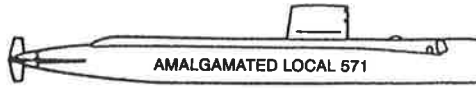




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***MDA-UAW Local 571
E-Council Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2023***

November 7, 2023

President William E. Louis called the meeting to order and asked that we keep in our thoughts recently deceased retirees, family members and our Veterans.

President William E. Louis asked for a motion to accept the October 4, 2023 E-Council 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 (E.S.), seconded (J.N.) and passed to accept.

Correspondence:

From the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps and the New Haven Marines, a request to support their Annual Wreaths Across America campaign, honoring all of our American Hero's.

From the Eastern Seaboard Apprenticeship, inviting us to the next ESAC Conference being held in San Juan, PR. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel, May 6-9, 2024.

From the NL Firefighters Local 1522, looking for support of their annual fund drive and Safety Handbook.

From the RIAFL-CIO, an invitation to the Executive Board Meeting/Constitutional Convention being held November 28, 2023 at Bally's Twin River Casino, Lincoln RI. Registration will start at 5:00pm.

Officer Reports:

First Vice President David Reagan reported one new step 3 Grievances to report on at this time. U-0019-23 Allowing non bargaining personnel salary Dept. 460 to perform bargaining unit work. Management at QP.

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.

Financial Secretary Dave Evans reported no new step 3 grievances. A member received a final written warning for attendance.

Treasurer Robert Faraci reported no new step 3 grievances filed.

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

Standing Committee Reports:

Recreation Committee 2nd Vice President Amy Stephenson reported Saturday, December 9, 2023 is the Dinner Dance at Foxwoods and if you are interested in getting a discounted room, use the link 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>

Education Committee Financial Secretary Dave Evans reported the new hire meet and greet class was held November 2, 2023 at the Mystic Marriott. The event was well attended by over 90 new hires and councillors. Along with the history of the Union, the new members learned about what the Union is, and how it functions to provide a better working environment.

Building and Property Financial Secretary Dave Evans reported the big room at the Union Hall has a leak in the ceiling. The committee will be contacting contractors to assess the damage. The Committee will also look into the cost to repair or replace the roof (it's been over 20 years since this has been done).

Absentee Committee Wayne Carbone reported that the following people were absent from the September 11, 2023 General Membership meeting held at the Mystic Marriott Hotel, 625 North Road, Groton CT 06340: William Louis, Martha Fletcher, Anthony Giordano, Michael Alice, Debbie Basnight, Peter Button, Saige Louis, Gregory Main, and Eric Nelson.

The following people were **absent from the October 4, 2023** Executive Board meeting held at the Mystic Marriott Hotel, 625 North Road, Groton CT 06340.: Martha Fletcher, Dan Hall, Mark Ciliano, Nicole Reagan, Wayne Carbone, Joseph Huffman, Peter Anastas, Debbie Basnight, Peter Button, Kevin Fusconi Jr., Robert Gaudiano, Richard Gianfranco, John Lombardo, Saige Louis, Gregory Main, Holly Montbriand, Thomas Montgomery, Eric Nelson, Edward Rocznak, and Elizabeth Strader. Robert Canova was late.

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. 3 Lateness in excess of 15 minutes is considered one un-excused 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 (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 our Annual EBECSA campaign presentations are completed. Anyone who has missed the scheduled presentations is welcome to complete the iPledge online this month. To find the iPledge site using the search bar in HOMEPORT, type in iPledge and press "Enter" you will see the link; which, will be active for a few more weeks. We would like to thank our MDA team members: Christine Bobinski, Paula Brown, David Belanger, Laurie Broadhead, John Charette, Peter Crizer, Debora Gallo, Jeremy Deschamps, Kim Deschamps, Brandy Forbes-Gordon, Paula Gilger, Pam Gonski, Vanessa Golden, Karen Hensley, JoAnna McClenathan, Don Miller, Stephanie Miller, Jim Newman, Trisha Spinelli, Liz Strader, Erica Sigersmith, Rosemary Taft, Amanda Turner, Nicole Wilcox and our MDA loaned employees Robert Canova and Michelle Ingalls for all their help.

October 28, 2023 we were at the five area Stop & Shop stores from 8 am to 1 pm collecting food for the Gemma E Moran United Way Labor Food Center. We were able to collect 5,575 pounds of food and cash donations of \$1,631.64. This equates to a grand total of 7,909 meals. Thank you to the following MDA members and family members who showed up to help: Joe Alu, Paula Brown, John Charette, Jeremy, Kim and Jaelyn Deschamps, Koen LaCoursiere-Zettlemoyer, Jim and Dianne Newman, Erica Sigersmith, T Ryan and Velma Williams.

