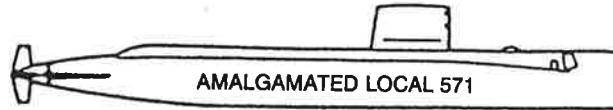




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MDA-UAW Local 571 Executive Board Meeting Minutes August 1, 2022

August 3, 2022

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

President William E. Louis asked for a motion to accept the July 11, 2022 Executive Board Meeting Minutes as circulated and posted. A motion was made (Dave Reagan), seconded (Mark Ciliano) and passed to accept.

Treasurers Report:

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

Correspondence:

To President William E. Louis from Ray Curry the UAW President and Director, UAW-General Dynamics Department. The Official Call Letter for the General Dynamics Council Meeting, September 12 through September 16, 2022 at the Sirata Beach Resort, St. Pete Beach, FL.

To President William E. Louis from the United Way of Southeastern CT. Announcing the 2022 AFL-CIO Community Services Golf Tournament to benefit the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center to be held at Great Neck Country Club, Monday, August 29, 2022.

To President William E. Louis from John Parfitt resigning his position as Union Councillor due to retiring soon.

To President William E. Louis from Elizabeth Strader resigning from the Election Committee.

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

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. The company and the union have come to an agreement pre-arbitration on grievance U-0002-22 for termination without just cause. The member has returned to work.

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:

Recreation Committee Chair Nicole Reagan reported:

Washington Park Picnic scheduled for August 20, 2022 has been **canceled** due to lack of interest.

Golf Day is scheduled September 10, 2022.

Camp outing October 8 thru October 11, 2022. More info to follow.

Last event of the year will be the Dinner Dance at Foxwoods December 10, 2022 more info to follow. Foxwoods Info for Dinner Dance Room Reservation please follow the link below <https://book.passkey.com/go/MDAUAW2022>. Reservation Cut-Off Date: **November 16, 2022**

Absentee Committee Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher reported the following E-Board member was absent from the July 11, 2022 E-Board Meeting: Eric Novick.

Apprenticeship Committee Financial Secretary Dave Evans reported due to lack of eligible candidates, Cohort 7 starting in January 2023, will only consist of electrical apprentices.

Summer High School Intern Program (SHIP) Financial Secretary Dave Evans reported the SHIP interns and their mentors will be visiting the Windham Textile & History Museum this week. Councillors are reminded to contact the interns and make them aware of your location and phone number.

Education Committee Financial Secretary Dave Evans reported last week the Education Committee had new councillor training. The training was attended by new and experienced councillors. New councillors were educated on how to better help our membership with

their issues. The new member classes that were stopped due to covid are scheduled to begin again in September. If there is a new councillor that would like to attend this training, please reach out to Dave Evans at the union hall.

Union Label Committee 2nd Vice President Amy Stephenson reported this month for all your summer cookouts, shop American made brands such as Ball Park hot dogs, Sara Lee buns, French's Mustard, Heinz Ketchup, Lay's Brand Chips, Pepsi and Good Humor ice cream, just to name a few. Unionlabel.org is a terrific source for searching for items to buy and also includes an approved boycott list. Usalovelist.com is another great website for searching for items made in the USA. Text **MADE** to 235246 for updates from AFL-CIO.

LUCA Committee 2nd Vice President Amy Stephenson reported that the Soundings magazine will be available very soon on the union website <https://region9a.uaw.org/local571>. We will be doing monthly Soundings magazines going forward instead of quarterly as we have done in the past.

Civil and Human Rights Committee 2nd Vice President Amy Stephenson reported that the committee is looking for some motivated new members that will bolster the committee.

Insurance and Benefits Committee Jim Newman reported:

Councillor Training: On Thursday, July 28 the benefits committee took part in the union training session by addressing our newly elected Councillors with a presentation to help educate and guide them when approached by the membership .

Annual Dependent Audit Re-Verification: The deadline has passed on completing the verification process. We had a few members that fell short with the audit process and will need to appeal.

