

# GRANDE VOITURE DE WISCONSIN 100<sup>TH</sup> GRANDE PROMENADE ST. CROIX FALLS, WISCONSIN

THURSDAY AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE MEETING:** Grand Chef de Gare John Aasen called the Committee on Committee meeting to order at 1:06 P. M. following a Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken by the Grand Correspondant showing Chairman Doug Schaller not in attendance and both Jim Bassett and Dave Wegener being excused due to sickness.

Jim Vissers volunteered to read off the resolving clauses in each of the nomination papers.

National Cheminot – Jim Bassett

Alternate Cheminot National – John Aasen

Grand Chef de Gare – Larry Winger

Grand Chef de Train – John Edelblute IV

Sous Grand Chef de Train – Dave Behling

Grand Conducteur – Ken Laatsch

Grand Garde de La Porte – Melissa Guthmiller

Grand Commis Voyageur – George Heck

Grand Commissaire Intendant – Jim Vissers

There were discussions on each of the Voyageurs who submitted nomination papers. All are very qualified Voyageurs. With no further business to come before the meeting, Jim Vissers turned the gavel back over to Grand Chef John who closed the meeting with a Salute to the Colors.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Grand Chef de Gare John Aasen called the Finance Committee to order at 1:40 P. M. Following the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting Roll Call was taken by the Grand Correspondant. The Grand Chef, Grand Correspondant, Grand Commissaire Intendant were present. Sous Commissaire Intendant Al Johnson was excused. Sous Commissaire Intendant Phil Nelson was not in attendance. Finance Committee members Ruland and Hizer were absent and Chuck Cooney was in route.

The meeting was turned over to Grand Commissaire Intendant Jim Vissers for his report. Jim explained the money spent for the new roofs at the Rainbow Flowage and the \$10,000 donated for the AL cabin at Camp. Our portfolio is currently at \$950,210.50. This is an increase of \$231,017, 94 in the last fiscal year.

John Helgeson asked to speak on the skid steer proposal for Camp American Legion. He has been pricing them and for what they had in mind it will cost between \$55,000 and \$70,000 depending on the attachments. What is being used now is a very old and unreliable Ford tractor. Thoughts on the American Legion gong half and half with the Forty et Eight on this project. The Correspondant asked about worrying about the floating pier at the flowage first before we get into spending a lot of money on a new skid steer. Past Chef de Chemin de Fer Don Emley would like to see the Legion get their own finances in order first. After all they were given the same amount of money as the 40 et 8 from the Harald Kahlart estate and we know where our inheritance is.

Approval is needed for the 2021-2022 proposed budget which only Committee members are allowed to vote on at this time. Both the Grand Chef and Grand Correspondant voted oui so it can be voted on and approved at the Sunday morning Cheminot.

Grand Correspondant Orval then went on to explain to the membership about the importance of choosing a qualified Voyageur to serve on the Finance Committee which is a three year term. A lot of discussion on the character of these selections! It was decided to replace those not showing up at these meetings with qualified/dedicated Voyageurs.

The meeting was closed at 2:04 P. M. with a Salute to the Colors.

**TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Grand Chef John called the Time & Place meeting to order at 2:15 P. M. following a Salute to the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Chapin was introduced. He gave a run down on this weekend's events to include this evening's pontoon ride and the rest of the criteria concerning the Grande Promenade and Rendezvous.

Barbara Dotzauer representing Voiture & Cabane 1080 gave a update on the 2022 Midwinter Petite Promenade and Rendezvous to be held in Manitowoc on February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Don Emley questioned why we are going to Manitowoc instead of Sheboygan. Reason is because the hotels won't deal with the Locale or Cabane.

No one from Monroe County was in attendance at this time. They are in route. The date is August 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. Reason for being a week later is because of the room availability.

The Grand Correspondant stated that if you have a two story hotel or more to make sure is hosting event is to make sure there is an elevator. The hotels of Waupaca have asked about hosting a 40 et 8 event. It was also mentioned that the entire 2<sup>nd</sup> District would band together to host a function if needed.

