

June Ruzala-Martin | Secretary



Minutes of the Meeting

September 4, 2013

Quorum: 14 members were present. There was no quorum. It was agreed to accept the June minutes as printed.

Communications:

A letter was received from Ron Watson, Director of Retired Members thanking the branch for generous contribution to COLCPE during our recent 25th Annual COLCPE Drive. A letter was received from Thomas Sullivan, Manager of Operations Support informing the branch that route inspections will be held in the Torrington office beginning September 7th. A letter was received from National President Fred Rolando, informing the branch that he will attend our annual Retiree Breakfast.

New Business:

◆ A discussion was held on the problem of getting a quorum at the monthly meetings. The Branch will vote on a by-law change at the next month's meeting to reduce the quorum to 10 members.

◆ President Daniels thanked Vice-President John Daniels for painting the meeting hall inside and out, with a little help from himself.

◆ President Daniels announced that he has appointed Chris Jolly to be steward for the Plaza station in Waterbury.

◆ President Daniels advised that he will be on vacation September 9th thru the 16th and Vice-President John Daniels will cover the office.

◆ A new memo that came out on September 3rd on Residual vacancies was discussed.

Treasurer's report was handed out to the members present. The report was accepted by the members.

Meeting adjourned with the agreement of the members present.

October 2, 2013

Quorum: 15 members were present. A motion was made by Pete Fornaciari, second by Norm St Arnauld and passed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

Communications:

A memo from the NBA was read concerning USPS test on Sunday parcel delivery that includes all the Waterbury stations in the test.

Old Business:

A by-laws change to reduce the number of members required to make a quorum at union meetings was discussed at the previous meeting. A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Norm St Arnauld and passed to change Branch 20's by-laws to reduce the number of members required to make a quorum from fifteen to ten. The change will be sent to NALC Headquarters for approval.

New Business:

◆ A discussion was held on the expenditure for holiday gifts for active members. It was proposed to spend up to \$14 for each active member. A vote in accordance with the by-laws will be taken at the November meeting.

◆ President Daniels reminded everyone that nominations for delegates to the National Convention in July of 2014 will be held in November at the union meeting.

◆ President Daniels reported that Mike Gardinello resigned as steward of Watertown/Oakville and Thomaston effective October 1st. President Daniels thanked Mike for his service to the membership well after his retirement from the Postal Service. Yolanda Velez-Ruberte' from the Waterbury Lakewood station was appointed to replace Mike.

Treasurer's report was handed out to the members present. A motion was made by Pete Fornaciari, second by Kate Tavernier and passed to accept the report as printed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Norm St Arnauld, second by Pete Fornaciari and passed.

November 6, 2013

Quorum: 24 members were present. A motion was made by Pete Fornaciari, second by Norm St. Arnauld and passed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

Communications:

Thank you note received from retiree James Savickas for retirement check. Note from Kate Tavernier advising she would accept nomination to be delegate to national convention in 2014.

Old Business:

Motion made by Norm St. Arnauld, second by Veronica Gavagni and passed to spend up to \$14 per active member for a holiday gift.

New Business:

◆ Nominations for delegates to the NALC National Convention in July of 2014 in Philadelphia were opened. The following members were nominated and elected: Paul Daniels, John Daniels, Kate Tavernier, Veronica Gavagni, Lynda Flood-Doms, David Adeyemi, June Ruzala-Martin, Jolanda Velez-Ruberti', Tom Sagnella, Norm St. Arnauld, Chris Jolly, Pete Fornaciari, Jerry Winzer, and Ben Sakowich.

◆ Motion made by Pete Fornaciari, second by Jolanda Velez-Ruberti' and passed to pay for December stewards' meeting and holiday gift for stewards.

◆ Motion made by Pete Fornaciari, second by Lynda Flood-Doms and passed to purchase pocket calendars for active carriers.

◆ Motion made by Pete Fornaciari, second by Chris Jolly and passed to provide a \$50 gratuity for officer letter carrier and holiday cards for office.

◆ Motion made by Lynda Flood-Doms, second by Pete Fornaciari and passed to have President attend NALC memorial for Vincent R. Sombrotto in NY in January 2014.

◆ Motion made by Veronica Gavagni, second by Chris Jolly and passed to purchase 30 2011-2016 National Agreements.

Treasurer's report was handed out to the members present. A motion was made by Pete Fornaciari, second by Jolanda Velez-Ruberti' passed to accept the report as printed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Norm St. Arnauld, second by Pete Fornaciari and passed.