

**GRANDE VOITURE DE WISCONSIN
101TH GRANDE PROMENADE
TOMAH, WISCONSIN**

THURSDAY AUGUST 11th

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE MEETING: Grand Chef de Gare Larry Winger called the Committee on Committee meeting to order at 1:00 P. M. following a Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call was taken by the Grand Correspondant showing Chairman Joe Story was excused. Cheminot National Jim Bassett was also excused along with Alternate Cheminot John Aasen who was in route. Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Gary Cox who is our National guest was introduced. Jim Vissers volunteered to read off the resolving clauses in each of the nomination papers.

National Cheminot – John Aasen
Alternate Cheminot National – Larry Winger
Grand Chef de Gare – John Edelblute IV
Grand Chef de Train – Dave Behling
Sous Grand Chef de Train – Ken Laatsch
Grand Conducteur – Melissa Guthmiller
Grand Garde de La Porte – George Heck
Grand Commis Voyageur – John (Jack) Vissers
Grand Commissaire Intendant – Jim Vissers

There were discussions on each of the Voyageurs who submitted nomination papers. A lot of very amusing and funny comments! All are very qualified Voyageurs. With no further business to come before the meeting, Jim Vissers turned the gavel back over to Grand Chef Larry Winger who closed the meeting with a Salute to the Colors.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Grand Chef de Gare Larry Winger called the Finance Committee to order at 1:26 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 Phil Nelson was not in attendance. Finance Committee members George Heck and Ken Kozubek were in attendance. Chuck Cooney was excused due to his health.

The meeting was turned over to Grand Commissaire Intendant Jim Vissers for his report. Review of the 2021-2022 finance report to date. The Grande ran close to \$300 over budget. Miscellaneous expenses of \$5,565.04 was mainly for the new dock at the flowage and the new Grande Voiture flag. Investment portfolio is valued at \$XXXXXXXXXX. Total net worth is \$XXXXXXXXXX.

Jim also informed those present that in 2008 the Grand Correspondant and Grand Commissaire Intendant (Jim Chapin) voluntarily took a 15% pay cut due to the economy at the time. He has now reinstated the amount which come to a increase of \$475 for the Grand Correspondant and \$180 for the Commissaire Intendant.

The price for rooms and gifts for National guests was raised in the budget due to inflation. Discussion on purchasing or at least assisting with the new tractor and attachments for Camp American Legion! They are in desperate need of that form of new equipment. Many opinions and comments on the subject!

The meeting was closed at 1:57 P.M.

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE MEETING: Grand Chef Larry Winger called the Time & Place meeting to order at 2:15 P. M. following a Salute to the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call with everyone present. Mary Schaller was introduced from the La Crosse Cabane # 830 who gave a run down on the 2023 Midwinter Petite Promenade which will be held in West Salem. Registration and Hotel Reservation forms were handed out.

As of today there are no bids sent in for the 2023 Grande Promenade & Rendezvous. Ray Pasbrig spoke on the West Allis American Legion Post hosting the event. The closest hotel is 2 miles away.

Many locations were mentioned. However no one wanted to come forward and officially put in a bid to host the 2023 Grande Promenade.

Fall Cheminot will be in Black River Falls on October 22nd at the Orange Moose Best Western. All questions and concerns were answered. That evening the Grand Chef de Gare and Grande Presidente's Testimonial will take place.

BADGER FORTY ET EIGHTER: L'editeur Tom Orval spoke on the upcoming issue of the Badger Forty et Eighter. Need articles and pictures within 3 weeks. Labor Day weekend is the deadline. All questions were answered.

NATIONAL PROMENADE COMMITTEE MEETING: Corporation President Don Emley gave a complete update on what is going on with the hotel and arrangements along with Voiture National. There will be a Children's Party this year. Many volunteers have indicated that they wish to help with the Registration table and 50/50 Raffle. Tom Orval gave an update on the Early Bird party. It will again be a Tail Gate theme.

FRIDAY AUGUST 12th

Grand Chef de Gare Larry Winger called the 101st Annual Grande Promenade to order at 9:00 A.M. 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 Sous Chef de Train Dave Behling 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 motion was offered, seconded and carried.

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

Grand Chef de Gare Larry Winger gave greetings. General Chairman Melissa Guthmiller gave greetings. Chef de Gare Dave Lindberg of Monroe County # 804 also gave greetings.

Grand Correspondant Tom Orval introduced the Distinguished guests to include Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe Don Emley, Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Gary Cox of Tennessee and National Sous Directeur of Box Car & Booooo Vikings fan Steve Dircks of Minnesota. Roll Call was taken by the Grand Correspondant.

