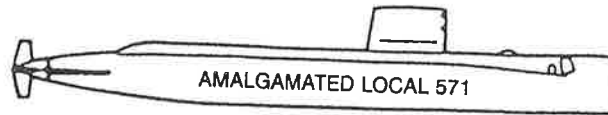




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***MDA-UAW Local 571
Executive Council Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2021***

November 3, 2021

President William E. Louis called the meeting to order and our Chaplain Deb Basnight lead us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance and asked that we keep in our thoughts our recently deceased members William Buchardt, Karl Carter and Walter Haas, retiree Dale Gauthier and John Zapatka Jr., family members and our Veterans past and present.

President William E. Louis asked for a motion to accept the October 18, 2021 Executive Board Meeting Minutes as circulated and posted. A motion was made (Brian Brimmer), seconded (Greg Maynard) and passed to accept.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Robert Faraci read the Treasurers Report. A motion was made (Eric Straub), seconded (Glen Pothier) and passed to accept.

Correspondence:

To President Willian E. Louis from the UAW Region 9A, the CT State and RI State CAP and PAC Financial Statements as of September 30, 2021.

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



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

To President William E. Louis from the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Corps asking for donations to their annual Wreaths Across America campaign. Donation proceeds will go to the placing of wreaths on Veteran's graves within our communities in December.

To President William E. Louis from the Connecticut Police Work Dog Association East Haven K9 looking for the purchase of an advertisement in the 2022 K9 Safety Calendar.

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 Martha Fletcher reported no new step 3 grievances filed.

Financial Secretary Dave Evans reported no new step 3 grievances filed.

Treasurer Robert Faraci reported no new step 3 grievances filed.

Standing Committee Reports:

Absentee Committee Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher reported the following E-Board members absent from the October 18, 2021 E-Board/E-Council Meeting: Bob Faraci, Mark Ciliano, Jeff Vary, Nicole Reagan, Jack Bond, Rick Gianfrocco, Jeremy Deschamps, Sharon Bolduc, Robert Canova. Steve Karvolis, Larry Maskell, Janean Middleton, Eric Nelson, Ed Rocznik, Santos Serrano and Karen Hensley.

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 not excused.

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. Nicole Reagan NREAGAN@GDEB.COM, 860-433-4598, Wayne Carbone WCARBONE@GDEB.COM, 860-867-2691 or Melissa Kamishlian MKAMISHL@GDEB.COM, 860-433-1288. Officer of the Committee Martha Fletcher 860-448-0552/Cell 860-608-1301.

Bereavement Benefits, Flowers and Gifts Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher reported to the membership if they know of a member or member's immediate family passing, please contact your Union Councillor with this information. Councillors are to fill out a bereavement form which is on our website and send it to the Recording Secretary. Our Union Chaplin is Deb Basnight for any member in need of the comfort of a Chaplin.

Our Local has a Life and Accidental Death Insurance policy for every member in good standing. Please make sure you have a Beneficiary Form filled out or updated for our files found on our website [Bereavement | UAW Local 571 Lincoln Life Insurance Beneficiary Form](#). Please send it to Recording Secretary martha.fletcher@snet.net. This is different from the American Income Life, Accidental Life and Dismemberment Insurance which is mailed to you.

Building and Property Committee Financial Secretary Dave Evans reported we are looking for a motion to start securing estimates for the replacement of the carpet in the Union Hall. Recently we have had water come through the concrete slab that the Hall sits upon. This water has caused damage to the already neglected carpet. The estimates will be for removing and replacing the contents of the room, new flooring and repair any issues causing the water coming into the building.

Benefits Committee Tony Giordano reported:

Open Enrollment 2022:

The Annual enrollment period will be **November 17 thru December 3, 2021**. During this time, you will be asked to make your benefits selections for 2022. Enrollment packages are being mailed to your home addresses regarding medical, dental, vision, life insurance and voluntary benefits, etc. Information concerning the benefits briefing by adobe connect sessions are open to EB Employees and Spouses. Guides will be in the mail early next week, so watch for them.

Meeting Schedule: Call in number is 1-866-244-1659, code 3375192238 on these days

Employee group	Day	Date	Time	Location	Room Status
MDA	Wednesday	11/3/2021	7:00 AM	Adobe Connect	https://meeting.gdeb.com/mdaae2021/
MDA	Tuesday	11/9/2021	5:00 PM	Adobe Connect	https://meeting.gdeb.com/mdaae2021/
MDA	Tuesday	11/16/2021	3:30 PM	Adobe Connect	https://meeting.gdeb.com/mdaae2021/
MDA	Thursday	11/18/2021	5:00 PM	MDA Union Hall	394 Toll Gate Rd, Groton, CT 06340

Fidelity Retirement Questions:

The closer you get to retirement, the more questions you may have about how to prepare for this next part of your life. You may be thinking about how to prepare for retirement. Here are two ways that you can get the help you need.