Barbara Dotzauer gave an update on the Fall Cheminot and Homecoming for Grand Chef de Gare elect Larry Winger and Grande Cabane Presidente elect herself. Room rate was given along with the banquet being \$26.00. Remittance to be mailed to Carol Ternes.

**NOTE: Wrong banquet pricing was given. It's supposed to be \$28.00 per person.**

Date for the Fall Cheminot is October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The National Promenade & Rendezvous was brought up. Don Emley started out with the room rates ranging from \$119 to \$139. All who are staying will receive a free hot breakfast every morning. Dale Mitchell wanted to know where it will be held at. The Radisson in Green Bay. The banquet food was explained. The renovation of the hotel was explained along with the Early Bird Party on Tuesday evening.

Question of the Hobo Clowns/Children's party! This year in Springfield, MO is cancelled and John Helgeson would like to know about contacting a school for next year. We will have to wait and see on this because of the situation with covid-19.

The hospitality room was brought up for this year in Missouri. Will we be serving any food? A big discussion on whether or not we have food or munchies or nothing to eat. Dale Mitchell wants food served. Everyone had an opinion or suggestion on this matter. Who will volunteer to prepare the food and serve it? A show of hands had one person in favor of food and everyone else against it. We'll worry about the drinks. Dale Mitchell doesn't want any plastic glasses ice at the hospitality room because they could contain covid-19 and you will catch the virus from the glass or ice.

Lots of sarcasm from those who want food.

The hospitality room is \$106 plus tax. If the adjacent room is needed, we can use that also. Coolers for the beer and soda were discussed. Doug Schaller volunteered to bring coolers. John Aasen and Doug Schaller both volunteered to bring a large cooler.

**BADGER FORTY ET EIGHTER:** L'editeur Tom Orval spoke on the Ads of the Badger. Articles need to be more than two or three sentences. The publication is printed but four times a year. After some discussion a schedule will be sent out to everyone with a requirement of two articles a year and the Grand Chef, Grand Cabane Presidente and both Correspondant's being every issue. Much discussion on the booklet for next year's National Promenade.

The meeting was closed at 3:15 P. M. with a Salute to the Colors.

## FRIDAY AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>

Grand Chef de Gare John Aasen called the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Grande Promenade to order at 9:00 AM. Colors already being posted the Voyageurs saluted the Colors and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation the Grand Aumonier Ray Kline and the placing of the POW-MIA Seat Cover by Grand Chef de Train Larry Winger with the recital of the Preamble and the placing of the Alter Cloth, the Promenade was opened for such business as to come before it.

Approval of the Official Call as was in the summer edition of the Badger Forty et Eighter. A notion was offered, seconded and carried.

Approval of the 2019 Grande Promenade minutes, the 2020 Midwinter Petite minutes and the 2021 Midwinter Petite minutes were offered, seconded and carried.

Grand Chef de Gare John Aasen gave greetings along with General Chairman Jim Chapin, Locale Chef de Gare Roger Northquest and 12<sup>th</sup> District Cheminot Wayne Hancock.

Introduction of Distinguished Guests by Joe Story included National Guest Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Campo of California, Chef de Chemin de Fer Pass'e 2016 Don Emley, Don Reed of Arizona and 1986 Grand Chef de Gare Ralph Ricker who now lives in Florida.

Roll Call was read by the Grand Correspondant of the Grande Officers and the Voiture Locales. There were a number of Locales and Officers who were not in attendance due to sickness.

**RULES AND ORDER:** Chairman John Edelblute gave the Committee's report with the Delegates being in line with the number of Voyageurs that each Locale has. Rules will be followed in the Grande Voiture Constitution and Bylaws. A COPY OF THE Roberts Rules and Order in in the folder and they stated that the Rules & Order sheet is also in the folder. Notion was offered for acceptance of report. Seconded and Carried!

