

January 8, 2020

Quorum: (16) members were present. A motion was made by Steve Sanders, second by Argjent Kala and passed to accept the minutes of the December meeting.

Communications:

Following a recent arbitration decision in New London President Daniels signed an agreement with management requiring that the transportation of the Fisher's Island mail to the Ferry be returned to the carrier craft no later than January 11, 2020. Along with the return of this work to the carrier craft 28 active and 8 retired carriers will receive a monetary remedy.

A letter was received from New London carrier David Morrison expressing his thanks and the thanks of all the New London carriers to President Daniels for seeing the grievance through on the Fishers Island mail. President Daniels had sent a letter to all city carriers in New London to let them know what went on with this issue and how it was resolved to the benefit of the New London Letter Carriers.

A letter was received from Chief Steward Ben Sakowich of the Middletown office stating that he was resigning from his position effective December 31, 2019.

A letter was received from the inspection team informing the branch that route inspections will be held in the following offices: Vernon, Southington, and Taftville during the month of April. If these inspections go forward all carriers will have a route inspection class.

In a recent arbitration for the Mystic office the arbitrator granted the grievance to the NALC and stated that management violated the National Agreement when they unilaterally changed Letter Carrier start times on 8/24/19. The start times will be restored to 7:30am effective immediately.

The award made clear that management must have a legitimate need to change start times and must communicate with the union before they decide to change start times.

Old Business:

A discussion was held at the December meeting regarding the expense of sending 12 delegates to the National Convention. The amount of \$25,000 was discussed for the 12 delegates. A motion was made by Eleones Linarze, second by Argjent Kala and passed to spend up to \$25,000 to send the delegates to the 2020 National Convention.

New Business:

At the recent retiree breakfast Meriden retiree Walt Shamock was presented his 65 year pin.

President Daniels advised the members that Walt passed away shortly after the breakfast.

Torrington steward Tim Thibault has resigned as steward and President Daniels has appointed Nafis Anwar to the position of Torrington steward.

President Daniels appointed George Salmon Chief Steward in the Middletown office.

President Daniels also appointed Selvin Sudhoo to one of the two steward's position in the Waterbury Main office. We now have all 4 steward positions filled in Waterbury for the first time in years.

Treasurer's Report was handed out to all members present. A motion was made by Steve Sanders, second by Shane Joyce and passed to accept the treasurer's report as printed.

Norman St. Arnauld will be away for 2 months and Brandon Jones will be filling in for him.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Steve Sanders, second by Eleones Linarez and passed to adjourn.