

**MINUTES OF THE 2018
MIDWINTER PETITE PROMENADE
MADISON, WISCONSIN
FEBRUARY 9TH -10TH, 2018
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9TH**

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE

Grand Chef de Gare Doug Schaller called the Committee on Committee to order at 1:00 P.M. After the Salute to the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance, Chef Doug turned the chair over to Committee on Committee Chairman Dale Mitchell. Roll Call was taken by the Grand Correspondant. Present were Voyageurs Mitchell, Kozubek, Ruland, Schaller and Orval. Chairman Mitchell introduced Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe Joe Jamnick and Don Emley who were in attendance. Also in attendance was Grand Chef de Train Joe Story.

Dale Mitchell read off the resolving clause from all nominations. They are as follows.

Cheminot National – None submitted
Alternate Cheminot National – Doug Schaller
Grand Chef de Gare – Joe Story
Grand Chef de Train – Jim Bassett
Sous Grand Chef de Train – None submitted
Grand Conducteur – Dale Oatman
Grand Garde De La Porte – None Submitted
Grand Commis Voyageur – John Edelblute
Grand Commissaire Intendant – Jim Vissers

A discussion on all of the Voyageurs seeking a higher office was made. A number of positive comments were made.

A resolution was read from Jefferson County Voiture Locale No. 750 endorsing Tom Orval for the high office of National Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer for 2019.

It was noted that Voyageurs Ruland, Aasen and Winger do not have their nomination papers submitted yet. Meeting was closed at 1: 18 P.M.

NOTE: All resolutions for Grande Voiture Offices are voted on at the Grande Promenade in August.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Grand Chef de Gare Doug Schaller opened the Finance Committee meeting up at 1:24 P.M. with a salute to the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was taken by the Grand Correspondant and then Grand Chef Doug turned the meeting over to Grand Commissaire Intendant Jim Vissers.

Voyageur Jim reported that our portfolio was valued at \$623,207.24; an increase of \$64,940.26 since the start of the fiscal year.

Voyageur Jim explained how he is pertaining to handle the Grande Voiture funds differently than in the past.

The Grande Voiture received \$461,919.03 in three different installments from the estate of generous Voyageur Harald P. Kahlert.

A discussion of how much Voiture National owes on the building and if the Grande Voiture is planning on making a donation to the National Building Fund. A very good discussion on making a donation of \$5,000.00! By vote this recommendation passed and will be brought to the Cheminot tomorrow morning.

TIME AND PLACE MEETING

Grand Chef de Gare Doug Schaller called the Time and Place Committee meeting to order at exactly 1:50 P.M. Following a Salute to the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance; the meeting was turned over to Grand Correspondant Tom Orval after a Roll Call, it was opened for such business as to come before it.

Alternate Cheminot National Rich Ruland gave an update on the current Midwinter Petite. He wanted everyone to have a few wobble pops. "Just Joking"! He then gave an update on places to eat and the Saturday evening banquet.

Tom Orval gave an update on the 2018 Grande Promenade & Rendezvous in Lake Mills. Dale Mitchell passed out registration and reservation forms. None of the hotels have elevators. Everything will be held at the American Legion. The Cabane will have to walk down the steps to meet in the basement.

Jim Hying gave an update on Richland County hosting the 2019 Midwinter Petite Promenade and Rendezvous. It will be basically the same as when they hosted the event three years ago.

The 2019 Grande Promenade was awarded to Langlade County in Antigo. Don Emley let those in attendance know that there have been a few changes made from last time. The Grande Promenade will be held at the North Star Bowling Alley. This will also include the Committee meetings and Saturday evening banquet.

There is also an ATV trail next to the hotel so if anyone brings their ATV with them; they can go trail riding in their spare time. He then gave the room rates.

No one from Monroe County was in attendance to give a presentation on hosting the 2020 Midwinter Petite Promenade.

A bid was read from Shawano County No. 986 submitted a bid for the purpose of hosting the 2020 Grande Promenade and Rendezvous at the Menominee Hotel – Conference and Casino in Keshena. After some discussion the Time & Place voted on awarding the bid to Shawano County for the purpose of hoisting the 2020 Grande Promenade. It was passed and this will be brought forth in front of the Cheminot tomorrow morning.

Voyageur Emley addressed the Voyageurs and Dames in attendance. He would like to know if the Grande Voiture and Cabane would like to submit to National a bid for the purpose of hosting a National Promenade and Rendezvous again.

Everything will be the same as what it was in 2015. A lot of positive comments were made about the hotel and facility.

A notion was made, seconded and carried for the Time & Place Committee to bring this proposal up to the Cheminot to vote and then have the Grand Correspondant submit a bid to National for the purpose of the Grande Voiture and Grande Cabane host the 2021 National Promenade and Rendezvous.