**ACTIVITIES:** Directeur Ken Kozubek informed that for a down year the Grand didn't do all that bad. Out of 33 Locales, 14 submitted reports. 3,095 Voyageurs participated in 4,648 events for 2,445 hours, \$23,283 and 99,095 miles. The was with 875 members in the Grande. Notion was offered for acceptance. Seconded and carried!

**AMERICANISM:** Ken Laatsch stated that 17 reports were turned in but only 6 had activities. Hours totaled 12,466, total miles came to 28577 and cash spent totaled \$19,876.00. It all comes to \$96,495 total cash and services. As for per capita divided by 875 in membership it comes to \$110.66 per member in the Grande Voiture. Acceptance of the report. Seconded and carried!

**BADGER BOYS STATE:** No report because it was cancelled!

**NATIONAL BOX CAR ASSOCIATION:** Grand Chef / Directeur John Aasen apologized for not having a typed report due to his computer being on the blink. All monies have been paid in full to the National program. Last year he lost his Sous (Jack Eaton) who was a great Voyageur and a heck of a salesman. John was happy to announce that Jack Vissers has accepted the role of Sous Box Car Directeur. John also stated that he could sell ice to a Eskimo. Notion for acceptance of the verbal report. Seconded and carried!

**CHILD WELFARE:** Grand Directeur Eric Diekmann was excused due to work. The report was read by the Grand Correspondant. Eric had humor and facts in his report. Since Midwinter there have been no fires involving children in the Grande Voiture. He has 2022 Child Welfare pins for consignment or sale. NOTE: His entire supply of 2022 pins has been taken. Notion for acceptance of report. Seconded and carried!

**CHARLES ARDERY REPORT:** Grand Correspondant Orval reported that a total of 14 children were assisted this last year in La Societe with 5 coming from Wisconsin. Total Funds in the Unrestricted account is \$587,712.45 and \$2,040,315.85 in the Restricted account for a total of \$2,628,028.60 in the Arderly Fund. Notion to accept! Seconded and carried!

**WISCONSIN DISASTER RELIEF FUND:** Submitted by Jim Vissers, this fund was established in 2009 and intended to supplement the Arderly Fund once the Grand used up all funds for the year available through the Arderly Fund. \$100 per child and \$500 per family. Maximum of \$2,000 a year can be expended. Current balance is \$5,456.82 in the account. Notion for acceptance or report. Seconded and carried!

**NURSES TRAINING:** Directeur Sukowski was excused and V. Mitchell read his report. 19 Locales reported, 16 Locales are currently being sponsored by various Locales. 36 students are currently in training. 6 have graduated. \$14,508.50 spent on scholarships. On the Grand level one has graduated and three are currently still in schooling. Notion for acceptance of the report. It was seconded and carried.

**JACK D. WILSON FUND:** Grand Commissaire Intendant Jim Vissers reported that there was \$24,175.95 in July of 2020. Income was \$120.00 and \$2,500.00 was spent on the four \$500.00 scholarships. This leaves a balance of \$22,295.95. Submitted for approval. Seconded and carried!

**GEORGE B. BOLAND FUND:** Tom Orval reported that this last year there were 27 inquiries into the Boland Fund and 11 applications were received. Out of the 11 applications, 10 were accepted with \$1,000.00 going to each scholarship winner. In the fund there is \$102,741.93 in the unrestricted area of the fund with \$1,178,730.42 in the Restricted section for a total of \$1,281,472.35 total monies in the account. Notion to accept report! Seconded and carried.

**POW-MIA:** Jim Bassett was excused due to his wife Sharol still rehabbing from her illness. The POW-MIA Scholarship Program relies on the sales of merchandise such as pin sales along with the bolo ties. Only \$270.00 was raised in Wisconsin from the sale of danglers. This last year only

11 Locales submitted Communique repots. Out of those 11 Locales only 6 showed any activity. Very weak showing. Notion for acceptance. Seconded and carried!