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 is in the folder and they stated that the Rules & Order sheet is also in the folder. Would like to see a change when addressing the Membership that when you address the body, you will state which Locale you belong to! 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, 15 submitted reports. 33,522 Voyageurs participated in 1175 events for 27,096 hours, \$64,949.38 and 71,094 miles. There was one Locale that had rolling stock. Insurance is eating most Locales up. Notion was offered for acceptance. Seconded and carried!

AMERICANISM: Ken Laatsch stated that 17 reports were turned in and 2 were not filled out and another two were filled out but not marked down as to which Locale filled it out. Hours totaled 26,88 total miles came to 80,906 and cash spent totaled \$48,142.00. It all comes to \$219,035.00 total cash and services. As for per capita divided by 855 in membership it comes to \$256.78 per member in the Grande Voiture. Flags for 1st Graders was again very good with approximately four thousand flags distributed. Acceptance of the report. Seconded and carried!

NATIONAL BOX CAR ASSOCIATION: Directeur John Aasen began his report with a bit of history on the Box Car Program and what they do as to where the money goes to at the end of the year. This last year Wisconsin sold 225 pins and 225 each for Box Car Crew and Associate cards totaling \$1,240.00. John thanked his Sous Directeur Jack Vissers for assistance in the Program. A notion was offered for acceptance, Seconded and carried.

CARVILLE STAR: Directeur Jim Witte let the membership know that he only received 12 reports this last year. 100 pins were sold, Also 500 miles were traveled for the program and approximately 400 hours and \$54.00 in donations. Notion for acceptance of the report. Seconded and carried.

CHILD WELFARE: Grand Directeur Eric Diekmann gave his report which included assisting five families this last year or 18 children totaling \$3,906.00. Wisconsin once again led all of La Societe is assisting children who were victims of house fires or other natural disasters. Notion for acceptance of the report which was seconded and carried!

CHARLES ARDERY REPORT: Grand Correspondant Orval reported that a total of 18 children were assisted this last year in La Societe with 5 coming from Wisconsin. Total Funds in the Unrestricted account is \$977,232.92 and \$2,040,315.85 for a total of \$2,394,997.51 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 Ardery Fund once the Grand used up all funds for the year available through the Ardery Fund. \$100 per child and \$500 per family. Maximum of \$2,000 a year can be expended. Current balance is \$5,645.82 in the account which is an increase due to money collected from the Grande and Midwinter Petite Promenades and a donation from the Al Ross Memorial. Notion for acceptance or report. Seconded and carried!

NURSES TRAINING: Directeur Sukowski started his report and his cell phone went off! \$5.00 fine! One Nurse will graduate this late fall. There is a problem with the NT report the way it is laid out. There was only one scholarship that was awarded. Notion for acceptance. Seconded and carried.

JACK D. WILSON FUND: Grand Commissaire Intendant Jim Vissers reported that there was \$21,795.95 in July of 2021. Income was \$105.00 and \$1,500.00 was spent on the three \$500.00 scholarships. This leaves a balance of \$20,400.95. Submitted for approval. Seconded and carried!

GEORGE B. BOLAND FUND: Tom Orval reported that this last year there were 8 inquiries into the Boland Fund and 15 applications were received. Out of the 15 applications, all 15 were accepted with \$906.66 going to each scholarship winner. In the fund there is \$287,532.70 in the unrestricted area of the fund with \$1,179,600.44 in the Restricted section for a total of \$1,467,132.84 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. Read by Jim Vissers. The POW-MIA Scholarship Program relies on the sales of merchandise such as pin sales along with the bolo ties. In 2023 the program wisely changed back to the traditional pin. Voyageur Orval has the new pin if you want them on consignment or wish to purchase one. 14 Locales submitted Communique reports. However only 7 showed activity. There were 1,498 man hours, 15,707 miles traveled with \$7,707.00 dollars spend for a total dollar equivalent of \$22,413 in support of the POW/MIA Scholarship Program. Notion for acceptance of the report. Seconded and carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Directeur Tom Orval spoke on all Locales trying to promote and maintain a positive image of La Societe to the general public. Press releases and pictures should be sent to the local newspapers. 18 Locales submitted Communique reports. Richland County # 1268 was the 2022 winner with honorable mention going to Milwaukee # 1519. Notion for acceptance of the report. Seconded and carried!

RITUAL: Grande and National Directeur Steve Bradley reminded everyone to use the Blue Ritual and Manuel of Ceremonies. If your Locale is using some other form of Ceremonies, throw them out and get the correct Ritual and Manuel of Ceremonies manual. Steve then spoke on the awards that will be presented in Green Bay. There is also a Color Guard Award. If you would like and have time, figure out a new password for La Societe. There have been different requests for different aspects of the manual that they would like changed.

