

# June Ruzsala-Martin | Secretary



## Minutes of the Meeting

**September 3, 2014**

**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:**

An audit of the branch's financial records was held on June 25, 2014. Members of the audit committee Veronica Gavagni, Kathleen Heltke and Lynda Flood-Doms along with Norman St. Arnauld and June Ruzsala-Martin were present. All branch 20 financial records were to found in good order. A note of thanks was received from the family of Lynn Marie Carey thanking the branch for the memorial in her memory. A note of thanks was received from the family of Kenneth Barki thanking the branch for the memorial in his memory. A letter was received from Paul Buttafuoco of the CT Valley District informing the branch that route inspections will be held in Groton, New London, Pawcatuck, Waterford, Watertown and Mystic. These inspections will begin in the fall of 2014. A letter was received from the NBA's office letting us know of the Postal Service's plan to start delivery of Amazon parcels on Sunday in our area. These deliveries will be made by the CCAs. A letter was received from the Connecticut State Association looking for a retired member to take the position of State Director of Retirees. A letter from the Connecticut State Association was received informing branches of a Congressional Breakfast to be held on October 26 in Meriden.

### **New Business:**

- ◆ A discussion was held on the route inspections in the branch. In most offices the carriers and management will work jointly to adjust the routes.
- ◆ President Daniels and President Mike Willadsen of branch 86 met with the NBA and four USPS CT Valley District people on the issue of CCAs and their retention rate and treatment of these new carriers. All parties will work hard to develop a plan to follow so that CCAs will be trained and treated better than they are now.
- ◆ Veronica Gavagni has retired from the Postal Service and Mike Richards will be taking over as a steward in the Meriden office. Veronica was a trustee and a new one will be appointed soon by President Daniels.
- ◆ A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by David Adeyemi to fund the Retiree Breakfast to include door prizes of up to \$500, cost for guests of \$15, active members \$5 and a gift for all recent retirees.

◆ A motion was made by Norman St. Arnauld, second by Peter Fornaciari and passed to pay for our share of paving of the driveway.

◆ A motion was made by Lynda Flood-Doms, second by Peter Fornaciari and passed to purchase up to 50 tickets at a cost of \$750 to for Branch 20 members who wish to attend the Congressional Breakfast on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October.

◆ National elections are being held in October for NALC officers. A motion was made by Norman St. Arnauld to support the Fred Rolando team, second by Peter Fornaciari and passed.

**Treasurer's report** was handed out to all members present. A motion was made by Peter Fornaciari, second by Mike Maddalena and passed to accept the report as printed.

**Motion to Adjourn** was made by Norman St Arnauld, second by Peter Fornaciari and passed.

**October 1, 2014**

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

### **New Business:**

- ◆ New JCAMS will be ready soon for purchase at the cost of \$15 a copy. A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Norm St Arnauld and passed to purchase 25 copies of the JCAM for our stewards' use.
- ◆ Retirees will now be eligible to be hired as CCAs for the Christmas 30 day period.
- ◆ President Daniels discussed a new route adjustment memo signed 9/23/14.
- ◆ President reminded everyone that nominations for all Branch officers for a 3 year period will be held in November along with delegates to the 2015 Connecticut State Convention.
- ◆ A discussion was held on the expenditure of more than \$2,000 for holiday gifts for the active carriers. The expenditure of up to \$14 per active member will be voted on at the November meeting. Members at the meeting were shown 3 items that the carriers might like this year. Members present liked the Thermos bottle the best.
- ◆ Installation of National Officers will be held in December. A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Pete Fornaciari and passed to send President Daniels to the installation.
- ◆ A motion was made by Norman St. Arnauld, second by Pete Fornaciari and passed to purchase pocket calendars for all active carriers.
- ◆ A motion was made by Norman St Arnauld, second by Pete Fornaciari and passed to do a branch mailing to all members on the importance of voting in this National election.



