Committee would like to stress the importance for all E-Board, E-Council and Committee Chairs to attend all monthly meetings. Please contact the Absentee Committee in advance if you are unable to attend a meeting. Wayne Carbone (Chair): WCARBONE@GDEB.COM (860) 867-2691 / Cell: 860-857-6426, Anthony (Tony) Giordano Jr.: TGIORDAN@GDEB.COM (860) 867-2458, Eric Straub

ESTRAUB@GDEB.COM: Work: (860) 867-4607 / Cell: (860) 501-2230. The Officer of the Absentee Committee is Martha Fletcher RECORDSEC571@GMAIL.COM, (860) 448-0552 / Cell: (860) 608-1301.

Community Services Committee Co-Chair James Newman reported **Day of Caring Event**: Our next food collection will be the C&S food show. Volunteers needed. We hope to collect around 36,000 to 40,000 lbs. of food.

- Location: Mohegan Sun, Earth Expo Center
- Tuesday August 15, 2023.
- Sign-in will start at 3:30pm
- Food collection will start at 4:00pm
- Please RSVP to Peter Crizer or Jim Newman
- Children are welcome but must be accompanied by their parent/guardian at all times
- Volunteer certificates available for Volunteer hours

Please distribute the attached flyer with the meeting minutes.

2023 EBECSA Campaign: We need additional volunteers to join our team to help in all of our locations for the month of October. This is a great opportunity to join our team and learn what we do and how we impact our communities where we work and live. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in helping, please let us know. Please contact Jim Newman 433-2558 or Peter Crizer 433-2706 if you have any questions.

Insurance and Benefits Committee Tony Giordano reported on the EB Health Fair. The annual health fair was held June 20 thru June 23, 2023 in the Groton Shipyard, New London, Kings Highway and Building 88 in Groton. Besides our benefits committee I would like to thank the following volunteers this year: Mark Antrop, Brad Lamphere, Eric Straub, Mark Spery, Velma Williams and Erik Yering. Our raffle winner this year was Kim Deschamps and President Bill Louis awarded the certificate.

Annual Dependent Re-Verification 2023: Periodically dependent verification is required for members who enroll new dependents, make changes or fall under a random audit. Members receiving letters are given deadlines to complete the necessary steps. Members not completing these steps are provided communication reminders. Process: You would receive a letter from GD stating important Benefits Information Action Required. This must be filled out properly with all the important documents they require to prove eligibility. They tell you to log onto the www.VerifyOS.com to review dependents and documents required to verify legibility. HMS must receive all required documents and provides a date they must be returned by. IMPORTANT: Gainwell is GD's 3rd party dependent verification auditor. If you do not submit all required documents to confirm eligibility of your dependents, your ineligible dependents will be removed from all Health Plans (Medical, Dental and Vision). For more information visit www.verifyOS.com or call GD Help Line at 1-877-321-0791, Mon thru Fri 8am to 8pm. We ask that you complete these steps in order to maintain coverage of your dependents. If you are having problems obtaining documents to support these actions, you should notify HMS and one of our benefits committee members so we may help.

Final Reminder e-mail 7/10/23; Deadline: 7/19/23

Electric Boat Retiree Health Coverage "Over 65": If you're over 65 or maybe even planning to retire and interested in obtaining some information on options and plan designs feel free to contact Beacon Retiree Benefits group, LLC at 1.888.484.0414, ask for Darcy Caslin or Helen Sullivan. d.caslin@beaconmedicare.com and or H.sullivan@beaconmedicare.com

Fidelity: Fidelity has been available via phone offering 1:1 appointments for pre-retirees. You're able to consult with an experienced representative to help you develop your own comprehensive plan that integrates your workplace retirement goals. If you're interested, you can contact the EB Benefits Office to see when the next classes will be. Past registrations at www.gdbenefits.com (click library and then workshops).

