

## 2025 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP



### November meeting minutes

The monthly general membership meeting of the Electric Boat Athletic Club was held on Thursday, November 6, 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 – Greg King; seconded by Hillary Dickau
- No questions or corrections
- All in favor? yes                      So carried. (gavel bangs)

Financial Secretary's Report – Pam read the Financial Secretary's report for the months of September 2025 and October 2025.

Treasurer's Report – Brandon McCool read the Treasurer's reports for the months of September 2025 & October 2025.

- Accept (Financial Secretary's & Treasurer's Reports) reported motion by – Greg King  
seconded by – Anthony Mikelonis
- No questions or corrections
- All in favor? N/A                      So carried. (gavel bangs)

### Communications

1. Email from EB Diversity, Inclusion & Community Engagement, dated 11/4/25, Subject: Pop-up Mobile Food Pantry on 11/10/25 Volunteer Opportunity. It stated: "EB is sponsoring this pop-up mobile food pantry at Thrive 55+ Active Living Center in Groton and is looking for 10 to 15 volunteers. The food distribution is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and volunteers will need to arrive by 4:00 p.m. and plan to stay until 6:00 p.m."
2. Email from Sascia Hayden (EB Diversity, Inclusion & Community Engagement), dated 11/4/25, Subject: Upcoming EB-Wide Initiative: EB Employees Care Community Food Drive. It stated: "For your awareness, EB will be launching a company-wide initiative, EB Employees Care Community Food Drive, starting Wednesday, Nov. 12 until shutdown. This initiative brings together employees across EB to address our region's food insecurity over the next 2 months. Employees are being asked to bring non-perishable food items to collection boxes. The food collected will be donated to the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center in Connecticut and the Rhode Island Community Food Bank in Rhode Island."

### Committee Reports

#### **EBAC Cycling Club Report by Miles Whitford**

The road cycling club finished up the 2025 outdoor riding season last week with members doing either a 63 or 50-mile ride, followed by a club bonfire. In October, we introduced a new "C" Group to the Road Cycling Club which aims to be a more social riding group at a slower pace and open to riders of all levels. This group is organized and led by Deb Stewart-VanOrden and the hope is to continue these casual rides year-round. The A and B groups are considering organizing weekend rides when there is more sunlight available, but will also organize virtual rides on the Zwift platform to maintain fitness and motivation in the colder/darker months.

### **EBAC Billiards League Report by Brandon McCool**

The EBAC Billiards League hosted an open house at Gold Crown Billiards on 10/15/25 where 13 people attended to meet each other, ask questions, and discuss the league operations, expectations, and rules of each game. The 2025-2026 season officially started 11/3/25 with 30 players across four divisions.

The new 8-ball 7-footer league at Gold Crown Billiards ran from August 6th to October 8th with 11 total players across two sessions. Congratulations to Brandon McCool and Tom Roes for tying for first in Session 1, and Brandon McCool and Bill King for tying for first in Session 2. Once the main billiards league starts up and is well under way, we will consider hosting a new session.

### **EBAC Hiking Club Report by Christine Elliott**

Our Friday Night Hikes are going strong with attendance averaging around 8. These will be ending this Friday 11/7 with our final Friday Night Hike which will be held at Mitchell Woods in New London.

#### **Upcoming events with the club**

- **Supporting Tommy Toy Fund:**
  - During the next two weeks 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 2 \$20 REI Gift Cards.
- **Friday Night Hikes:**
  - 11/7 – Mitchell Woods, New London
- **Season Closing Get-together:**
  - End of season hike at Tree House Brewery and Capen Hill nature Sanctuary Noon, Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>. We will met at TreeHouse Brewery in Charlton, MA, hike several trails on the property, and enjoy the food trucks and drinks after the hike. A new addition this year is that we will advertise a request that members bring donations for the Tommy Toy Fund Collection, we will also do a small raffle for those that donate.
- **Annual Winter Mountaineering on Mount Washington:**
  - 2 or 3 day Mountaineering trip with a guide. Contact Luke Olari for more info.

Anyone interested in joining the Hiking Club can reach us at our new club email: [EBAC\\_HC@gdeb.com](mailto:EBAC_HC@gdeb.com).

### **EBAC Ski and Snowboard Club Report by Bryce Knight**

The ski and snowboard club held its November meeting on Thursday 11/16. Our guest speaker was Ted from Avie's Ski Sports in Westerly RI. Ted came to tell the club about activities happening the shop, including their annual club discount weekend, which will be held 11/29 and 11/30 this year and will be held in conjunction with the Norwich Ski Club's ski swap.

We currently have the following weekend trips open for sign up on our website:

- Jay Peak (January 16-19)
- Smuggler's Notch (February 27-March 1)
- Burke (March 6-8)
- Lake Placid (April 3-5)

The week-long trip will be to Banff / Lake Louise, Alberta Canada from January 31 through February 7 2026. This trip is currently full.

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). The council will be holding its annual Snow Ball this Saturday, November 8 at the Middletown Elks Club. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$60 per person.

The next club meeting be 5:00 Thursday 11/20/2025 at Outer Light Brewing in Groton CT. Please stop by to meet the club, sign-up for membership and/or trips and a chance to win a door prize.

### **EBAC Tabletop Gaming Club Report by Rachel Saliga (read by Greg King)**

A lot has happened in the last couple of months. October was a lot of fun starting off with our curbside bazaar. We worked with the Citadel Gaming Cellar and took over their back parking lot. We had 11 people selling their used games from their trunks and table displays. There was a lot of positive feedback and we may do this again in spring, so stay tuned. The rest of the month was filled with plenty of thematic horror games to get everyone in the Halloween spirit.