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

**Good of the Association:**

Tom Sagnella stated the Veronica Gavagni retired in June of this year and that Mike Richards had been training as the new steward in the Meriden office since that time. Sagnella felt that Mike Richards should have been paid as a steward even though he had not received steward training and even though President Daniels had not appointed him to the steward position until October 1, 2014. A discussion was held and a motion was made by Tom Sagnella, second by Chris Jolly and passed to pay Mike Richards Steward's pay for the months of July, August and September.

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Norman St. Arnauld, second by Kate Tavernier and passed.

**November 5, 2014**

**Quorum:** 27 members were present. A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Norm St Arnauld and passed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

**Communications:**

A thank you note was received from retiree Ron Kinard thanking the branch for a great breakfast and the wonderful gifts he received as a recent retiree. A thank you note was received from the Norwich Public Schools for the donation in the memory of Kenneth Barki to the Wequonnoc School.

**New Business:**

◆ President Daniels announced that appointments of stewards for a 3 year term by the President will be made in January.

◆ Nominations were then opened for Branch 20 officers. President Daniels handed over the chair to Vice-President John Daniels for the nomination of President. Nomination for the position of president followed. Norm St Arnauld nominated Paul Daniels for President. Lynda Flood-Doms then nominated Tom Sagnella for President. Vice-President John Daniels then closed nominations for President. The chair was then handed back to President Paul Daniels and the nomination for the position of Vice-President was opened. Norm St Arnauld nominated John Daniels for the position of Vice-President. Tom Sagnella then nominated Lynda Flood-Doms for Vice-President. President Daniels then closed the nominations for Vice-President. Nominations for the position of Secretary were then opened. Norm St Arnauld nominated June Ruszala-Martin for Secretary. With no further nominations President Daniels declared June Ruszala-Martin elected. Nominations for the position of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer were then opened. Norm St Arnauld nominated Benjamin Sakowich for assistant secretary/treasurer. With no further nominations President Daniels declared Benjamin Sakowich elected. Nominations for the position of Treasurer were opened.

John Daniels nominated Norman St. Arnauld for the position of Treasurer. With no further nominations President Daniels declared Norman St. Arnauld elected. Nominations for HBR were opened. Norm St Arnauld nominated Kate Tavernier for the position of HBR. With no further nominations President Daniels declared Kate Tavernier elected. The 3 Trustee positions were open for nomination. Norm St Arnauld nominated Jerry Winzer, Mike Maddalena and Jolanda Velez-Ruberte for the positions of Trustee. With no further nominations President Daniels declared the three trustees elected.

◆ Nominations for CSALC State delegates were now opened. The following members were nominated: Norman St. Arnauld, Pete Fornaciari, June Ruszala-Martin, Mike Richards, Chris Jolly, Ben Sakowich, Jerry Winzer, Kate Tavernier, Jolanda Velez-Ruberte, Lynda Flood-Doms, and David Adeyemi. Nominations were closed and all delegates were declared elected by President Daniels. The President and Vice President are delegates to the State Convention per our By-Laws. In January a review of the meetings attended by delegates will be made to see if they have met the meeting requirements to be eligible to be a paid delegate.

◆ A New Milford carrier was placed on emergency leave by the postal service for a comment made about the postmaster in the parking lot. Vice-President John Daniels and steward Joan Gibbons were able to return the carrier to work following a three month emergency placement.

◆ There was a discussion at last month's meeting for the holiday gift and the cost. All that is needed at this meeting is the vote on the expenditure. A motion was made by Kate Tavernier to spend up to \$14 per active carrier for a holiday gift, second by Pete Fornaciari and passed.

◆ Motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Norm St Arnauld and passed to pay for lost time, mileage, lunch and a holiday gift for the stewards and officers at the December steward's meeting.

◆ A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Pete Fornaciari and passed to purchase Holiday cards for Branch office use.

◆ President Daniels advised of the ongoing discussions about converting a number of CCAs to unassigned regulars in the near future. While nothing is for sure yet discussions that would promote as many as 17 CCAs in Branch 20 are actively going on. As soon as anything is finalized President Daniels will let us and our CCAs know.

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

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Norman St. Arnauld second by Peter Fornaciari and passed.