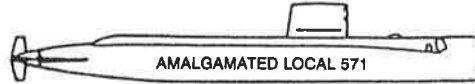




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**MDA-UAW Local 571  
E-Council Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 2023**

October 5, 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President David Reagan** called the meeting to order and asked that we keep in our thoughts recently deceased retiree, James Williamson and Bart Morse (husband of Rhona Morse), family members and our Veterans.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President David Reagan** asked for a motion to accept the September 11, 2023 General Membership Meeting Minutes as circulated and posted. A motion was made (D.B.), seconded (G.P.) and passed to accept.

**Treasurers Report:**

**Treasurer Robert Faraci** read the Treasurers Report. A motion was made (E.S.), seconded (P.G.) and passed to accept.

**Correspondence:** None to report this month.

**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, Dave Evans for Martha Fletcher** reported no new step 3 grievances. A member chose to quit after being accused of dozing for the second time in a month and being out of their work area for multiple hours a day. A member was counselled on the cell phone policy.

**Financial Secretary Dave Evans** reported no new step 3 grievances. A member received a 5-day suspension for dozing.

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

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Recreation Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Amy Stephenson** reported: Columbus Day weekend camping at Natures Campsites, Voluntown, CT is October 6-9, 2023. Saturday, December 9, 2023 is the Dinner Dance at Foxwoods and if you are interested in getting a discounted room, we will have the link in the minutes. 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>

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

**Community Services Committee Co-Chair James Newman** We would like welcome JoAnna McClenathan to our committee. She has been working with us to schedule sessions this year along with Kim Deschamps and Jen Wessell.

**Our Annual EBECSA campaign** is underway. We have started our New London presentations and have a scheduled make-up dates for the end of October. Please watch for updates and notifications of the scheduled in person presentations for your departments and your members. The notification is sent to managers and supervisors to bring their people to one of the scheduled sessions. The department schedules are posted and available on homeport. Together we can make this year's campaign a success. If we have anyone who would like to get more involved and volunteer with the campaign, please let Peter Crizer or myself know so we can add you to the team. We are short handed to say the least.

**We will be needing volunteers!** October 21st (rain date October 28<sup>th</sup>) we will be at the 5 area Stop & Shop stores from 8 am to 1 pm collecting food for the Gemma E Moran United Way Labor Food Center. Please join us for the volunteer opportunity or to drop off some food. We provide volunteer certificates for those who want or need one, so bring your kids and family members. If you would like to help deliver the food to the food center after the collection, please let us know.

Thank you!

Please contact Jim Newman 433-2558, Peter Crizer 433-2706 or JoAnna McClenathan via skype if you have any questions.

**Insurance and Benefits Committee Tony Giordano:** Reported the MDA benefits committee met with EB benefits and discussed some of our concerns and upcoming events.

- The company is looking into flu shots again this year, and we are waiting on additional information and enrollment guidance.
- CPR – The company is looking at CPR classes for November, expect classes to be about 25 minutes making you aware in case of emergency.
- Heart walk 10/1/23 – So far, they raised \$19,000 out of \$25,000. The walk was 3 miles, when you signed up you received a free tee shirt.
- Sedgwick – Establishing New In-Box for complaints for representatives, an effort to improve customer service.
- Fidelity Dinners: Is looking at doing the dinners again starting in March (EB) and April (RI). It would include free dinner/drinks. Medicare talks, etc.
- Fidelity Representative one on one discussions: The one-on-one discussions (monthly during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week) continue by appointment. If you are unable to keep your appointment, please make sure you cancel as soon as you are aware so they may fill in that time slot.
- RX moving to new provider, Express Scripts in 2024. The transfer is being worked to ensure letters go out on specialty drugs users. The impact to our members is unclear as we do not have a list yet. Our committee will work with members to ensure a smooth transfer.

**Open Enrollment 2023:**

The annual enrollment period will be **November 15 to December 1, 2023**. During this time, you will be asked to make benefits selections for 2024. Enrollment packages are being mailed to your home addresses regarding medical, dental, vision, life insurance, voluntary benefits, etc. Information concerning the benefits briefing by adobe connect sessions open to EB Employees and spouses. Guides will be in the mail early next week, so watch out for them. ***Members will have until 11:59 pm to enroll. It was recommended that members do not wait until the end of the enrollment period to avoid website crashes and delays.***

**Meeting Schedule:**

Tuesday, 11/7/23 – Terrace A at 2:45pm  
Wednesday, 11/8/23 – Terrace A at 2:45pm  
Thursday, 11/9/23 – Zoom meeting at 7am  
Tuesday, 11/14/23 – Union Hall at 5pm  
Friday, 11/17/23 – Zoom at 7am

