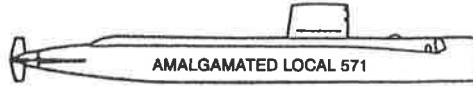




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**MDA-UAW Local 571  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
August 7, 2023**

August 8, 2023

**President William E. Louis** called the meeting to order and asked that we keep in our thoughts recently deceased retiree Oliver "Olie" White, family members and our Veterans.

**President William E. Louis** asked for a motion to accept the July 10, 2023 E-Board Meeting Minutes as circulated and posted. A motion was made (D.R.), seconded (T.G.) 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 New London Firefighters Local 1522, looking for support of their Annual Fund Drive this years, Fire Safety Handbook.

**Officer Reports:**

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

**Second Vice President Amy Stephenson** reported filed Grievances U-0007-23, U-0008-23, U-0009-23, U-0010-23, U-0011-23 for MTC doing MDA work and U-0015-23 for lack of work process, clarification of job responsibilities and communication by the company. Settled Grievance U-0013-23 for non-bargaining unit personnel doing bargaining unit work and it was agreed that the work will remain with the MDA.

**Recording Secretary Wayne Carbone for Martha Fletcher** reported no new step 3 grievances filed. We are proceeding with Grievance U-0014-23.

**Financial Secretary Dave Evans** reported no new step 3 grievances. A member was terminated for mischarging.

**Treasurer Robert Faraci** reported no new step 3 grievance filed.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Recreation Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Amy Stephenson** reported: MDA Golf outing will be held September 9, 2023 at Cedar Ridge Golf Course starting at 8:15am. This event is open to all MDA members and retirees in good standing and immediate family members. The cost is \$20 per person which includes golf cart, lunch and prizes. There is a registration form that will be included in the meeting minutes that must be filled out and sent to Karen at [karen.heroux@snet.net](mailto:karen.heroux@snet.net) by August 26, 2023.

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



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

Columbus Day weekend camping at Natures Campsites, 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. We have around 20 sites booked so far!

Saturday, December 9, 2023 is the Dinner Dance at Foxwoods. If you are interested in getting a discounted room, use this link: <https://book.passkey.com/go/MDAUAWlocal571HolidayParty>. 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.

**Apprentice Committee, Officer Dave Evans for Co-Chair Joe Marmaud** reported COHORT 8 is scheduled to begin in January 2024 for a group of arrangements, mechanical, piping and structural draftsmen. Three Rivers Community College is being incorporated into the other community colleges in CT, course numbers will be changing. The JAC is updating the Apprenticeship Standards. Apprentices will receive the new Standards after they have been reviewed and signed off by all parties involved in the process.

**Summer Hire Intern Program (SHIP) Committee, Officer Dave Evans for Chair Joe Marmaud** reported the interns and their mentors went to Labor History Museum in Willimantic, CT on August 1, 2023. They were lectured and shown how workers were treated in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries at a factory that made thread. Exhibits showed the working conditions and machines they operated as well as the housing for workers and upper management. Closing ceremony will be held on August 18, 2023.

**Absentee Committee Wayne Carbone** Wayne Carbone, MDA-UAW Local 571 Absentee Committee Chair reported that the following people were absent from the July 10, 2023 Executive Board meeting held at the MDA-UAW Local 571 Union Office, 394 Toll Gate Road, Groton CT 06340: Martha Fletcher and Pamela Gonski. When a member of the Executive Board is recorded as being absent in the meeting minutes, per the UAW Constitution, it does not reflect whether the absence is excused or un-excused. Three 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 ESTRUB@GDEB.COM: (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. Fraternaly yours, Wayne Carbone, MDA-UAW Local 571 Absentee Committee Chair.

**Community Services Committee Co-Chair James Newman** AFL-CIO Community Services Golf Tournament is Monday, August 28, 2023 to benefit the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center. We still have openings for foursomes: Individuals, twosomes and threesomes which will be assigned to a foursome. Golfers are \$145 each. Entry fee includes: lunch, dinner, greens fees, carts and prizes. For more information, please contact Maggie Marley Community Engagement Labor Liaison at (860) 464-3325 or Maggie.marley@uwsect.org. The MDA is a proud sponsor of the golf carts and also approved \$1500 to subsidize the MDA participants.

**Day of Caring Event:** Next week (Tuesday August 15, 2023) is the C&S food show at Mohegan Sun's Earth Expo Center. We need more volunteers. We currently have 6 volunteers who have responded. We hope to collect around 36,000 to 40,000 lbs. of food. 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.

**2023 EBECSA Campaign:** We need additional volunteers to join our team to help in both Groton and New London 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. If you or someone you know are interested in joining our team, please let us know as soon as possible. We will be sending out additional information to our volunteers and their management this month letting them know what to expect. Please contact Jim Newman 433-2558 or Peter Crizer 433-2706 if you have any questions.

**Insurance and Benefits Committee Tony Giordano EB Benefits Office:** The Benefits Office has added Kathy Bergeron and Teresa Materas back to the office 2 days a week to help out for the remainder of the year.

**Annual Dependent Re-Verification 2023:** The annual dependent audit has been completed. Anyone who has lost coverage due to not submitting the necessary documentation in time has been notified. If you feel you have been dropped in error, please respond to the letter ASAP.

**Blood Drive:** EB Wellness, in partnership with the American Red Cross, is hosting events in Groton, New London and Kings Highway. Shop order is provided and this is included in "It all Counts" employee incentive.

Groton: 88-3 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor Conference room)  
Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> (8:30 to 1:30)  
Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> (8:30 to 2:30)  
Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> (8:30 to 6:00)  
New London: Terrace A  
Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> (8:30 to 2:30)  
Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> (8:30 to 2:30)  
Kings Highway:  
Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> (8:30 to 1:30)

To schedule an appointment, contact 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit the Red Cross Website.