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Ruland was not in attendance. Did send a email saying that eleven Communique reports were received. No report was sent.

**RITUAL:** Grande and National Directeur Steve Bradley is very sick. It isn't covid-19 nor lyme disease but as Steve indicated over the phone, he just feels very tired and is constantly having ti lie down during the day. Steve is excused from this Grande Promenade. No report was sent.

**SPECIAL AWARDS:** Ron Pfalzgraf was also excused due to his wife's sickness. He did receive nominations for Voyageur of the Year and Law Officer of the Year. Nothing for Town or Hero of the Year. Only seven Grand Voiture's submitted applications this last year for any of the awards. Notion for acceptance. Seconded and carried.

**VAVS:** Eleven Locales sent in their Communique reports stated Grand Directeur Dale Mitchell. Miles traveled were 7,758 and 280 hours for escort service. Notion for acceptance. Seconded and carried. Directeur Mitchell also gave the report for George Bloom and Don Thill who volunteer at the Tomah VA. Hours are 409. Total miles come to 10,703 and 231 Veterans were assisted. The Tomah VA was awarded \$600 from the Keep Those Wheelchairs Rolling for the upkeep of aquariums.

The Middleton VA also received \$600 to help offset the hospice comfort care in items such as wet wipes, briefs, nightgowns, etc. Notion was offered for acceptance. Seconded and carried.

V. Mitchell also gave a short report on the webmaster. Go Daddy the website host is what the website is built on. He does have to redo some plug ins. It's a trial and error.

V. Mitchell also has Nurses Training pins for anyone on consignment. Notion offered for acceptance. Seconded And carried.

**ZABLOCKI VA:** Representative VA Rep John Edelblute IV attended all virtual monthly meetings. Many escort volunteers have come back since the pandemic. Zablocki hosted their 1<sup>st</sup> ever Christmas drive thru baby shower for female Veterans. The Milwaukee VA received \$600 from the Keep Those Wheelchairs Rolling.

As a National Sous Directeur he sends out a monthly newsletter. Not many are forwarded. John then spoke about writing different things in his monthly letters to draw interest to the VA and the letters being sent out. Notion for acceptance. Seconded and carried!

**YOUTH SPORTS:** Grand Directeur Joe Ternes received thirteen reports. Nine had no activity. \$2481 was made in donations to Youth Sports. 48 athletes were assisted.

Monroe County # 804 has submitted a request for funds totaling \$400 for the local American Legion Baseball team. Notion for adoption. Seconded and carried!

## DISTRICT CHEMINOT REPORTS

Dave Behling

Keith Lovell

Ray Pasbrig

2<sup>nd</sup> District Cheminot

3<sup>rd</sup> District Cheminot

4<sup>th</sup> District Cheminot

V. Orval offered a notion to fine V. Pasbrig \$1.00 for referring to Grand Sous Chef de Train John Edelblute IV as John and V. Edelblute is to be fined \$1.00 also for letting V. Ray refer to him as John. Seconded and carried!

Melissa Guthmiller

7<sup>th</sup> District Cheminot

Excused – Report read by the Grand Correspondant

Jim Vissers

9<sup>th</sup> District Cheminot

John Helgeson

10<sup>th</sup> District Cheminot

Wayne Hancock

12<sup>th</sup> District Cheminot

**CAMP AMERICAN LEGION CONSULTANT:** John Helgeson had a phone interview with new Camp Director Jim Klement. He is busy working on the 2022 schedule of events. At current time he is attempting to have some winter events such as ice fishing and snowmobiling. However most of the Camp is not winterized.

V. John has got quotes for a new skid steer to donate to the Camp. With attachments such as a snowplow or snow blower can cost up to \$70,000. Notion for acceptance. Seconded and carried! Question on what days are the Camp open. Monday morning thru Friday morning. Cost of sponsoring a Camper is anywhere up to \$500.

Numerous questions on the skid steer. New or used. There is no definite affirmative or negative on purchasing the skid steer.

