

2025 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP



August meeting minutes

The monthly general membership meeting of the Electric Boat Athletic Club was held on Thursday, August 7, 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 – July report was distributed and available online

- Accept reported motion by – Taylor Allen; seconded by David Goodrich.
- No questions or corrections
- All in favor? yes So carried. (gavel bangs)

Financial Secretary's Report – Pam read the Financial Secretary's reports for the month of July 2025.

- Accept (Financial Secretary's) reported motion by – Taylor Allen
seconded by – Miles Whitford
- No questions or corrections
- All in favor? N/A So carried. (gavel bangs)

Treasurer's Report – Brandon McCool will read the Treasurer's report for the month of July 2025 at the September 2025 meeting.

Communications

1. .Email from Office of Diversity, Inclusion & Community Engagement, Subject: Join the 2025 Eastern Connecticut Heart Walk & Lead the Way for a Healthy Heart, Healthy you! It also contained the website and sign up instructions.

Committee Reports

EBAC Varsity Running/Running Club by Dave Goodrich

Still waiting on final results from JP Morgan in June. We have eleven varsity runners racing at the New Haven Road Races. Mid September is the last corporate race, the Providence Downtown 5k, then we gear up for EBAC Fall Challenge in November.

EBAC Hiking Club Report by Christine Elliott

Our Friday Night Hikes are going strong with attendance averaging in the low teens. The Overnight Paddle Trip held on July 26-27; was a combined Hiking & Canoe and Kayak Club. This was an 11-mile paddle down the Wood River in RI, including several portages and an optional overnight stay in Phantom Bog at a remote paddle site. We had 6 attendees 5 of whom stayed overnight.

Other upcoming events with the club:

- Erie Canalway Bikepacking Trip:
 - o August 11-19 starting in Buffalo and ending in Albany, NY. It's a 360 mile bike trip. The hike will be led by John Roy (retiree)
- SOLO Wilderness First Aid Course:
 - o Back by popular demand! This will be our second WFA course hosted this year. This is a 16-hour weekend course (August 16 and 17) taking place at the Groton Sportsman Club. Spots are available. Price will be ~\$250 per person.
 - o 18 signed up – of which 13 have paid.
- Acadia Long Weekend Camping & Hiking Trip:
 - o Drive up Friday September 5, camp and hike in Acadia National Park in Maine Friday-Sunday, and then drive back to Groton Monday September 8. Cost for this trip is typically around \$100 per person and includes van rental and campsite for 3 nights.

Events the Club held in July:

- Beginner Backpacking Trip – 4 Attendees
- Overnight Paddle Trip – 6 Attendees 5 overnight

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

EBAC Retiree Club Report by Ron Kadecik

The club continues to function. We currently have about 80 members (most of whom (60) participate in the Retirees Golf League). Club members started the league and one had to be a member of the Retiree Club to participate. The league has since grown to be able to function as a separate entity should the club cease. Club meetings are held on the first Friday of each month at the Groton Senior Center (Thrive 55) at 10 am. The meeting is moved to the second Friday if there is holiday interference. COVID hit the club hard. Meeting attendance dropped by 75% or more. Some members are also snowbirds – heading south or west for the winter. Membership has taken an uptick this year - significantly in the Golf League and at club meetings. I think greater visibility during the retirement exit process has helped. We are getting more requests to add people to the distribution list for meetings and other announcements. Word of mouth has also been a factor. Every summer we have a picnic at Washington Park in Groton, usually the 2nd Thursday in August. This year it has been moved to September 18th due to the heat. A flyer will be sent out soon. An item of caution is the club's membership as a whole is aging (particularly those who attend monthly meetings). We have several attendees in their nineties, many in their eighties. Most who participate are reticent to be a part of the Club administration – President, Secretary or Treasurer. Unless this changes in the near future, the Club may face closure

EBAC Varsity Hockey & Hockey Club Report by Jon Carr

The EB hockey tournament was held last weekend (8-2&3) at the Norwich Rose Garden Ice Arena. There was a continuous cookout in the rink parking lot during the tournament with corn hole, bocce ball and socializing for those attending and the players not on the ice at any given moment. In the final game on Sunday, EBAC varsity topped the QP A team by a score of 4-0. The EB Club team #1 defeated the QP club team by a score of 6-4.

