

2025 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP



October meeting minutes

The monthly general membership meeting of the Electric Boat Athletic Club was held on Thursday, October 2, 2025 by conference call and in person at the Waterford VFW.

Those unable to attend in person were invited to our *Microsoft Teams* meeting.

President Jon Carr called the meeting to order at 07:00 PM

Moment of silence for all deceased EBAC members.

Secretary's Report – September report was distributed and available online.

- Accept reported motion by – Jon Carr; seconded by Christine Elliott
- No questions or corrections
- All in favor? yes So carried. (gavel bangs)

Financial Secretary's Report – The Financial Secretary's report for the month of September 2025 will be read at the next General Membership meeting in November .

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report for the month of September 2025 will be read at the next General Membership meeting in November .

Communications

1. none

Committee Reports

EBAC Varsity Running/Running Club by Dave Goodrich

EBAC running finished second at the Brightstar Providence Downtown 5k. The team was led by Jared Dybas with a 23rd place finish in 18:22, followed by Michael Tamul in 18:42 good for 25th place, then came Nicholas Tome in 19:40 good for 42nd, then Bob Chlum ran 19:55 for 44th.

Sign ups are open <https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/NewLondon/ElectricBoatAthleticClubEBACFallChallenge> for the EBAC Fall Challenge, happening on the Saturday of Veterans day weekend November 8. T-shirts and chowder plus libations following the race. Varsity members reach out to the team commissioner for covered entry, all EBAC members are eligible to email the EBAC office (EBAC@gdeb.com) with your badge number to receive a discount code for \$10 off the current race entry fee.

EBAC Hiking Club Report by Christine Elliott (August & September)

Our Friday Night Hikes are going strong with attendance averaging around 10. These will continue until the first Friday after the time change this Fall November 7.

Some of the events we held in August were:

- Erie Canalway Bikepacking Trip – Led by John Roy.
- SOLO Wilderness First Aid Course – We had 13 attend this course.
- Acadia National Park Long Weekend Camping & Hiking Trip – We had 9 attend this and included some members doing a half day of rock climbing along the ocean at Otter Cliffs, Sunrise on Cadillac Mountain, and various hikes through the National Park.
- Moween State Park Hike
- Hartman Park Hike

September was rather quiet with many of us waiting for the summer heat to break.

Upcoming events with the club

- Supporting Tommy Toy Fund:
 - o During the months of October and November the club will be collecting new toys and cash donations to help support EBAC President Jon Car's drive to raise money and collect toys for the Tommy Toy Fund. We will be tracking who donates cash and toys and be entering them into a small raffle for something hiking related.
- Friday Night Hikes:
 - o 10/3 – Sheep Farm, Groton
 - o 10/10 – Conn College Arboretum, New London
 - o 10/17 – TBD
 - o 10/24 – Harkness, Waterford
 - o 10/31 – Halloween
 - o 11/7 – Mitchell Woods, New London
- Season Closing Get-together:
 - o This is currently being planned, but will probably be similar to last year when we met at TreeHouse Brewery in MA, hiked several trails on the property, and enjoyed the food trucks and drinks. A new addition this year is that we will advertise a request that members bring either a new toy or cash for a Tommy Toy Fund Collection, we will also do a small raffle for those that donate.

Anyone interested in joining the Hiking Club can reach us at our new club email: EBAC_HC@gdeb.com.

EBAC Cycling Club Report by Miles Whitford

The road cycling club has continued its weekly rides, stopping at an apple cider donut establishment during each ride. Starting in October, the ride start time will be moved up from 4:30 pm to 4:00 pm to account for the earlier sunset time. The outdoor road cycling season will end the week of 10/31 which aligns with the end of daylight savings time. That last week of October we will be doing a longer ride starting from Groton at 1:30 pm with a club gathering afterward with food and a fire pit. The road cycling club plans to maintain participation and fitness during the colder months with indoor rides on the virtual riding platform, Zwift.

The mountain bike club is conducting business as usual and will continue rides in the fall and winter with the aid of headlights.

EBAC Ski and Snowboard Club Report by Bryce Knight

The ski and snowboard club held its first meeting of the 2025/2026 ski season on Thursday 9/18. We had good attendance from club members and had a special guest speaker; Ben Childs from Smuggler's Notch came down from Vermont to talk with the club. At the meeting, we opened trips to Jay Peak and Smuggler's Notch.

We currently have trips to Jay Peak (January 16-19) and Smuggler's Notch (February 27-March 1) open for sign-up. The week-long trip will be to Banff / Lake Louise, Alberta Canada from January 31 through February 7 2026. This trip is currently full. We have also just finalized plans for trips to Burke (March 6-8) and Lake Placid (April 3-5). Details on these trips are available on the ski club website.

The EBAC Ski and Snowboard club is also a member of the Connecticut Ski Council. Council benefits will be posted to their website (skiclub.com). We are currently taking order for tickets to the annual CSC Snow Ball happening November 8 at the Middletown Elks Club. See our club website for more information and to sign up.