## REPORT OF GRAND OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Dave Wegener

Grand Avocat

Ray Kline

Grand Aumonier

Jim Bassett

Alternate Cheminot National

Joe Story

Joe Story

Jim Vissers

Grand Commissaire Intendant

Dale Mitchell

Historian

Jim Bassett

Organizer

Tom Orval

Correspondant

Melissa Guthmiller

Grand Commis Voyageur

Ken Laatsch

Grand Garde de La Porte

Dave Behling

Grand Conducteur

John Edelblute IV

Grand Sous Chef de Train

Larry Winger

Grand Chef de Train

John Aasen

Grand Chef de Gare

## RECESS FOR LUNCH

The afternoon session of the Grande Promenade was reconvened at 1:00 P. M.

V. Dale Mitchell offered a notion to fine V. Gary Johnson of Voiture # 236 \$1.00 for eating with his chapeau on. Seconded and carried.

A notion of \$5.00 was first given by the Grand Chef de Gare. He cannot fine anyone when chairing the Promenade. V. Dale Mitchell then offered a notion to fine V. Jim Witte \$5.00 for being late to everything. Seconded and carried.

V. Joe Ternes wanted to know what is going on with the American Legion family cabin. Will get to that when the report is given!

**AUDIT REPORT:** Chairman Joe Story reported that the Committee met with Grand Commissaire Intendant Jim Vissers in which they matched up all checks and bills for the last year. Everything is in perfect order. Notion offered for acceptance or the Audit Committee. Seconded and carried!

**CREDENTIALS REPORT:** Chairman Ken Kozubek stated that there is a total of 55 delegates allotted to the Grand Voiture due to the membership. 53 Voyageurs were registered. All the numbers add up. Notion for acceptance. Seconded and carried!

**CARVILLE STAR:** All reports were sent in to National. New 2022 pins have been ordered. All 2021 pins were paid for. A question as to why the Carville Star Bank was full of dust? Bad housekeeping! Notion offered for acceptance. Seconded and carried.

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:** Grand Chef de Gare Aasen called on Mr. Chapin to give the report. Where is this Mister and not Voyageur. Automatic fine. The Grand Chef then retracted his words and called on Voyageur Vissers. "NO" not V. Vissers but Voyageur Chapin. Going to be a long afternoon! V. Chapin stated that the only one who can call him Mr. Chapin is Mr. Cooney! Lots of laughs!

The Resolution Committee read and voted on favorably the resolution submitted by Washington County # 898 regarding paying your dues in a timely manner. Voyageur Chapin then read the Resolution to the membership concerning dues being paid. This resolution will be in compliance with the National Constitution. V. Chapin then offered a notion to accept the resolution. V. Mitchell wanted to know about the February 1<sup>st</sup> cutoff date. The date is changing from February 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Discussion on the resolution and then seconded and carried.

A question on the resolution from Georgia concerning Emergency Alternative Promenade Protocol. Voyageur Chapin did not get this resolution. V. Cooney and V. Emley along with V. Chapin will go out in another room to discuss the resolution and the proposal of the Law Enforcement Support Project.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE REPORT:** Nomination papers were read and discussed. It was decided that all who are wishing to move up were deemed an asset to La Societe. The resolution/nomination paper to National on behalf of Joe Story for the position of Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer (due to the cancellation of last year's National Promenade) is still good for another year. Voyageur Doug Schaller read all of the resolutions tomorrow morning. Notion was offered for acceptance of the report. Seconded and carried!

**TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE:** Both the Grande Midwinter Petite Promenade and the Fall Cheminot are going to be held at the Holiday Inn Dome in Manitowoc. The Fall Cheminot will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The 2022 Grande Promenade will be held in Tomah on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend on August. One weekend later due to the hotel being booked. Bids were asked for any future Grande functions.

A lot of ideas about different areas to host an event. Notion for acceptance. Seconded and carried!