November comes with some excitement for events and for PAX Unplugged in Philadelphia that's just weeks away. Like the years before many of us have come together to take the train down and split hotels. This month we have weekly board game meet-ups as well as a phantom Magic: The Gathering Draft open to up to 8 players. A list of the events is available in the EBAC weekly newsletter, or anyone can be a member to get the club's newsletter and Outlook invites at the beginning of the month.

Lastly we have an early announcement for December - our Holiday Potluck to take place on Sunday December 7th at Brookside Hall in Mystic. Those looking to join can e-mail the club for more information (ebac\_tgc@gdeb.com)! Each week until the event we'll release teasers to members with details of the contests, raffles, games, schedule, and other fun surprises.

### **Old Business**

1. President Jon Carr met with Alex Hatem, our company liaison, to discuss future EB financial support. They are providing \$64K in 2026. Jon stated with the dues increase, we can make it work.
2. Josh Ellis will form the pickleball club at no cost for the first year.

### **New Business**

1. Dues will increase from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per year as previously approved bylaw change. Motion made by President Jon Carr; seconded by Hillary Dickau.
2. The Secretary is requested to cast a vote for the following:
  - The continuation of Bryce Knight, David Goodrich, Matt Casey and Miles Whitford for another three (3) year term on the EBAC Board of Directors
  - And for all officers (unopposed) for another two (2) year term:
    - Jon Carr – President
    - Christine Elliott – Vice President
    - Brandon McCool – Treasurer
    - Pam Gonski – Financial Secretary
    - Christina Green – Secretary

Chris Green cast one vote for all of the officers and board of directors.
3. President Jon Carr stated we are always looking for new board members. We have two directors retiring next year.
4. EBAC Member Eric Bookmiller's child is fighting cancer. A GoFundMe page has been set up and will be advertised in the EBAC Weekly Newsletter. Please give if you can.

## Good of the Club

1. EBAC Fall Challenge: The race is set for this Saturday Nov 8 with a 10AM race start at Ocean Beach Park, with registration and after party in Port N' Starboard. The race is approved by the City of New London and will have police assistance with traffic. We need your help to make a big registration push so please tell all your friends to come out and support, there are registration discounts for EBAC members and military. We can also use volunteer help so if you're available, email Jon Carr. There will be T-shirts for all participants, age group prizes, drinks and clam chowder following the race. See everyone Saturday!
2. Tommy Toy Fund – this is our 6<sup>th</sup> year running this event. This year's goal is \$6K. Jon identified Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> as the 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.
1. EBAC Office
  - Liability waivers have been updated to reflect the new dues going into effect in January but do not need to be resubmitted
  - Lots of new discounts added:
    - o Providence Bruins home games
    - o Magic of Lights at Rentschler Field, \$23 a car
    - o Holiday Lights at Lake Compounce, the last year
    - o Lantern Light Village at Mystic Seaport, \$3 off ticket prices
    - o Great Wolf Lodge offer, cut-off has been extended to Monday to stay 11/14 and 11/15
    - o 2 Hockey Games hosted by the Excursion Club
      - ☐ 11/21- Providence Bruins vs. Lehigh Valley Phantoms, \$20/ticket + 10% off in the proshop
      - ☐ 1/10- Hartford WolfPack vs. Providence Bruins, \$23.36/ticket, cut off to book is 12/26
  - New Discounts added (in response to the survey):
    - o UConn Avery Point Fitness Center memberships, 6 or 12 month options
  - Waiting to hear back/Finalize:
    - o Powder Ridge and Brownstone
    - o Stretch Zone in Mystic
    - o TopGolf, Foxwoods & Warwick locations
    - o Essex Steam Train
    - o Yawgoo Valley Ski Area
    - o Mystic Cinemas- phone call next week
    - o VAT, Vitale Aquatic Tennis in Ledyard- they would like to host an open house for EBAC members and will offer a discount
  - Updates to the website
    - o Contacts page and list of Clubs are not up to date
    - o Christine Elliott and I have been discussing giving a facelift to EBAC publications; the website, weekly newsletter, etc.
    - ☐ Membership cards?
      - Made in EBAC Office with business cards I already have
      - Valid for one year
      - Required for some discounts, currently showing badges to verify
      - I would keep a file in the X-Drive with those that have been distributed, those that drop will be required to turn their card into the EBAC Office to be destroyed
    - ☐ Modifications to the list of Commissioners/Managers page
    - ☐ EBAC email blasts with flyers w/o links

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	Absent	Greg King	Present
Matthew Casey	Present	Anthony Mikelonis	Present
Matthew Aven	Absent	Andrew Crouch	Present
Bryce Knight	Absent	David Goodrich	Present
Miles Whitford	Absent	Taylor Allen	Excused
Brentt Smith Sr	Absent		
RETIREEES			
Judi Page */#		Harry Martinez */#	
Anita Kaiser #	Present	Lynn Gaul *	
(*) Past President		(#) Retiree	

- Motion to adjourn at 07:50 PM  
There was a motion to adjourn by – Greg King; seconded by – Matt Casey  
So carried. (gavel bangs)
- Minutes submitted by Secretary Chris Green

Others in attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Badge</u>	<u>Club</u>
Frank Rossi		Retiree
Gary Ceil		Retiree
Paul Cavanagh		Retiree
Ron Kadlecik		Retiree
Hallanna Ortiz Hernandez	149583	Member
Jake Christian	152638	Basketball (via Teams)
Josh Ellis	166658	Pickleball (via Teams)
Jack Molloy	174069	Member