- Attend and ask Questions- Join Tristan McCarthy for brief presentation and live Q & A to get answers to questions.
- Schedule a virtual 1:1- Talk about goals and then help you build a retirement and investment plan that can help you reach them.

- If you're interested you can contact the EB benefits office to see when the next classes will be, they are always finishing classes. Registrations at www.gdbenefits.com (click library and then workshops).

Over 65 Healthcare for EB retirees Medical & Prescriptions for 2022:

The MDA, MTC & EB Salary finalized the 2022 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 2022. 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

Schedule two sessions per day:

Mon, Nov 8th Great Neck Country Club, 9am-1pm

Tues, Nov 9th, Mystic Hilton, 9am-1pm

Tues, Nov 16th, Mystic Hilton, 9am-1pm

Wed, Nov 17th, Mystic Hilton, 9am-1pm

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

Prime Therapeutics e-mail Error:

Prime recently sent out letters in error to a select number of employees on prescriptions. The letter contained drug information that is not relevant to the individual and referenced Hormel Foods. EB and Prime Therapeutics do not believe this was a data breach, but just incorrect distribution list pulled. No member's records will be updated to reflect that they were taking those medications. We will be reaching out to those members affected so they are made personally aware. If you have questions, feel free to contact EB benefits at 860-433-4201.

MDA Insurance Committee: Jim Newman at 433-2558 (Groton), Tony Giordano at 867-2458 (NL) and/or Chairman Ed Nevins at 867-2563 (NL).

Community Service Committee Co-Chair Peter Crizer reported:

The 2021 EBECSA Campaign was completely remote this year. We handed out the flyers and pens and completed 14 small question and answer sessions in various locations within EB, with our volunteers standing by to answer questions. The links to the video, iPledge, raffle prizes and the flyers are still available at our EBECSA intranet site <https://www.ebnet.gdeb.com/homepages/organizations/EBECSA/> until November 5th if you have not completed the pledge to be included in the raffle.

Due to the safety of our volunteers The October 30th event at the Local Stop & Shop stores was canceled due to the forecasted weather. We do not have a makeup date.

The EBECSA would like to thank our MDA volunteers **Groton:** Christine Bobinski, Paula Brown, Pam Gonski, Barbara Tanner, and Meagan Hanley, **New London:** Robert Canova, Amanda Fagan, Brad Lamphere, Joana McClenathan, Nichole Wilcox, **Long Hill:** Don Miller, Paula Gilger, **Kings Hwy:** Larry Avery, **Eagle Park:** Brandy Forbes-Gordon, John Charette, **Shaw's Cove:** Joan Gaynor and our salaried volunteers Erin Pedone and Eileen Milano who have signed up and are helping with the campaign this year.

We would like to thank MDA members Brad Lamphere, Michelle Ingalls and her son Ethan Sutton who helped Sunday October 24th at St. Mark's Episcopal Church CT to benefit the Gemma Moran UW/Labor Food Center with meal packaging with set up and assisting the congregation in the meal packing event and clean up.

Please contact Jim Newman 433-2558 or Peter Crizer 433-2706 if you have any questions.

Recreation Committee Co-Chair Nicki Reagan reported Christmas/Holiday Dinner Dance notice has been sent to councillors for distribution to the membership announcing ticket sale dates and time. A more detailed food description will be provided at the time of ticket sale. Please see the attached notice at the end of these meeting minutes.

Women's Committee Chair Pam Gonski reported the Women's Committee and LUCA Committee (Local Union Communication Association) will be sponsoring our 2nd Christmas/Holiday Family Photo Card Event, Saturday, December 4, 2021, 10:00am to 2:00pm at the MDA Union Hall. Members, family members and pets can have their photo's taken with Santa or a seasonal backdrop to be printed on holiday cards with envelopes to be taken home. Crafts for the kids and refreshments are included. This is a no-cost to you event. We are also looking for volunteers for this event, if interested please contact Pam Gonski pgonski@gdeb.com 433-3688, Women's Committee Officer Martha Fletcher martha.fletcher@snet.net or LUCA Committee Officer Amy Stephenson 2ndvpmduaw@gmail.com.

The Gemma E. Moran UW/Labor Food Center is looking for volunteers to help pack meal boxes to be distributed to area communities. If anyone is interested in joining me to volunteer as a group, please contact me.

Staff Liaison for the Region 9A Women's Committee, Donna Becotte, has retired and we are looking forward to working with Andrea Goodrich, newly appointed to the position.

Old Business

We have some new apparel added to our MDA apparel catalog. The MDA pays for half the cost, plus tax and shipping. We have added one new MDA Logo. Please contact our secretary Karen Heroux at the Union Hall, (860)448-0552.

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The 23rd Annual UAW Region 9A Veterans Dinner Dance will be held November 13, 2021 at the Double Tree by Hilton Bristol, CT. There are limited seats available to members and their guest, please contact the Union Hall if interested.