BADGER FORTY & EIGHTER COMMITTEE MEETING

Immediately following the Time & Place meeting; the Badger Forty & Eighter meeting began. L'editeur Orval needs more articles from not just the Officers and Committee Chairpersons, but from the Voiture Locales. The meeting was closed at 2:33 P.M.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10th, 2018 MEETING OF THE GRANDE CHEMINOT

Grand Chef de Gare Doug Schaller called the Grande Cheminot to order. A Salute to the Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation by Grand Aumonier Ken Laatsch, and the Placing of the POW-MIA Seat Cover by Grand Chef de Train Joe Story; the Cheminot was opened for such business as to come before it.

ROLL CALL

The Grand Correspondant preformed the Roll Call of the Grande Cheminot.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Grand Commissaire Intendant Jim Vissers read off the recommendations from the meeting yesterday. He would like to carry a balance of \$30,000.00 in the checking account.

Our tax accountant is just about finished with the Grande Voiture's taxes for the last year. There are no penalties if we do have to file late being that we are a nonprofit organization. Our portfolio is valued at \$623,207.24 and we have an increase since the beginning of the fiscal year amounting to \$64,940.26.

A recommendation from the Finance Committee to donate \$5,000.00 to the National Headquarters building!

2nd District Cheminot made a motion that the amount of the donation be changed to \$10,000.00 to be donated from the Grande Voiture in memory of Harald P. Kahlert.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Finance Report with the one correction. Motion was seconded and carried.

TIME AND PLACE

Voyageur Orval gave an update on all future Grande Promenades and Midwinter Petites that had submitted bids for these events.

Shawano County Voiture Locale No. 986 submitted a bid for the purpose of hosting the 2020 Grande Promenade and Rendezvous at the Menomonee Indian Reservation Casino and Conference Center in Keshena.

A motion was made and seconded that Shawano County No. 986 be awarded the bid to host the 2020 Grande Promenade and Rendezvous in Keshena. Carried!

A motion was made and seconded to instruct the Grand Correspondant to submit a bid to National for the purpose of hosting the 2021 National Promenade and Rendezvous in Green Bay. Carried!

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Time and Place report was given. Carried!

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

There was nothing to report on at this time.

GOOD OF THE FORTY AND EIGHT

The Grand Aumonier was asked to send Get Well cards to the wives of V. Aasen and V. Bassett. Also a Get Well card to V. Jim Edgell who has been very ill in the last month!

With no further business to come before this Cheminot, it was closed in traditional 40 & 8 fashion with the removal of the Alter Cloth, POW-MIA Seat Cover and a salute to the Colors.

Grand Chef de Gare Doug Schaller called to Order the 2018 Midwinter Petite Promenade. A salute to the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance; opening prayer by Grand Aumonier Ken Laatsch and the Placing of the POW-MIA Seat Cover by Grand Chef de Train Joe Story, the Promenade was opened for such business as may come before it. Introduction of Distinguished Guests by Cheminot National Ken Kozubek.

National Guest

Chef de Chemin de Fer 2004 – Joe Jamnick
National Sous Directeur Child Welfare – Dave Wegener
National Sous Directeur Special Awards – Dale Oatman
National Sous Directeur Special Awards – Ron Pfalzgraf
National Sous Directeur Youth Sports – John Helgeson
National Sous Directeur Ritual – Steve Bradley Excused
National Directeur Membership – Joe Story
National L'editeur – Tom Orval
National Lampiste – Jack Eaton Excused
National Recorder – Dale Mitchell
Alternate Cheminot National – Rich Ruland

Greetings were given by Dane County No. 683 Chef de Gare Keith Lovell
Approval of the **OFFICIAL CALL** as published in the January edition of the Badger Forty & Eighter was made. A notion was offered and seconded for approval. Carried!
Roll Call by the Grand Correspondant of the Locales was then taken.

PROGRAM DIRECTEURS REPORTS

VOITURE ACTIVITIES: V. Jim Bassett was excused. His wife is recovering from surgery. His report was read by V. Story. Highlighting the report was that National was considering a change in the way a report is to be filled out. A notion was offered and seconded to accept the report as read. Carried!

AMERICANISM: V. Ken Laatsch gave the Americanism report stating that all Americanism reports have to be filled out in its entirety. When the reports are more accurately filled out; the better chance you have in receiving an award. Notion was offered and seconded for acceptance of the report. Carried!

BADGER BOYS STATE: The 77th session of Badger Boys State will be held at Ripon College on June 6th – 19th. Sponsor fees are \$300.00. V. Laatsch offered a notion to accept the report as given. Seconded and Carried!

BADGER FORTY & EIGHTER: V. Orval gave the report and let the membership know that he was asked to switch publishers. It won't happen. A notion for acceptance! Was offered, seconded and carried!