**EMBLEM SALES:** Dale Mitchell has a lot of different emblems for sale to include grave markers and car ornaments. A lot of questions were asked concerning where to get grave markers. Notion for acceptance! Seconded and carried!

**BADGER FORTY ET EIGHTER MAGAZINE:** L'editeur Tom Orval gave an updated report on the magazine to include Ad's and switching from a by monthly magazine to a quarterly one. Need interesting articles and pictures. Will not accept pictures with alcohol or political memorabilia. Please no two or three sentence blurb's. Next issue is the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. V. Orval asked for questions. Notion was then offered for acceptance. Seconded and carried.

**KING DAY:** As reported by Jim Vissers; the King Day Pilgrimage was once again cancelled. Do hope it will be scheduled once the pandemic is under control. Notion offered, seconded ofr acceptance of the report. Carried!

**FORTY et EIGHT DAY AT CAMP:** The 52<sup>nd</sup> 40 et 8 Days at Camp was much better attended then the year before. 23 family members went to the Sayner Pub for dinner that evening. Friday morning we had the Committee on Committee meeting for selecting Voyageurs we feel are qualified to serve on a National Committee. In other words a coveted gold chapeau.

Names were drawn for the bean bag tournament. John Aasen and Jim Vissers were the eventual champions. We are planning on purchasing two sets of heavy duty bean bag boards for next year. Don Emley had bon fires behind the Rustic Manor all three evenings. Ken Laatsch won the fishing tournament. Saturday at the Flowage we had another outstanding picnic to include brats and burgers to go along with bingo.

The Rustic Manor has been sold. Mike and Denise are supposedly moving to Door County. When making reservations, make sure you mention the 40 et 8 and ask for a room in the back.

Next year's dates are June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>.

Finally a special certificate was presented. The Party Animal Award to the person who had the most fun there this last year. The winner is Kathy Frentzal who is Ken Kozubek' s daughter. A notion was offered to accept the report as given. Seconded and carried.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE REPORT:** Aumonier Ray Kline will have the specific individuals assignments given tomorrow morning.

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:** Chairman Chapin reconvened with V. Don Emley taking over for V. John Helgeson who had to leave. It was explained in it's entirety the Emergency Alternative Promenade Protocol and the Constitutional Resolution to Add Article XVII. Question on doing all three resolutions at once or one at a time! "One at a Time".

Resolution "1" on Paying your dues by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Notion was offered and Seconded! It was carried.



Resolution "2" On Emergency Alternative Promenade Protocol. This resolution was offered into a notion, seconded and carried!

Resolution "3" Constitutional Resolution to Add Article XVII on how the Grande or Locale would handle duties in the event of another pandemic.

A show of hands on how many are going to the National Promenade in Springfield, MO this September.

National Promenade Committee Meeting Schedule	
Child Welfare	Dale Mitchell
Membership	Larry Winger
NBCA	John Aasen
VAVS	John Edelblute & Dale Mitchell
Carville Star	Doug Schaller
Time & Place	Tom Orval & Joe Story
Public Relations	Tom Orval
Historians	Ron Pfalzgraf & Dale Mitchell
Special Awards	Ron Pfalzgraf
Youth Sports	Tom Orval
Nurses Training	Jim Visers
Americanism	Ken Laatsch
Ritual	Stave Bradley
POW-MIA	Jim Bassett & John Edelblute
Finance Meeting	Steve Bradley
Rules / Credentials	Larry Winger
Voiture Activities	John Helgeson

With no further business to come before the Friday session of the Grande Promenade it was closed in traditional 40 et 8 fashion.

## **SATURDAY AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup>**

Grand Chef de Gare John Aasen called the Saturday session of the Grande Promenade to order in traditional 40 et 8 fashion to a Salute to the Colors, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, placing of the POW-MIA Seat Cover and Alter Cloth along with an opening prayer by Aumonier Ray Kline the Promenade was opened for such business as to come before it.