Voyageur Steve brought a number of automatic items that all Voyageurs should go by to include wearing the proper Chapeau, prayer, etc. Questions were asked and answered. Notion was offered to accept the Ritual report as given. Seconded and carried!

SPECIAL AWARDS: Ron Pfalzgraf stated he has not been able to do much being that his wife has been going through cancer treatments. We do have a Law Officer, Hero of the Year and a Voyageur of the Year Award. Our Hero of the Year was also chosen as the National hero of the Year. There are many Law Officers and Hero's who are very deserving in the papers. Notion for acceptance. Seconded and carried!

VAVS: Directeur Mitchell asked if Middleton VAVS Rep Gerry Scalissi would be in attendance. No because he just had some kidney stones removed. Voyageur Mitchell spoke on all of the things Gerry Scalissi does at the Middleton VA. Thirteen Locales reported. All figures such as miles traveled, hours volunteered, Services rendered, etc. Need more volunteers in Middleton. Notion for acceptance. Seconded and carried!

ZABLOCKI VA: Representative VA Rep John Edelblute IV stated that things are moving along rather normally at Zablocki. Business as usual. He was able to secure \$450 originally requested for items in the Emergency Department from the wish list. The money was rerouted to a fund to help with social outings for the Veterans. Representatives are needed in many of the VA facilities around the country. For those going to the National Promenade, please attend the VAVS seminar which John will be participating in. Notion and seconded for acceptance. Carried!

TOMAH VA: George Bloom started out informing the membership that VA Rep to Tomah Don Thrill had passed away recently. George had logged 295 hours, 8,341 in hours and 129 hours in Aide to Vets. Notion for acceptance; seconded and carried!

REGION CHEMINOT REPORTS

Region #1	Ray Pasbrig
Region #2	Pat Young was not in attendance
Region #3	Jim Vissers
Region #4	John Helgeson

REPORT OF GRAND OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Avocat	John Helgeson
Grand Aumonier	Ray Kline
Alternate Cheminot National	John Aasen
Cheminot National	Jim Bassett - Excused
Grand Commissaire Intendant	Jim Vissers
Grand Historian	Dale Mitchell
Grand Correspondant	Tom Orval
Grand Commis Voyageur	George Heck

Grand Garde de La Porte	Melissa Guthmiller
Grand Conducteur	Ken Laatsch
Grand Sous Chef de Train	Dave Behling
Grand Chef de Train	John Edelblute IV
Grand Chef de Gare	Larry Winger

RECESS FOR LUNCH

The afternoon session of the Grande Promenade was reconvened at 1:08 P. M. Numerous Voyageurs were fined \$1.00 for arriving late due to slow service at the restaurant they went to.

AUDIT REPORT: Chairman Steve Bradley reported that the Committee made up of Jim Hying, Dale Mitchell and himself 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. The \$112,000.00 we lost last year from our investments were not found (JOKE) Notion offered for acceptance or the Audit Committee. Seconded and carried!

CREDENTIALS REPORT: Chairman Ken Kozubek opened the meeting at 8:10 A.M. other members were Doug Schaller and Dave Behling. There were 55 available delegates. Out of those only 28 eligible Delegates were registered. More Voyageurs were present but they were not officially Delegates. Notion for acceptance. Seconded and carried!

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: The Committee didn't meet yet due to Chairman Jim Chapin being late. Tom Orval asked Don Emley if he wanted to read the two resolutions. Don stated no because he forgot his chapeau up in the room and felt out of place and that the Grand Correspondant should read it! The first one was read concerning social media and promoting the membership in La Societe to younger Veterans. It was approved by the Grande Voiture. The resolution came from Arizona!

The second one was about voting for candidates on the National Level. After it was read it was stated that this resolution was not read or approved by the Grande Voiture that supposedly sent it out. (New York) After a lot of discussion it was decided that the reading of the resolution should be stricken and we take no action on this. Approved by the body on a voice vote!

There was a knock on the door and some Dames wished to enter. After the removal of the Alter Cloth they were permitted to enter. Someone dressed up like a snowman was paraded around the Promenade floor. This was part of the initiation of the past Grande Cabane Presidente. After they left the Alter Cloth was put back in it's place.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE REPORT: As reported by Tom Orval. Nomination papers were read and discussed. It was decided that all were somewhat qualified and they are all moving up the ladder. The Grand Chef (Larry) got discombobulated again and tongue tied. The report was approved as read.

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE: The Fall Cheminot and Testimonial dinner honoring the new Grand Chef de Gare and new Grande Cabane Presidente will be at the Sure Stay Best Western/Orange Moose in Black River Falls. This will be on October 22nd.