NATIONAL BOX CAR ASSOCIATION: Report given by V. John Aasen. He is in the process of getting caught up. He then offered a notion for acceptance. Seconded and Carried!

CARVILLE STAR: Report given by V. Jim Witte. He also passed around the Star Piggy Bank. V. Witte still has pins for sale. He still has some 2018 pins for sale. A notion was offered and seconded to accept the report as given. Seconded and Carried!

CHILD WELFARE: V. Dale Oatman thanked the Voyageurs of Wisconsin for supporting the Child Welfare program by purchasing pins. The Child Welfare program supports children who are victims of disasters such as fires, tornadoes, hurricanes, etc. The maximum claim is \$300.00 per child and \$1,000.00 per family. 171 of the 2018 pins are accounted for. He still has 20 pins out on consignment. A notion was offered to accept the report as given. Seconded and carried.

CHARLES W. ARDERY FUND: Report given by V. Tom Orval. The Grande Voiture has used \$3,856.22 of their allotted \$5,000.00 for the fiscal year. 18 children have been helped so far this year. Unrestricted funds are at \$635,146.00 with restricted funds totaling \$1,365,382.00. Total Funds are at \$2,000,528.00. A notion was offered, seconded and carried for the acceptance of the report.

GRAND ORGANIZER: Voyageur Ruland stated that he didn't know he was the Grand Organizer and that the only thing he has organized is the underwear in his dresser. Notion for acceptance was offered! Seconded and carried!

HISTORY ROOM: V. Bud Mautz was excused. V. Ruland informed the membership that all pictures and many other items in the history room are on display. A notion was offered and seconded for acceptance. Carried!

NURSES TRAINING: Report given by V. Pat Sukowski. Six Nurses Training Scholarships were presented this past year. Three of those called V. Sukowski back to report on their future. He then spoke on the current Nurses Training pins out on consignment. A notion was offered and seconded for acceptance of the report. Carried!

JACK D. WILSON FUND: As reported by Grand Commissaire Intendant Jim Vissers, the fund started out at \$31,238.58. \$2,400.00 was spent on scholarships and the added income of \$87.50 from pin sales. Current balance is at \$28,926.08. A notion was offered, seconded and carried last year to raise the scholarship money to \$500.00 but only give out five scholarships per year. A notion was offered, seconded and carried for acceptance of the report.

POW-MIA: Tom Orval informed the membership that the program of the 40 & 8 is the POW-MIA Survivors Scholarship Fund.

There are approximately 78,750 Americans still listed as Missing In Action from WWII. Over half of those listed were lost at sea. Of the 300 pins Wisconsin took, 270 have been accounted for and paid to National. The Grande Cabane Directeur still owes for 30 pins. Notion was offered for acceptance of report. Seconded and carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: V. Ron Zambriski was excused and his report was given by Joe Story. The report focused on Public Relations and the effect it has on membership in La Societe.

RITUAL: Report was given by V. Joe Story. The new Manual of Ceremonies is now available through National Emblem Sales. In March of 2018, La Societe will be celebrating the 98th Anniversary of our founding. Notion for acceptance. Seconded and carried!

SPECIAL AWARDS: Report was given by V. Ron Pfalzgraf. Nominations are due by June 15th. They have to be submitted to National no later than July 1st. All nomination forms must be accompanied by a participation form. Each Locale may enter one Voyageur, Law Officer, Hero and Town of the Year nomination. Ron offered a notion that his report be accepted as read. Seconded and carried.

VAVS : Directeur Mitchell gave a number of figures on the hours volunteered. Also he has submitted a Keep Those Wheel Chairs Rolling form that is sponsored by the National Program and the National Box Car Association.

WEBSITE: Voyageur Dale Mitchell gave the Voyageurs an update on the Wisconsin 40 & 8 website that has been down for the last few weeks. Notion was offered to accept the report as given. Seconded and carried!

HISTORIAN: Keep taking pictures and sending them to me. Notion offered, seconded and carried.

EMBLEM SALES: Voyageur Mitchell asked our National guest Joe Jamnick to go back there and pick out a gift. He will also mail emblems to you on request.

TOMAH VAVS: Representative George Bloom reported that three Monroe County Voyageurs logged 1172 hours driving patients. 30,441 miles and transported 836 Veterans. A notion was offered to accept the report as given. Seconded and Carried!

YOUTH SPORTS: Directeur Joe Ternes had very little to report at present time. Some new sports that qualify are table tennis, gymnastics, tumbling, weight lifting, martial arts, wrestling, swimming, Special Olympics, Team Aerobic Dance and Equestrian horse riding.