The next club meeting will be held at 5:00 Thursday 10/16/2026 at Outer Light Brewing in Groton CT. Ted from Avie's Ski Shop will be present this month. Please stop by to meet the club, sign-up for membership and/or trips and a chance to win a door prize.

EBAC Retiree Golf League Report by Ron Kadlecik

The 2025 Retirees' Gold league completed a successful year with a field day scramble on September 17th. The league two new team join to fill the league at 18 two-man teams. A total of 11 substitutes also joined during the year. This year, in addition to the new teams, three additional new comers replaced long time members, Ralph Reynolds due to an illness and the passing of Brian Lumnah.

Newcomers Tome Sainsbury and Gary Wood captured the season championship beating the team of Hall Robb and Mike Gresh by a slim margin.

Our field day winners, with a net score of 63, were Tom Sainsbury, Brad Graham, Jim Smith and Rich Palmieri.

A league meeting will be held in April of next year to begin the new season. The league is at the maximum number of teams allowed by the tee times made available to us by the course. Any golfers wishing to join our sub list can contact Pat Larkin at: Plark90@gmail.com

Old Business

President Jon Carr still needs to schedule a meeting with Alex Hatem, our company liaison, to discuss future EB financial support. They provided \$64K in 2025, we have a burn rate of \$100K per year.

New Business

Josh Ellis made a motion to use EBAC Media to engage interest to start a Pickleball league. Seconded by Dave Goodrich.

Good of the Club

1. The Fall Challenge registration is now open @ \$22.80. Please email the office with your badge number for the discount code. We had approximately 80 runners last year. Runners can look forward to T-Shirts, chowder and beer. President Jon Carr is requesting all board members volunteer for the event. Please send him your availability as soon as possible. He requested EBAC Board of Directors member support for the fall challenge on November 8th, looking for assistance with registration, welcoming and cone set up. He also asked the bike club for support in monitoring the race route for any distressed runners.
2. A survey was posted in the EBAC newsletter to gather feedback for the EBAC Office for future programs. There were 141 replies to the 7 questions that were posted which asked for interest in dinner and a show at the Goodspeed Opera House, a Hartford WolfPack game, tickets to a special event at the Seaport, a haunted history tour in Mystic or a murder mystery dinner.

The survey showed not a lot of interest in Goodspeed, 35 people suggested they were not interested in something like this. There was a good amount of interest in the WolfPack game, the Seaport, the walking tour in Mystic and the Murder Mystery dinner. I will start to reach out to the venues.

There was also a question for suggestions- answers were all over the place but I want to highlight a few:

- lots of suggestions for concerts
- FIFA world cup tickets
- Yard Goats games
- more bus trips
- Term limits for Club presidents there has been no changes to the ski club trips in 10 years and the officers don't do enough to welcome new members or expand opportunities to have more or different events.
- NASCAR
- New England Patriots game
- Essex Steam Train
- more kid-friendly events
- Level 99

and someone was nice enough to leave the following comment "possibly disbanding or just how about try sticking to sporting stuff. "

3. Tommy Toy Fund – this is our 6th year running this event. This year's goal is \$6K. Jon identified Thursday, November 20th as the tentative date for this year's Tommy Toy Fund raiser at The Barn in Groton CT. Brent Smith volunteered his services again to DJ the event. He reminded the EBAC Board of Directors that this was an all hands event in looking for assistance in managing the event.
4. Anthony Mikelonis reported the Roller Hockey Varsity Team has played for the first time in over two years due to the need for upgrading the rink by the Groton Senior Center. Even though the first game the team lost 6-1, everyone who played was felt like it was a win having a league and a team show up after two years not having a league or an active team.

Roll Call Regular monthly meeting - A quorum shall consist of at least five members of the Board of Directors, of which at least two must be officer. A quorum was reached

OFFICERS		
President	Jon Carr	Present
Vice President	Christine Elliot	Present
Secretary	Chris Green	Present
Treasurer	Brandon McCool	Present
Financial Secretary	Pam Gonski	Present

BOARD of DIRECTORS			
Steve Karavolis	Present	Greg King	Absent
Matthew Casey	Present	Anthony Mikelonis	Present
Matthew Aven	Present	Andrew Crouch	Present
Bryce Knight	Present	David Goodrich	Present
Miles Whitford	Present	Taylor Allen	Present
Brentt Smith Sr	Present		
RETIREES			
Judi Page */#		Harry Martinez */#	Present
		Lynn Gaul *	
(*) Past President		(#) Retiree	

- Motion to adjourn @ -- 07:32 PM
There was a motion to adjourn by – Brentt Smith Sr.; seconded by – Steve Karavolis
So carried. (gavel bangs)
- Minutes submitted by Secretary Chris Green

Others in attendance

Name	Badge	Club
Gary Ceil	Retired	Retiree
Josh Ellis	166658	Pickleball (proposed)
Bill Thayer	Retired	Retiree
Mitchell LeGrave	168277	Pickleball (proposed)
Tej Patel	166760	Pickleball (proposed)
John Walter	135545	Pickleball (proposed)
Ron Kadlecik	Retired	Retiree
Paul Cavanagh	Retired	Retiree