Sunday October 29, 2023 MDA member Brad Lamphere and JoAnna McClenathan and her son Zenon Graves helped at St. Marks Church in Mystic preparing 11,400 meal packages.

Watch for the information on this year's Tommy Toy Drive. This will be a joint effort again this year with other EB Groups. We will be collecting new toys starting Monday November 28, 2023. We are looking for 10 members to help by hosting collection points near their desk. If you would like to sign up for a collection location, please let us know so we can add your name and location on the flyer. We will be collecting the toys December 11, 2023 from the drop spots with the Teamsters and distributing the toys on December 13 and 14, 2023.

Please bring an unwrapped toy for the drive to the December 4, 2023 General Membership Meeting. Thank you!

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

Insurance and Benefits Committee Chair Ed Nevins reported:

New Member Training Class: On November 2, 2023 the Benefits committee participated in the New Member Training Class at Mystic Marriott with a benefits presentation.

Open Enrollment 2024: The annual enrollment period will be **November 15 to December 1, 2023.** During this time, you will be asked to make benefits selections for 2023. 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 would have until 11:59 pm to enroll by. It was recommended that members do not wait to the end of enrollment period to avoid website crashes and delays.*

Meeting Schedule:

Enrollment Meeting Schedule		
Day, Date	Location	Time
Tuesday, November 7, 2023	Terrace A	2:45
Wednesday, November 8, 2023	Terrace A	2:45
Thursday, November 9, 2023	Zoom Mtg	7am
Tuesday, November 14, 2023	Union Hall	5Pm

Zoom Meeting:

<https://gdeb.zoomgov.com/j/1604921763?pwd=RUs3akdieIJEcjU5T21vd1B6T3RSQT09>

Meeting ID: 160 492 1763

Passcode: 31792644
Phone: 1-646-828-7666

Over 65 Healthcare for EB Retirees Medical & Prescriptions for 2024 Open Enrollment: Medical will continue with Anthem BCBS and Express Scripts Plans.

If you would like to join Beacon at one of the educational and informational meetings to learn about the Electric Boat Retiree Medical and Prescription Drug Plan options available in 2024.

Two Session per day:

Tues, Nov 7, Great Neck Country Club, 9am & 1pm
Mon, Nov 13, Mystic Hilton, 9am & 1pm.
Tues, Nov 14, Mystic Hilton, 9am & 1pm.
Wed, Nov 15, Mystic Hilton, 9am & 1pm.

Beacon Retiree Benefits Group: Invites EB Retiree's to participate in special Medicare Medical & Prescription Drug Plan. Special group program is only available to Medicare eligible EB retiree's and spouses. All plans, rates & benefits are the same in all 50 states. There are no individual plans comparable in these unique group options. Session Information:

- Hilton Mystic Hotel at 10am.
 - Wed, Dec 6, 2023
 - Wed, Feb, 2, 2024
- Great Neck Country Club at 4pm.
 - Wed, Feb 21, 2024

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

November is Diabetes Awareness Month: November is National Diabetes Month and the Electric Boat Family Pharmacy and Wellness Center would like to recognize this by holding **free A1C screening events*** every Tuesday throughout the month.

The free screening will be conducted at both the Groton and North Kingstown pharmacies every Tuesday beginning 10/31/23 from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. This is a five-minute finger prick test and depending on the result recommendations and/or referral will be provided. These are walk-in events available to all employees and dependents regardless of medical plan enrollment. **Please contact the pharmacy for additional information.** Groton 1-888-578-3457 and North Kingstown 1-800-891-4235

EB Pharmacy: The Electric Boat Family Pharmacy, in both Groton and North Kingston, are offering the following vaccines to protect you and your eligible family members during the upcoming fall/winter seasons. Vaccines are available at no cost and without an appointment during normal pharmacy hours. You must be on an Electric Boat United Healthcare health plan to access the vaccinations. Please contact the pharmacy staff for additional questions regarding eligibility for any of the vaccines.

Flu: Available to all employees/dependents age three and up covered on an EB health plan.
Covid-19: Available to all employees/dependents age 12 and up covered on an EB health plan.
RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus): Available to all employees/dependents age 60 and up covered on an EB health plan with a qualifying health condition.

Pneumonia: Available to all employees/dependents covered on an EB health plan that meet age and underlying condition requirements.

Whooping Cough: Available to all employees/dependents age 12 and up covered on an EB health plan.

Reminder- The shingles vaccines is available for all employees/dependents covered on an EB health plan ages 50 and over.