You can spend up to \$200.00 per Locale and \$1,000.00 per Grande Voiture. Forms are available from Nationale and they must be approved by the Grande Directeur. No pins are left. Notion offered for approval. Seconded and carried!

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

KING DAY: Chairman Jim Vissers gave an update on the 63rd Annual Pilgrimage at the Veteran's Home in King. The parade will start at 12:30 P.M. with speeches to follow. The Committee will meet later this month to finalize this year's observance. Notion was offered to accept the report as given. Seconded and carried.

CAMP AMERICAN LEGION CONSULTANT: John Helgeson reported that the Camp had 1,482 participants this last year. A new record! The Camp now has a face book page and new website.

Camp Director Don Grundy is planning another Youth and Family weekends. Camp Serenity will be four days this year. The homeless and women Veterans weeks will be during fishing season. There will be one more PTSD week for the patients at the Tomah VA hospital. A late summer pack with hiking.

There are currently five winter cabin renovation projects. The family cabin renovation is currently going on due to the footings rotting.

A 1900 square foot families of the fallen cabin will be built later this year.

Notion was offered for acceptance. Seconded and carried!

FORTY AND EIGHT DAYS AT CAMP: Chairman Tom Orval gave an update on the 49th Annual event. The Bean Bag Tournament will start at 1:30 P. M. Two Committee meetings will start earlier that day. Dale Mitchell is going to have a fishing tournament on Saturday morning. Bon fires both Friday and Saturday evenings, the picnic at the flowage on Saturday afternoon!

For the 50th Anniversary of the event, commemorative glasses or pins will be made up along with some other goodies and maybe even shirts. He hopes to promote this special event like never before.

Notion was offered to accept the report as read. Seconded and carried!

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT CHEMINOT

1 st	Ted Welch	Not in Attendance
2 nd	Ron Pfalzgraf	
3 rd	Jim Hying	
4 th	Chuck Cooney	
6 th	Mike Woods	Not in Attendance
7 th	Les Brown	
8 th	Arien Herminath	
9 th	Jim Vissers	
10 th	John Helgeson	
11 th	Joe Story	
12 th	Wayne Hancock	

After reports of the District Cheminot were finished the Midwinter Petite Promenade went into recess for lunch. Reconvened at 1:00 P. M.

REPORT OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Chef de Train	Joe Story
Grand Sous Chef de Train	Jim Bassett

Voyageur Jim was excused this weekend as he was attending to his wife who recently had surgery. His report was read by Grand Chef de Train Joe Story.

Grand Conducteur	John Aasen
Grand Garde de La Porte	Dale Oatman
Grand Commis Voyageur	Larry Winger
Grand Avocat	Dave Wegener
Grand Commissaire Intendant	Jim Vissers
Grand Historian	Dale Mitchell
Grand Aumonier	Ken Laatsch
Cheminot National	Ken Kozubek
Alternate Cheminot National	Rich Ruland
Grand Correspondant	Tom Orval

Grand Chef de Gare	Doug Schaller
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OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS – Grand Commissaire Intendant Jim Vissers spoke on the recommendation that was made at the Finance Committee meeting yesterday to donate \$5,000.00 to the National building fund in the name of Harald Kahlert. This recommendation was changed at the morning Cheminot to \$10,000.00. Being that it was the Cheminot and has to go in front of the entire membership who is present at the 2018 Midwinter Petite Promenade. Voyageur Vissers made the notion that we donate said amount of money to the National Building Fund. Seconded and carried.

Voyageur Vissers offered a notion that being the Grand Commissaire Intendant that he is allowed to keep approximately \$30,000.00 in the checking account. This will flocculate between five and seven thousand dollars. Reason being is so Voyageur Jim does not have to keep drawing money out of the Grand Voiture's portfolio all the time. This notion was seconded and carried.

Voyageur Aasen offered a notion that the Grande Voiture covers the security system for Voyageur Mitchell's website. After some haggling by Voyageur not wanting the Voiture to pay for the cost; it was decided that V. Mitchell submit a bill to the Grande Voiture and they will pay for it. This was put into a notion, seconded and carried!

Voyageur Cooney gave an update on the Badger Boys State inauguration night up at Ripon College.

GOOD OOF THE GRANDE VOITURE – National Membership Directeur Joe Story handed out 100% Membership Certificates to the ten Voiture Locales who have achieved this goal so far for 2018.

The Midwinter Petite Promenade was closed in proper Forty and Eight fashion at 2:24 P. M.

Immediately following the closing the 2018 Grande Midwinter Petite Promenade, Grand Correspondant Tom Orval held a seminar on the correct way to fill out Communique reports.

Following the Communique Seminar, Voyageurs Joe Story and Rich Ruland gave a Membership recruiting seminar.

Thomas J. Orval
Grand Correspondant
Grande Voiture de Wisconsin