

## 2025 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP



### April meeting minutes

The monthly general membership meeting of the Electric Boat Athletic Club was held on Thursday, April 4, 2025 by conference call and in person at the Waterford VFW.

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

Jon Carr called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Moment of silence for all deceased EBAC members.

- ❖ Secretary's Reports – March's report was posted online and paper copies were provided in person.
  - Accept reported motion by Taylor Allen; seconded by Brentt Smith
  - No questions or corrections
  - All in favor / opposed?                      So carried. (gavel bangs)
- ❖ Financial Secretary's Report – was not available and will be read at the May General Membership Meeting.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report – Brandon McCool read the Treasurers report for the month of March.
  - Accept reported motion by Taylor Allen; seconded by Greg King
  - No questions or corrections
  - All in favor / opposed?                      So carried. (gavel bangs)
- ❖ Communications  
None noted
- ❖ Committee Reports

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

The ski and snowboard club ran its last two trips of the season in March. The club enjoyed some great spring skiing conditions at Burke VT, the weekend of March 14-16. And our final trip was to Lake Placid NY the weekend of March 28-30. Lake Placid started out with several inches of fresh snow, but unfortunately turned to rain.

Our final event for the 2025 season will be our annual end of the season banquet. This event will be held at Langley's at the Waterford country club on April 25, starting at 5:00. Sign-up for the banquet is currently open on the ski club's website. The price to attend is \$20 for members and \$25 for guests. The banquet includes dinner and raffle prizes.

We have started evaluating options for our 2026 week-long trip and hope to have a destination selected and a contract in place this spring. We are currently looking into destinations in Europe and North America, including Innsbruck Austria and Banff / Lake Louise, Alberta Canada.

Monthly club meetings for the 2025/2026 season will start in September and will be held on the third Thursday of each month, September through February.

Information about all of the club activities are posted to the Ski and Snowboard Club website. This includes detailed information about all of the trips. The website also allows for EBAC members to sign up for trips and club membership.

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

March 29 & 30 Hiking club held a SOLO Wilderness First Aid Course at Groton Sportsman's Club with a full class of 24 students. The course went well and we were able to schedule the instructor for August 16 & 17 for a second WFA course this year. Signups for this course will begin late May. The club held a Leadership meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> and were able to put together a great list of hikes/trips/events we hope to bring to the membership this year. The club may have a new offering this year called "Nature Walks" which will be a slower paced walk through local parks and forests. We are hoping to bring on a new Hike Leader specifically for these events.



Hopefully the club will be able to schedule a Membership Meeting before Easter to lay out our plans and get feedback from our members.

### **EBAC Tabletop Gaming Club Report by Rachel Saliga**

In the month of March, the Tabletop Gaming Club hosted the Tabletop Game Bazaar which was a four-hour event where members reserved space to sell their used tabletop games. We received many compliments on the event making it a success. The owner of the store was surprised by the turnout and given this was something they wanted to do anyway they have talked to us about hosting something in the fall with much larger goals in mind. We'll keep everyone posted on that should we proceed. The Warhammer 40k Crusade sign-ups have ended. Rules and details have been distributed, pairings made, all that's left is to play! Good luck participating players in Season 1!

We have two events back by popular demand; Schoolyard Magic and Puzzle night. Schoolyard Magic is an event for those interested in Magic the Gathering TCG. Just \$8 to enter which covers playing materials and prizes. Players are encouraged to engage with others in matches, not necessarily to win, but to complete their curriculum sheet. The Schoolyard Magic player cap is 20 and open to club members and non-members. To be held Sunday April 13th at 12:00 PM. Puzzle night is back with new puzzles! Sit down, talk, and get to know fellow members with a chill atmosphere while working on jigsaw puzzles.

This month also brings the club's first, of hopefully many, Spring Tournaments. For 2025 the Spring Tournament game will be Splendor! Participants will play three games of Splendor in four hours. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd highest tournament points will walk home with a prize. First place will also bring home a trophy! Entry is \$10 and can be paid at the event, but you must sign-up in advance to play! Tournament will be played on Saturday April 26th at 12:00 PM.

Of course, the club will also be hosting numerous game nights, all of which are viewable on the EBAC club webpage, or if you're a member you've already received direct invites as well as our newsletter with additional club updates! If there are any comments, questions, or if anyone is looking to join the club, please e-mail us at [ebac\\_tgc@gdeb.com](mailto:ebac_tgc@gdeb.com).

### **EBAC Billiards League by Brandon**

The EBAC Billiards League finished the regular season and playoffs are underway. Congratulations to division winners.

A Division – John Vitale: 27-3

B Division – William King: 22-11

C Division – Betsy Fisher: 19-12

D Division – Michael Strapazzon: 12-8

### **EBAC Running Club Report by Dave Goodrich**

Our varsity team competes in the Corporate Division of various races throughout the year. These include the New Haven Road Race and JP Morgan Corporate Chase in Boston. The team has placed 1st in many of these races. A perk of being on the varsity team includes paid race entry into the corporate races we compete in.