V. Mitchell offered a notion to fine Garde de La Porte Ken Laatsch \$2.00 for not closing the doors, being late and not checking cards because he was late. The doors are to be kept open because we are all Voyageurs. V. Laatsch was still fined \$2.00 for being honest. Carried!

Voyageur Story introduced the Distinguished Guests to include Don Red of Arizona, Big Chef Pass'e Don Emley 2016, Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Campo of California by way of Illinois and Grand Chef de Gare Pass'e 1986 Ralph Ricker of Florida.

Roll Call of Officers was taken by the Grand Correspondant.

**TROPHY AND AWARDS:** Pat Young volunteered to assist Ray Kline present the certificates for Voiture Excellence this past in the Grande Voiture.

John Helgeson – Joe Story	Activities Award	Shawano County # 986
Lloyd Koeller – Bob Polaske	Americanism Award	Jefferson County # 750
Norbert Lohuis – Ron Pfalzgraf	Flags for 1 <sup>st</sup> Graders Award	Dodge County # 856
Doug Schaller – Jerome Werner	Carville Star Award	La Crosse County # 830
Dave Wegener	Child Welfare Award	Milwaukee County # 1519
Gordy Summerfeld		
Tom Orval – Jim Vissers	Nat. Box Car Assoc. Award	Jefferson County # 750
Don Emley	Nurses Training Award	1 <sup>st</sup> Trempealeau County # 260 2 <sup>nd</sup> Washington County # 898
Ken Kozubek – Roger Oleson	POW-MIA Award	Jefferson County # 750
John Aasen – Lloyd Granberg	Ritual Award	Monroe County # 804
Al Ross – Carl Sjolander	Youth Sports Award	Milwaukee County # 1519
Dale Mitchell – Jim Bassett	VAVS Award	1 <sup>st</sup> Milwaukee # 1519 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monroe County # 804
Ruland – Dotzauer	Public Relations	No Award Giver

Ruland did not turn in any report to Grande Headquarters.

**MEMBERSHIP AWARDS:** Grand Chef de Gare John Aasen and Grand Chef de Train Larry Winger presented all of the membership plaques.

Voyageur Bassett will not be able to go to the National Promenade due to his wife's illness. We need a new Delegate. The name John Edelblute came before the membership. It was voted on that John will be the 5<sup>th</sup> delegate. He will receive \$125.00 Saturday morning of the National Promenade.

**ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS:** Chairman of the Committee on Committee read off the nomination papers for all elected officers for the upcoming year. They are as follows.

National Cheminot – Jim Bassett  
Alternate Cheminot National – John Aasen  
Grand Chef de Gare – Larry Winger  
Grand Chef de Train – John Edelblute IV  
Sous Grand Chef de Train – Dave Behling  
Grand Conducteur – Ken Laatsch  
Grand Garde de La Porte – Melissa Guthmiller  
Grand Commis Voyageur – George Heck  
Grand Commissaire Intendant – Jim Vissers  
Region 1 Cheminot – Ray Pasbrig  
Region 2 Cheminot – Pat Young  
Region 3 Cheminot – Jim Vissers  
Region 4 Cheminot – John Helgeson

Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Campo installed the new Officers of the Grande Voiture de Wisconsin for the 2021 – 2022 year. The incoming Grand Chef de Gare was given his Grand Chef

de Gare chapeau. Outgoing Grand Chef de Gare John Aasen was presented his Grand Chef de Gare lapel pin.

Grand Correspondant Orval offered a notion to fine the new Grand Chef de Gare \$5.00 for not having a marching ribbon on his chapeau. Grand Chef Pass'e John Aasen asked for a second. "NO NO NO" You are no longer the Grand Chef de Gare! Seconded and carried. Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Campo offered to pay for his fine.

Voyageur Joe Ternes offered a notion to fine V. John Aasen \$2.00 for trying to take away the new Grand Chefs job. Seconded and carried.

Voyageur Ken Laatsch asked to approach the podium for an announcement. He gave the Memorial Service rundown and assignments for those participating.