**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 on 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](http://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). Thanks.

**Trustee Committee James Newman** reported the week of August 14, 2023, we will be conducting the semi-annual Trustees' Audit. We will be checking all of the vouchers, expenses and income for the first 6 months of 2023 to verify all expenses are approved, taxes, dues and Insurance policies are in place, the books are in balance and file our report with any findings if we find anything which requires additional action.

Respectfully, your Trustees: Jim Newman (Chair), Eric Straub and Mark Ciliano Sr.

### **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 but not acknowledged by the vendor. We are looking for another vendor to complete them.

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. If interested in joining us, please contact Bill Louis at blouis@snet.net.

### **New Business**

The New London Firefighters Local 1522 is looking for support of their Annual Fire Safety Handbook. We would like to support a \$495 half page Ad for the Fire Safety Handbook, to be given in December 2023. A motion was made, (N.R.), seconded, (J.N.) and passed to support.

The CT AFL-CIO, Fifteenth Biennial Constitutional Convention, will be held September 14 & 15, 2023 at Foxwoods Resort Casino. We are looking for support to send up to 6 to the convention. A motion was made, (J.N.), seconded, (M.C.) and passed to support.

### **For the Good of the Union**

The General Dynamics New England team has surpassed \$97,000 raised which was the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest team. This has helped the "Run to Home Base" fundraiser to break their record of money raised after 14 years. They have reached just short of \$3 million and still counting!

Our Solidarity Picnic is August 26, 2023 at Washington Park in Groton, CT. We are up to around 350 looking to attend and we are looking forward to it. There will be lots of stuff for the kids to do along with great food, ice cream and raffles!

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

Badge	Name	Dept
226534	Benjamin Hogan Kane	408
151459	Angel Feliciano	429
161152	Delante Dyer	503
154060	De'anna Alexander*	452
152225	Erin Whitman*	427
168039	Jessica Watrous	459
165469	Dayna Spencer	456
160689	Charles Milton	456
167905	Elijah LaCroix	456

Badge	Name	Dept
165637	Katelyn Morales	472
166989	Erica Bonefas	442
168056	Rithik Kalra	459
152600	Uzieol'neill Rios-Ramirez	452
162656	Kylie Stoiber	435
168040	John Muller	459
150322	Timothy Reagan*	456
157361	Bonnie Yackovetsky*	456

\* Reinstated

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

A motion was made to adjourn (N.R.), seconded (J H.) and passed.

Respectfully submitted,



William E. Louis for  
Recording Secretary, Martha Fletcher

Visit our **WEBSITE** on the GDEB Intranet Homepage or at [region9a.uaw.org/local571](http://region9a.uaw.org/local571)  
Please "like us" on our Facebook site: "[MDA UAW Local 571](#)".  
Also, check for updates of news, pictures of events, etc.

Electric Boat Employees' Community Services Association

# C & S Food Show Collection

Children are welcome, but must be accompanied  
by their parent/guardian at all times.

*Volunteer Certificates available*

**Tuesday, August 15th**  
**Starts at 4:00pm**

*Sign in begins at 3:30*

**Mohegan Sun Casino**  
**Earth Expo Center**

*We expect to collect around 36,000-40,000 Lbs.*

*RSVP (Please, but not required)*

**Wear comfortable shoes and your *Live United* t-shirt if you have one.**

## ***For Questions or RSVP Contact***

Peter Crizer 3-2706

Tom Erick 3-2574

Sarah Buehler 3-7818

Jim Newman 3-2558

Adam Jarry in the Groton NTO Shop

Maggie Marley 860-464-3325



**MDA-UAW Local 571**

# **GOLF DAY**

**Cedar Ridge Golf Course  
Rte 161, East Lyme, CT**

**All skill levels welcome**



**SATURDAY  
SEP. 9TH  
2023**

**Shotgun Start  
at 8:15 A.M.  
Scramble Format**

**registration fee includes:  
golf cart  
lunch  
prizes**

**\$20<sup>00</sup>  
per  
person**

**Open to all MDA members & retirees in good standing and immediate family members.  
We will fill open spots of participating teams to consist of 4 players. We encourage diversity among teams.  
Golf carts available first come, first serve.  
Winners announced after completion of event.**



Pre-registration required by Aug. 26th 2023, contact Karen Heroux @ Union Hall 860-448-0552 or [Karen.heroux@snet.net](mailto:Karen.heroux@snet.net)  
make checks payable to CEDAR RIDGE GOLF COURSE (no cash accepted) submit check to Union Hall or any councillor

**MDA-UAW LOCAL 571  
ANNUAL GOLF DAY**

**SHOTGUN START TIME: 8:15 A.M.**

Date: September 9, 2023

Format: Scramble

Teams consisting of four (4) people - 3 person minimum (IF YOU ONLY HAVE 3 PEOPLE, WE MAY FILL THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SPOT).

Everyone hits a tee shot (must use minimum of one tee shot from each player). Select best shot and each player hits a second shot from that location and continues in this manner until ball is holed.

Low score for eighteen holes wins.

No handicap allowed.

Closest to the pin holes, 4, 7, 11 and 18

**Designated Captains are to inform on any NO-SHOWS of their foursome, at the time of sign up at the event; this will ensure members reimbursement of green fees.**

	NAME	RETIREE/ MEMBER BADGE #
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
<b>TEAM CAPTAIN NAME AND CELL PHONE NUMBER:</b>		

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CEDAR RIDGE GOLF COURSE**

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND EMAIL IT TO:

karen.heroux@snet.net