2025 Qualification process: Run a road race in March or April and submit the results to the club's commissioner (Dave Goodrich, [dgoodri1@gdeb.com](mailto:dgoodri1@gdeb.com)). The distance must be between a 5K and a marathon. The top 7 men and women, based on time, will be invited to join the varsity team (all times are converted to a 5K equivalent). If less than 7 women submit a time, then the remaining spots will go to the next fastest males. During the season, non-varsity runners are able to run in the corporate races at their own cost, and are eligible to challenge for varsity spots. Should they beat any runner or runners, they will take the spot of the highest runner they beat, and the lowest placing runner for that race will be removed from varsity.

Additionally, the Stamford Boys & Girls club 5k has a masters (40+) men and masters (40+) womens divisions, so if we have eligible runners please apply and mention you want to race there.



### Run to Home Base Fundraiser

Our Annual RTHB Team is up and Running again (5KRun/Walk or a 9K that each end going to home plate to get your picture).

Anyone who signs up registration is waived, they get a team shirt and any swag they earn in the fundraising incentives.

Personal Fundraising Minimum Levels are set at the Early-Bird sign-up Levels.

We, provided by the MDA, have a Chartered Bus to take anyone up and back from the Saturday July 26th Event at Fenway Park.

Leaves and returns L Lot in Groton. To be added to the standard EBAC running club email list email Dave Goodrich dgoodri1@gdeb.com

### EBAC Road Cycling Club Commissioner's Report by Miles Whitford

The EBAC road cycling club has started outdoor rides following daylight savings. We have had a dozen riders each week braving the wind and chilly temperatures to get some miles in. We put together a kit (uniform) order at the beginning of March and should be receiving them soon. Planning will soon start to organize the club's Annual Summer Solstice Long Island Century Ride in mid-June.

#### ❖ Old Business

Jon brought the new green vest to the meeting where vest was picked up by Board of Directors members in attendance. Jon reported that he would hold on to the remaining vest for pick up and that he could drop any off at the EBAC office for those who would like to pick them up there.

#### ❖ New Business

- Jon reported that Board of Directors meetings going forward will be conducted using Microsoft Teams which has replaced the previously used bridge lines as part of the new EB security posture.
- Jon reported that he has submitted the 2025 EBAC budget request to Tracy Nixon-Moore and that Tracy has requested a meeting to discuss the budget further. Jon noted that the EBAC budget is now managed by Tracy Nixon-Moore (this was not the case with our prior HR liaisons) who is also responsible for funding to all of the employee resource groups (ERG's) at EB. Jon also noted that the EBAC checking account was still in good shape. A result of still unused 2020 budget, some of which is ear marked to budgets that have not yet returned, e.g., the EB corporate hockey tournament, varsity softball and varsity racquetball. Jon also noted that our current spend rate is approximately 95,000\$ and growing as league sizes have all seen increases. A budget update will be provided at next month's general membership meeting. Jon also stated that there has been verified growth in all winter leagues as well as the about to start men's golf league and the disc golf league.

❖ Good of the Club

- 2024 EBAC Athlete of the Year & Hall of Fame Nominations closed 4-2 Collected and sent off to committee for review Will announce next week. Banquet will be planned for late May.
- Jon reported that the GD corporate hockey tournament, i.e., GD9, had recently been under discussion between 8 General Dynamics business units (included EB-QP as its own entity and a coordinated effort between DG OTS in Burlington Vermont and BIW in Maine) and that Jay Peak in northern Vermont had been selected as this year's location. Unfortunately, room and board information did not come through until this week and with what was viewed as an insufficient amount of time to make plans and resolve budgets by several of the divisions, it was decided to put GD9 off until next year. The good news here is that the discussions have been recommenced, there are active points of contact at all the divisions, there is a planned discussion every 2 months to keep the conversation going and all things point to the tournament being back in 2026. Jon also noted that GD corporate was also involved in the discussions and that there had been indication of support from corporate for at least ice time for the divisions. Looking forward to 2026 where it is likely that Jay Peak will be the venue due to very good pricing for both ice and room and board options.

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	ANITA KAISER	Present
TREASURER	BRANDON MCCOOL	Present
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	PAM GONSKI	Present

BOARD of DIRECTORS			
CHRIS GREEN	Present	BRENTT SMITH SR	Present
STEVE KARAVOLIS	Present	GREG KING	Present
MATTHEW CASEY	Absent	ANTHONY MIKELONIS	Absent
MATTHEW AVEN	Present	ANDREW CROUCH	Absent
BRYCE KNIGHT	Present	DAVID GOODRICH	Present
MILES WHITFORD	Present	TAYLOR ALLEN	Present
RETIRED			
JUDI PAGE */#		HARRY MARTINEZ */#	Present
(*) Past President / (#) (Retired)		LYNN GAUL *	

- Motion to adjourn @ 7:40 PM:  
There was a motion to adjourn by Ken Fontaine, seconded by Harry Martinez  
So carried. (gavel bangs)
- Minutes submitted by Anita Kaiser