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 appointment 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 and 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) and/or Chairman Ed Nevins at 867-2563 (NL).

Old Business

MDA Apparel is available with many options and colors with a new MDA Logo added. The MDA covers 1/2 the cost. If interested contact the union office secretary Karen Heroux for more info.

We are looking to have an MDA Local 571 Tee-Shirt designed to wear at outings and such. Anyone wishing to submit a design, please do so by submitting it to the Union Hall.

The Nominations for the 2022 UAW International Officers were concluded at the UAW Constitutional Convention last week. Members, in good standing, should be receiving the ballot packages in mid-October. The UAW's election vendor, Merrimann River Group, will manage the distribution, collection and tabulation of ballots and will facilitate all campaign mailings from the candidates using the UAW's global mailing list. We will provide more information as we get it. All UAW members, in good standing, will have the opportunity to cast a vote for each position.

"Run to Home Base" update. Electric Boat Team Fast Attack Comprised of GD-Electric Boat Employees, half dozen GD-Mission Systems Employees, Families and Friends sponsored by Electric Boat and the MDA Local 571, UAW fully supported by caring Donors raised **\$40,766** for Veterans suffering from PTSD, Concussive Brain Trauma and other invisible injuries that lead to Veteran suicides (20/day around 25% of all U.S. suicides per year). As a Team we try to reflect what RTHB aspires to be for our Veterans and that is leave no one behind or alone so we can all finish the Good Race together. Our team of 33, we averaged out as a whole raising **\$1,235.33/team member**. We were the 3rd highest team fundraiser. Thank you to all who supported this effort and we look forward to more participation next year.

New Business

The Veterans Committee requested support for the 2nd annual Cornhole fundraiser which raised \$9600 and distributed to 5 different Veteran organizations in December of 2021. It is being held November 12, 2022 at Foxwoods Casino. They are looking to purchase a new challenge coin for this event to be given to all who participate as a thank you. Our MDA Veterans Committee is also looking to form our own Color Guard for future events and recognition. We would like to support this also by providing the Shirts, Hats, Flags and Post. A motion was made to support the Veterans Committee for this event and forming our own Color Guard, not to exceed \$3000 (Tony Giordano), seconded (Eric Straub) and passed to accept.

In order to make sure we have your up-to-date address, due to moving or such, please contact the company and the Union office so we can update for future correspondence. Thank you.

The UAW General Dynamics Conference will be held September 11 through 16 in St Pete Beach, Florida. Electric Boat will be present at this conference and providing a presentation to the entire UAW Council members, around 200 in attendance from UAW locals around the Country. A motion was made to send up to 6 members to this conference (Eric Straub), seconded (Jim Newman) and passed to accept.

The United Way of SECT is hosting its 2nd annual Cornhole fundraiser which raised \$6000 for partner agencies in South Easter CT last year. If anyone is interested in supporting, please contact the Union office. It is \$60 per team and it is being held at the United Way Office in Gales Ferry. Come out and support our community and have some fun while doing so.

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

BADGE:	NAME:	DEPT
162672	NATALY PIEGARI	452
162941	MELISSA CHARRON	462
162962	GEORGE SEFRANSKY	459
162937	MATTHEW SANDAGE	460
162540	LONNY SMITH	701
143041	JOSHUA LAURENT *	453
150668	LANE VENTURA	448
157126	MICHAELJOHN ALIO	467
160257	MARCO GIORNO *	456
160307	JOSEPHINE WYDLER *	452
160308	ABIGAIL NADEAU *	452
155190	ROBERT DERONCK	462
162635	RICHARD GRISWOLD	452

* Reinstated

A motion was made to accept the new member applicants (Jim Newman), seconded (Tony Giordano) and passed to accept.

A motion was made to adjourn (Dave Reagan), seconded (Jim Newman) and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Martha Fletcher
Recording Secretary, MDA-UAW Local 571

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