EBAC Excursion Club Report by Maxine Cote

Currently selling tickets to Red Sox Vs. Pirates on Aug 30, tickets are \$81.00 per person, that includes a ticket to game and round trip bus transportation. 41 tickets have been sold; we have 14 left to sell for a full bus.

EBAC Cycling Club Report by Miles Whitford

The road cycling club has been continuing weekly rides with 10-15 participants between 2 groups. The club will be gearing up for the “Tour de Donuts” in September where each weekly ride will include a stop at an apple cider donut establishment for a mid-ride carb boost!

The mountain bike club cycling been continuing weekly rides with 4-5 riders per week.

EBAC Tabletop Gaming Club Report by Rachel Saliga

The Tabletop Gaming Club has had a busy summer so far. Last month’s game night at Bridge Market was hot, but fun. We hope to return in the future, perhaps during the cooler months. Our other game nights at the Citadel and Clever Kobold went very well, as expected, with new games like Critter Kitchen and the Obojima roleplaying game. The Warhammer 40k Crusade continues on. Those involved should make sure to get their matches in! If there are any issues meeting with your opponent you should reach out to Robert Reynolds. This month we have a great line-up of games and events. We are most excited to announce and host our very own Pirate Borg Mega Role-play game. On August 30th we will take over the Citadel Game Cellar. Four gamemasters, four tables, and up to 20 participants playing Pirate Borg. Details about the event can be found on our webpage along with the link to sign-up. This event is open to members and non-members – so bring a friend! Interested people are welcome to e-mail the club (ebac_tgc@gdeb.com) with any questions. As for our TCG players we are excited to bring one of our open play nights to Prowess in Waterford in addition to Clever Kobold and Citadel. Other updates include our new newsletter which now comes in a PDF format. Those looking to meet new people and play a few games should check out this month’s events on our webpage under the calendar tab as well.

Old Business

President Jon Carr reminded the members that EBAC dues will be increasing at the beginning of 2026 to \$5.00 per year.

New Business

President Jon Carr highlighted the key points from his annual email sent to all commissioners & managers. See Enclosure 1.

Good of the Club

1. Secretary Chris Green proposed moving the November 11, 2025 Board of Directors meeting to the following week as EB is closed for the Veterans Day holiday. Motion declined. We will keep the current meeting date.
2. The August Board of Directors meeting will be at President Jon Carr’s house.

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	Absent
Financial Secretary	Pam Gonski	Present

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

- Motion to adjourn @ -- 07:32 PM
There was a motion to adjourn by – David Goodrich; seconded by – Ron Kadlecik
So carried. (gavel bangs)
- Minutes submitted by Secretary Chris Green

Others in attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Badge</u>	<u>Club</u>
Gary Ceil		Retired
Paul Cavanagh		Retired
Frank Ross		Retired
Pat Larkin		Retired
Ron Kadlecik		Retired
Bill Thayer		Retired



Enclosure (1) 2025 President's Email

Christina Hannah Green

From: Carr, Jon E
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 2:55 PM
To: Elliott, Christine; Green, Christina H; McCool, Brandon; Gonski, Pamela I; Karavolis, Steven N; Casey, Matthew; Aven, Matthew; Knight, Bryce S; Whitford, Miles; Smith Sr, Brentt J; King, Gregory; Mikelonis, Anthony; Crouch, Andrew; Goodrich, David; Allen, Taylor; Hatlee, David; Lawrence, Ian; Christian, Jake; Gudbrandsen, David; Pierce, Jeffrey R; Nucifora, Salvatore J; Warmus, Alexander; Giordano Jr, Anthony C; Logue, Aaron; Potter, Thomas W; Cote, Maxine; Bochese, Jake; Drouillard, Amy L; Chapman, John H; Pat Larkin; Williams, Jack; Long, Michael B; Borah, Daniel C; Deyhim, Deanna; Noll, Matthew; Ronald Kadlecik; Schwartz, Gabriel P; Holland, Jeremy; Stewart-VanOrden, Deborah; Farhad, Abdullah; Louis, Bill; Ruta, Daniel T; Gruzaz, Scott R; Saliga, Rachel; Niezrecki, Stanley; Jefferson, Nathaniel; Schmoegner, William E; Gangwar, Umang; Boudreau, Marissa; Blitz, Michael A; Johnson, Eric
Subject: Presidents message and EBAC Insurance - Annual Renewal Information Requested
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Due By: Monday, August 18, 2025 7:00 AM
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It has been a while since I have sent out one of these. I have a few items I would like to address. Please take the time to read through the following. There is something for everybody in the below message.