**Over 65 Healthcare for EB retirees Medical & Prescriptions for 2024:**

The MDA, MTC & EB Salary recently finalized the 2024 agreement with Beacon Financial Group. Medical will continue with Anthem BCBS and Express Scripts Plans. Please join Beacon at one of our educational and informational meetings to learn about the Electric Boat Retiree Medical and Prescription Drug Plan options available in 2024. Many of our members have told us that attending one of our meetings has proven helpful in fully understanding the program. To reserve a seat at a meeting of your choice:

- Contact Beacon Retiree Benefits Group at 1.888.484.0414
- Email your request to [RSVP@beaconmedicare.com](mailto:RSVP@beaconmedicare.com)

**2024 Enrollment Meeting Schedule:**

Tuesday, 11/7/23, Great Neck Country Club 9am & 1pm (28 Lamphere Road, Waterford, CT 06385)

Monday, 11/13/23, Mystic Hilton Hotel, 9am & 1pm (20 Coogan Blvd. Mystic, CT 06355)

Tuesday, 11/14/23, Mystic Hilton Hotel, 9am & 1pm (20 Coogan Blvd. Mystic, CT 06355)

Wednesday, 11/15/23, Hilton Mystic Hotel, 9am & 1pm (20 Coogan Blvd. Mystic, CT 06355)

**MDA Insurance Committee:** 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,  
Edward Nevins  
Chairman Insurance

**Election Committee Pam Gonski** reported nominations will be taken for the 5 open Election Committee positions at our December 4, 2023 General Membership Meeting. If you are interested in running for one of the spots, you must be a member in good standing for at least 1 year and be nominated at the meeting. Candidates that are not present at the meeting may submit their written acceptance to anyone attending, prior to the meeting. If there are more than 5 candidates running for the position, the election will take place by secret ballot at the conclusion of the meeting.

### **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.

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](mailto:blouis@snet.net)

The 2023 Rocky Hill Stand Down was held on Friday, September 22, 2023. We had a great turnout of Veterans and were able to give out all items donated from the Gemma E Moran Labor Food Bank. Thank you to all who participated in the day supporting our Veterans. Thank you, Wayne Carbone, Tom Montgomery, Dave Reagan, Don Buell, John Jarvis, Saige Louis and William Louis.

Our Region 9A Veterans Council 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance will be held November 11, 2023 at the Double Tree by Hilton, Bristol CT. Please let us know if you are interested in attending.

### **New Business**

Our first New Member meet and greet is scheduled for November 2, 2023. This will be our first since COVID and look forward to it. Thank you to the Reps who have been collecting names for us. We are looking for a motion to cover the New Member meet and greet, (D.B.), seconded, (J.A.) and passed to support.

Cohort 4 of MDA apprentices graduate in January of 2024. We would like to recognize the apprentices by providing a gift for them, normally it has been a jacket or some sort of pull-over. A motion was made, (G.P.), seconded, (D.E.) and passed to support.

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

Civil and Human Rights committee. We are looking for members who are willing to be part of this committee and help get us active. If interested, please reach out to the Union office.

Questions in regards to our contract, rules, refunds and other has been brought to our attention and we want to stress that, if any member has a question, please reach out to your councillor for support.

We are looking for an MDA Veteran who would like to speak at the Flag Pole ceremonies on November 9, 2023. The times to present are: 6:00am, 11:00am and 4:00pm, in Groton. If you are interested, please reach out to the Union Office at 860-448-0552.

We have our United Way campaign presentations going on during the month of October. We are encouraging you to attend these sessions to learn about the great things Electric Boat employees contribute to our community. We are the biggest difference makers to those in need in South Eastern CT and very proud of what we do as a team. If you miss your scheduled session, you can attend any of the make-ups.

For members on the EB network, to see the FAQ and schedules at each location as they are updated live, go to X:\Eng.670\Continuous\_Improvement\\_Public\EBECSA 2023.

**Financial Secretary Dave Evans** provided a list of the new member applications. A motion was made to accept the new members (J.M.), seconded (D.B.) and passed to support.

Badge	Name	Dept
159275	Kyle Staplins	503
162614	Christian Jacaruso	456
152112	Dallas Miller*	403
168564	Kyle Wilson	469
168363	Kevin Carpentier	403
147025	Michael Holly	431
154348	Jacob Mclinden*	453
160511	Camden Clark	431
168697	Jessica Houde	470

Badge	Name	Dept
160655	Milan Patel	453
168919	Allegra Bargnesi	342
161751	Alec Donahue	503
140256	Edgar Bartlett*	459
157326	Langston Paige*	469
169035	Brittany Kempert	701
168964	Jeremiah Schmidtke	453
167142	Kayleigh Everett	452
168873	Alexis Harris	416

\* Reinstated

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

Respectfully submitted,



William E. Louis for  
 Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher

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**Also, check for updates of news, pictures of events, etc.**