EB Family Pharmacy Groton- 32 Chicago Ave, Groton, CT, 1-888-578-3457

Mon. & Fri., 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m

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).

Health and Safety/Workers Comp Committee Rick Gianfrocco reported the Health & Safety committee (Rick Gianfrocco, Rob Gaudiano, John Savage, III, Steve Trujillo, Eric Straub) attended the yearly ConnectiCOSH seminar. It was a pretty good turnout. We attended Workman's Comp and Heat Exertion classes. It was frustrating due to a late start which cut into the allotted time for our brothers and sisters to speak, and rushed everything that followed.

Election Committee Pam Gonski reported we will be electing our Election Committee at the December 4, 2023 General Membership Meeting. If interested in running for the 5 Election Committee openings, candidates must be a member in good standing for 1 year and be nominated at the December 4, 2023 meeting. Candidates that are not present must be nominated at the meeting and accept the nomination in writing at the December 4, 2023 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

Our Region 9A Veterans Council 25th 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

We would like to support the "Wreaths Across American" again this year by purchasing 100 Wreaths for \$1700. The Wreaths will be placed on Veteran's graves with Military markers at State and Local cemeteries on December 16, 2023. A motion was made, (R.C.) seconded, (T.G.) and passed to support.

The New London Firefighters is currently conducting their Annual Fund Drive, sponsoring a Fire Safety Handbook. We are looking to support with a ½ page ad for \$495. A motion was made, (J.N.) seconded, (E.N.) and passed to support.

A motion was made to provide a \$1000 to purchase Hats and Gloves that will go to the United Way of SECT and distributed to families in need, (K.H.) seconded, (D.B.) and passed to support.

A motion was made for \$5000 to provide the food at the Veterans Committee Cornhole Fundraiser, November 18, 2023 at Foxwoods Casino, (R.C.) seconded, (J.M.) and passed to support.

Due to the growing numbers of our Veterans fundraiser from 115 teams last year to over 170 teams registered for November 18th and short on challenge coins to provide all participants, a motion was made to purchase a \$1000 in additional coins, (R.C.) seconded, (G.P.) and passed to support.

A motion was made to purchase pocket calendars for the MDA-UAW Local 571 Leadership; Officers, Grievance Reps, Councillors and Committee Chairs, (R.C.) seconded, (T.G.) and passed to support. A communication will go out to all to see who wants one, who needs just an insert or none at all.

There are many families in need of services this coming winter and Christmas for their children and we take great pride in being in a position to help those in our communities to make this time of year a little better for families to enjoy the holidays and to be warm. A motion was made to provide \$2500 to the United Way Tommy Toy Drive, (J.N.), seconded, (W.C.) and passed to support.

A motion was made to provide \$5000 to the United Way "Project Warm-up" fund, (J.N.) seconded, (R.C.) 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.

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.

If anyone is looking to see their status on FTO, Holidays or Floaters, the reports can be accessed by going to Homeport, then click on "Payroll & Timekeeping", then clicking "reports" and then select "MDA FTO hours, Holiday or Floaters report". Note: Files MUST be opened in the DESKTOP Version of Excel. If the web version is opened, select the "Edit in Excel" button on the top-right to open the desktop version. Please let us know of any questions.

It is getting close to the end of the year and the incentives are needing some help if we are to make them. One of them is the 2 ideas being submitted, just a reminder, if you have any ideas to submit and help with this goal, please provide them.

Financial Secretary Dave Evans provided a list of the new member applications. A motion was made to accept the new members (E.S.), seconded (T.G.) and passed to support.

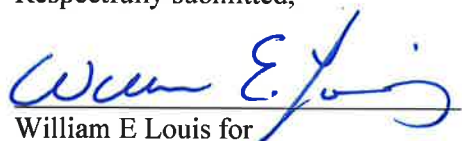
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167934	Tyler Butler	456
168637	Jared Verville	469
168857	David Chang	456
169154	Laura Peterson	453
169231	Mary Miller	469
169330	Robert Cimini, Jr.	459
169271	Kendrick Quezada	459
152623	Justin Robbins*	456
154820	Daniel Britos*	701

Badge	Name	Dept
169145	Benjamin Terrill	452
155741	Susan Orlinski	452
148815	Maria Hernandez*	453
169368	Wyatt Long	456
169214	Anais Mercado	422
157475	Luis Rivera	453
163415	Michael Naiss	456
169268	Robert Sunderland	459
168773	Richard Ready	447
168939	Arcangel Santiago	469

* Reinstated

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

Respectfully submitted,



William E Louis for
Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher

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