Medical, Dental, Short-Term Disability (A&S) and Retirement Concerns: Our committee continues to work with our members to answer questions, resolve problem areas they may be having with insurance related benefits. Feel free to contact any member of the committee to address your concern. Jim Newman at 433-2558 (Groton), Tony Giordano at 867-2458 (NL), Mark Ciliano 860-303-2952, (Retired) and/or Chairman Ed Nevins at 867-2563 (NL).

Old Business

If you are interested in purchasing apparel, the union covers 50% of the cost. We have a new logo, many styles and colors. If interested, please contact Karen Heroux at the Union Office, 860-448-0552.

MDA Veteran's T-Shirts third order has been placed and should be in soon. If you missed out and would like to purchase these T-Shirts contact Karen Heroux for the next order.

Our 3rd Annual Veterans Committee Cornhole fundraiser is November 18, 2023 at Foxwoods Casino, Premiere Ballroom. We have raised over \$25,000 for our first 2 years in support of our Veterans.

We held our recognition dinner for the 2023 MDA Local 571 John F. Saffomilla and E. Roy Colville Scholarship winners at Tony D's on June 29, 2023. All winners were in attendance and the event was enjoyed by all.

New Business

The New London Police Union, Local 724, is conducting their yearly fundraiser which will support Community Programs and Activities throughout New London. A motion was made to provide a ½ page ad for \$350, (J. N.), seconded, (M. C.) and passed to support.

The AFL-CIO Community Services Golf Tournament to benefit the Gemma E Moran United Way/Labor Food Center will be held August 28, 2023 at Great Neck Country Club. A motion was made to support the MDA golfers who participate, a subsidy of \$1500 to be equally distributed, (D. E.), seconded, (D. R.) and passed to support.

For the Good of the Union

Kimberly Deschamps won the \$500 gift card raffle. MDA members who attended the Health Fair at any location were able to participate in the raffle. Congratulations to Kim and thank you to all who attended the Health Fair.

We had a Cornhole fundraiser hosted by Natures Campsites Sunday, July 9, 2023 in support of the Run to Home Base event happening July 22, 2023 at Fenway Park. We were able to raise \$1580 towards our General Dynamics New England team. To date our team has raised \$80,916.

The UCAN graduation was held June 14, 2023 at Great Neck Country Club. Thank you to Eric Straub and Bob Canova for participating this year and to Eric Staub, Brad Lamphere and William Louis for attending.

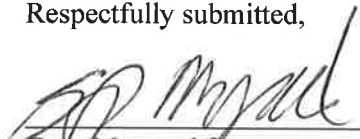
Financial Secretary Dave Evans provided a list of the new member applications:

BADGE:	NAME:	DEPT	BADGE:	NAME:	DEPT
144796	Albert Hanson	429	167560	Jaxon Barboza	452
151008	Christopher Pedersen*	459	167564	Samuel Casey	447
167468	Ashley Clark	604	167559	Grace Xu	453
166977	Ryan Lafleur	456	167557	Giana Cinque	701
167573	Joel Wesch	459	167589	Jacob Wallace	452
160725	Goktay Kaya	453	163269	Christopher Taylor*	459
228725	Austin Miller	453	166848	Paul Andrade	403
159173	Faith Bacon	459	160412	T Tack Ryan	447
229844	Kayla Sullivan	452	167704	Aislinn Gladu	342
226939	Brian Sujecki	447	166340	Ryan Perrier	469
155356	Willy Marrero	447	157458	Nicholas Taft	459
229484	Rody Cabrera	456	166039	Sophia Byrne	459
167705	Aleisha Price	342	223517	Gregory Lindner	462
166252	Robert Woodstock	456	221967	Joshua Parent	453
165896	Jason McElroy	459	167554	Flordelis Acevedo Martinez	447
167547	Bryan Alba	459	167551	Conner Marchand	453
167546	Brandolf Schlieper	469	167562	Ramel Porter	459
167565	Sophia Cabral	469	167842	Andrew Baldi	456
167566	Hishaam Yousafzai	456	167553	Cooper Bellos	701

A motion was made to accept the new members (J. N.), seconded (T. G.) and passed to support.

A motion was made to adjourn (D. R.), seconded (M. C.) and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Maynard for
Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher

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