Grand Chef de Train John Edelblute asked and was given permission to approach the podium. He wishes to form a Strategic Planning Committee for the future of the Voiture and Cabane. This was explained yesterday during one of his reports.

Voyageur Schaller wishes to fine Voyageur Edelblute \$2.00 for referring to the Dames as ladies. Seconded and carried!

Voyageur Orval offered a notion to fine Voyageur Schaller \$2.00 for wishing to fine instead of offering a notion to fine. Seconded and carried! It was an improper notion.

With no further business to come before this year's Grande Promenade, it was closed in traditional 40 et 8 manner with the removal of the Alter Cloth, POW-MIA Seat Cover, recital of the Voyageur's catechism, closing prayer and a Salute to the Colors.

### **SUNDAY MORNING AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup>**

Grand Chef de Gare Larry Winger called the Cheminot to order after the Salute to the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance, an opening prayer and the placing of the POW-MIA Seat Cover.

Roll Call was taken by the Grand Correspondant.

Grand Commissaire Intendant Jim Vissers was called upon to present the proposed budget for the 2022 fiscal year. He explained what he has budgeted for the upcoming year. A new computer and possibly a floating pier which will be installed at the Rainbow Flowage.

Grand Conducteur Ken Laatsch brought up a new flag for the Grande Voiture. The old one in his estimation looks pathetic. Next to the Grande Cabane colors last night at the banquet it looked just terrible. Very good discussion on if it can be dry cleaned or washed. It has been tried and it still looks real bad.

V. Joe Story offered a notion that we look into purchasing a new flag. V. Mitchell offered an amendment to the notion that if we can get one for under \$5,000.00 to instruct the Grand Correspondant to order one. Much discussion on this. It was finally decided that the Grand Correspondant will look for a flag maker that has embroidery capabilities and get an estimate

from them. He will then report back to the membership when an estimate is received. Hopefully this will be done by October 23<sup>rd</sup>. This was made into a notion. Seconded and carried.

Voyageur Vissers asked about if the Grande Voiture wants him to increase the amount in the budget. V. Mitchell offered a notion to add \$2,000.00 to the account. Seconded and carried.

V. Vissers stated that with the \$2,000.00 amendment to the proposed budget that he will now offer a notion to approve the 2022 proposed budget. Seconded and carried!

Grand Chef de Gare Larry Winger read off his list of appointments for the upcoming year. Question on what is the Aide de Camps duties. It was explained to assist the Grand Chef de Gare. Another question on the selection of the Finance Committee! The Grand Correspondant let everyone know that you can't just appoint someone and they don't show up for anything. That was evident at this Grande Promenade. We've had some unqualified individuals appointed to this position in the past and that will change immediately. Voyageurs Chuck Cooney, Ken Kozubek and George Heck are now on the Committee. V. Cooney is the only hold over.

Grand Chef Winger gave an update on the Fall Cheminot and the testimonial banquet honoring him and Grande Cabane Presidente Barbara Dotzauer.

Discussion on both the Hospitality Room and table for the 2022 National Promenade registration table in Springfield! Volunteers for the registration table!

Bids for future Grande Promenades and Midwinter Petite Promenades! There are a lot of questions concerning locations of future events.

Discussion on revoking the charter of Green County # 1121! It was voted on to revoke the charter of Green County # 1121. Notion was made, seconded and carried.

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Tomah American Legion there will be a Brown Collar Wreck hosted by Monroe County Voiture #804. Have PG's there by 10:00 A. M. Dinner at NOON and Initiation to follow.

V. Cooney gave a very informative update on the Badger Boys State. Badger Boys State will now be held in Eau Claire at the State College.

With no further business to come before this Cheminot, it was closed in traditional manner by the Grand Chef de Gare at 8:57 A. M. with a Salute to the Colors, removal the POW-MIA Seat Cover and closing prayer.

Larry Winger  
Grand Chef de Gare

Thomas J. Orval  
Grand Correspondant