The Women's Committee and LUCA Committee will be having the Holiday Photo Cards event on Saturday, December 4, 2021 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Union Hall. Members and their family and or pets can have photos with Santa or a seasonal backdrop taken that will be put on holiday cards with envelopes. This is at no charge. There will be refreshments and crafts for the kids.

The Veteran's Committee will be having a Cornhole Tournament to benefit local Veteran Organizations and Armed Forces and their families in our community. This will be held at Foxwoods Casino Celebrity Ballroom Sunday, November 21, 2021, 10:00am, bags fly at 11:00am. The Chester Fife & Drum Corps and the UAW Region 9A Color Guard will be at this event. Register at blouis@snet.net or SCOREHOLIO.

New Business

The US Naval Sea Cadet Corps requests our participation to their fund raiser "Wreaths Across America". Wreaths that we sponsor will be placed on Veteran's graves in December this year at local cemeteries. The Sea Cadets are ages 13 thru 18 and are in a Connecticut branch. They will receive \$5.00 for every \$15.00 wreath purchased. A motion was made to purchase 100 wreaths for \$1500.00 (Jack Bond), seconded (Greg Maynard) and passed to accept.

The Connecticut Police Work Dog Association (CPWDA) requests our donation by purchasing an Ad in their 2022 K9 Safety Calendar. The CPWDA uses their expertise in helping to find and train the best K9's available to serve the enforcement agencies in our communities. A motion was made to purchase a ½ page ad for \$495.00 (Brian Brimmer), seconded (Glen Pothier) and passed to accept.

A motion was made to receive estimates to move furnishings, repair cement slab and have the carpet replaced at the Union Hall due to water damage and age (Mark Ciliano), seconded (Greg Maynard) and passed to accept.

A motion was made to adjourn (Eric Nelson), seconded (Brian Brimmer) and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary, MDA-UAW Local 571

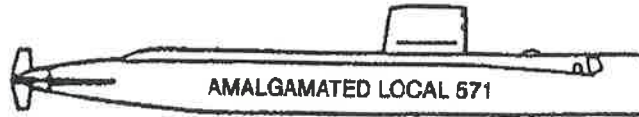
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Please "like us" on our Facebook site: "[MDA UAW Local 571](#)".

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



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RECREATION NOTICE Christmas /Holiday Dinner Dance

Date: Saturday, December 11, 2021

Place: The Premier Room at Fox Tower, Foxwoods Resort Casino
350 Trolley Lane Boulevard, Ledyard, Connecticut

Time: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Social Hour (hors d'oeuvre/cocktails)
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Dinner
8:30 PM – Midnight Band & Dancing by Sugar

Menu Choices: 1.) Filet Mignon
2.) Fish
3.) Chicken Breast
4.) Vegetable

Ticket Sales: Each Ticket will include 4 drink tickets to be used during the night. A Cash Bar will also be available. DRINK TICKETS WILL BE HANDED OUT WITH DINNER TICKETS AT TICKET SALES THIS YEAR. PLEASE DO NOT LOSE THEM; ONLY 1 SET WILL BE GIVEN OUT PER TICKET!!!

11/15/21	11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	GROTON	88 CAFETERIA
11/16/21	11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	KINGS HWY	CAFETERIA
11/17/21	11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	NORTH STONGINGTON	CAFETERIA
11/18/21	11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	NEW LONDON	CAFETERIA
11/22/21	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	GROTON	88 CAFETERIA
11/23/21	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	NEW LONDON	CAFETERIA
2 ND SHIFT	Call Jack Bond		(860)-433-3021
LONG HILL	Call UNION OFFICE		(860)-448-0552
RETIREEES	Call UNION OFFICE		(860)-448-0552
Off – Site	Call UNION OFFICE		(860)-448-0552

Missed a Ticket Sale or Questions, Please Call Union Hall (860)-448-0552

Rooms: Please visit Foxwoods Website: <https://book.passkey.com/go/MDAUAWLocal571>
Rooms are available till November 19, 2021

Seating is based on 10 people per table

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE.

Event is open to members in GOOD STANDING

NO CASH: MONEY ORDERS OR CHECK ONLY MADE OUT TO MDA-UAW LOCAL 571

Price: \$25.00 per person

The member is eligible to bring 1 guest at the \$25.00 Ticket Price. Please note that if both parties are members and wish to bring another guest the charge will be \$150.00.

INCOMPLETED SHEETS WILL NOT RECEIVE TABLES! YOU MUST HAVE NAMES/CHECKS/FOOD CHOICE TO GET A TABLE NUMBER

Table # _____ (Recreation Member will fill this out)

Please Write Clearly & Fill In Only Highlighted Fields

Name	Badge#//Guest	Check or Money Order # (Recreation Member will fill this out)	Food Choice: Beef/Chix/Fish/Veg
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2.)			
3.)			
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DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS DECEMBER 8, 2021

NO REFUNDS AFTER 4:00 PM DECEMBER 8, 2021