1. **EBAC Insurance Coverage:** It is that time of year where we have to provide updated club information to our internal insurance agent in support of EB obtaining our annual coverage. Please review the attached file and provide me with any updates that are necessary. If no update is necessary, please also indicate that. Thank you and please do not make me chase you down. I have to submit our information by 8-15-25, i.e., next Friday
2. **Vouchers** – Were your league vouchers include payment to third parties for field/gym usage, score keeping and officiating. It is the commissioner/managers job to validate that billing is correct and to adjudicate errors before submitting your voucher. Billing errors are not uncommon and need to be addressed.
 - a. When a voucher is for reimbursement, please state so on the voucher otherwise the recipient may find themselves getting a 1099 report for taxable income
 - b. Please make sure that who is being reimbursed is clearly stated and that the method of receipt is clear, e.g., pick up at the EBAC office, US Mail and include address, inner office mail with location/zone.
3. **Meeting Attendance** – Please make every attempt to either attend at least 2 meetings a year. Please also note that we have a call in option for you so this should be attainable for each of you.
4. **Committee Reports** – Thank you to the many of you who report on a regular basis. For those who don't, it is in the best interest of this club that you do so. Our meeting minutes are posted for viewing and the visibility of what this club provides looks good to EB from who we receive our annual subsidy so please, let's step this up. If you cannot attend in person, you can still submit an electronic report that will be read for you at the meeting and make it into our meeting minutes. For those making reports at our meetings, please provide your write up via email to our EBAC Secretary Chris Green.
5. **Annual Sports Banquet & EBAC awards.** This past year reflected an uptick in submittals. This was in part due to my direct efforts with many of you to get submittals in. I should not need to be proactive in this. I expect submittals from at least every league in 2026. Please step up and consider who your candidates might be while your season is in session. Please also note that we have a meeting attendance criteria that if you meet it, your meal for you and your guest is compensated for.

- a. Please do your best to attend this once a year banquet and to show support for our award winners.
6. **Flyers** – Please ensure you are posting EBAC flyers in your areas. Take note when on the floors around you, e.g., if you see that a flyer is missing elsewhere, bring one with you the next time and post it.
7. **Excursions** – We used to sell out bus trips quickly. Please note that our currently planned trip to the **August 30th Red Sox game in Boston** is still not sold out. If we are to continue to offer such trips, we need all of you to help push these events. For those of you run a club, forward the event to your membership. If you run a league, please forward to your team captains and ask for broader distribution to the players on each team by the captain. Thank you Maxine Cote for bringing back the excursion club.
8. **Board of Directors (BOD)** – Please help us get our numbers up. With the recent retirement of Anita Kaiser and the movement of Chris Green from the Board to the officers table replacing Anita as our secretary, we are down to 11 Board members and we are going to be losing at least 2 more to retirement in 2026, i.e., Chris Green and Brent Smith Senior. This club cannot operate if we do not have a healthy board as quorums are required by bylaw in order for us to vote an move on all motions. We have some who are already eligible to step up and I ask that you give this more consideration. Nearly all of our Board meetings are call in and we only ask that you attend 4 general membership meetings annually. Please help us make sure that this club continues to thrive in the coming years. If not joining, you can still help with the recruiting effort and encourage others to get engaged.
 - a. **BOD** benefits. Comped invites to the annual sports banquet, December Christmas party and the July BOD meeting cookout.

Thank you all for your support. I look forward to your continued participation in the Electric Boat Athletic Club.

Jon Carr

Electric Boat Athletic Club – President

“A failure to plan is a plan to fail”