The Midwinter Petite Promenade will be in West Salem on February 10th & 11th and that will take place at the West Salem American Legion. The America Inn will be the Headquarters Hotel. We are accepting bids for the 2023 Grande Promenade. There was a discussion or rather a question and answer period on the 2022 National Promenade being held next month in Green Bay. Notion for acceptance of report. 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! He will have an abundance of them at the National Promenade and Fall Cheminot.

FINANCE REPORT: Grand Commissaire Intendant Jim Vissers the Financial Committee met yesterday. All accounts are in line with the budget except the expenses for the Grande Promenade which ran \$300.00 over. Telephone and Internet was under budget due to the change in carrier. Miscellaneous expenses were due to the new dock at the Rainbow Flowage, 2022 National Promenade startup money and the new Grande Voiture flag. Taxes were completed by the investment firm. Investment and portfolio figures were given. Questions were asked concerning assisting purchasing the new tractor at Camp American Legion. Questions and concerns on how much we are planning to spend for the tractor. Notion for acceptance. Seconded and Carried.

National Guest Gary Cox of Tennessee was called upon to give greetings. He will save his remarks for the banquet on Saturday evening.

Steve Bradley had a question concerning when the purchase of such equipment at Camp American Legion can be approved. It can be voted on at a Midwinter if such an item is approved. No notion is needed because it was only a question.

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. Pictures are send in but not as an attachment. Need them sent in as a attachment. Not a newspaper clipping either. Will not accept pictures with alcohol or political memorabilia. Please no two or three sentence blurb's. Next issue is the 1st of September. V. Orval asked for questions. Notion was then offered for acceptance. Seconded and carried.

Voyageur Orval asked to be excused because he is receiving a call from Voiture Nationale.

KING DAY: V. Vissers asked to suspend with the King Day report until such a time that the 8th District of the American Legion starts up again. Notion was offered and seconded. Carried.

FORTY et EIGHT CAMP CONSULTANT: Consultant John Helgeson reiterated the Rainbow Flowage Cleanup which was a rousing success. Dock was installed at the Flowage.

Camp is in need of a tractor for utility work and snow removal and some American Legion Posts are willing to donate. Being that the Camp is in Oneida County we may see an added reduction

Due to the county being part of a governmental buying combine and we may be able to get a price reduction. With no questions a notion was offered for the acceptance of the Camp Consultant report. Carried!

National Sous Directeur of Box Car Steve Dircks was called upon to say a few words. He just thanked the Wisconsin Voyageurs for the hospitality everyone has showed him over the weekend so far and is looking forward to the rest of the weekend.

FORTY ET EIGHT DAYS AT CAMP AMERICAN LEGION: Chairman Tom Orval gave highlights of the 53rd Installment of 40 et 8 Days at Camp. George & Cathy Heck gave tours of the Camp and the improvements on Friday morning. Also a tour of Eagle River and Big St. Germain Lake was given. John and Clarisse Aasen were the 2022 Bean Bag Champions. Bon fires were all three evenings by Don Emley. Large bingo crowd on Saturday afternoon at the Flowage! Donations made at the Flowage Saturday afternoon. The fishing tournament was cancelled due to the possibility of rain. Hopefully next year there will be a pontoon anchored at the Flowage for trips on the Flowage.

The new winner of the Camp Party Animal Award went to Ken Hughes. Ken Kozubek's son. Notion for acceptance. Seconded and carried.

Ken Laatsch offered a notion to fine Tom Orval for not saluting the flag when going out in the hall to accept the call from Voiture Nationale.

MEMORIAL SERVICE REPORT: Aumonier Ray Kline gave the run down on who is doing what at the Memorial Service tomorrow. Notion for acceptance. Seconded and carried.

Voyageur Aasen offered a notion to fine the Grand Correspondant \$2.00 for leaving the Promenade floor and not saluting the Colors when taking a phone call from Voiture Nationale. Seconded and carried.

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 12th

Grand Chef de Gare Larry Winger 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 Orval introduced the Distinguished Guests to include Big Chef Pass'e Don Emley 2016, Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Gary Cox of Tennessee and National Sous Directeur of Box Car Steve Dircks of Minnesota.

Roll Call of Officers was taken by the Grand Correspondant.

YOUTH SPORTS: Grand Directeur of Youth Sports Matt McCallson reported that thirteen Locales submitted Youth Sports Communique reports this last year. Donations to teams or individuals totaled \$1,131.00. Assistance and other cash totaled \$2,068.50 and total donations came to \$3,199.50. Motion for acceptance of report. Seconded and carried!

TROPHY AND AWARDS: Ray Kline and Matt McCallson presented the certificates for Voiture Excellence this past in the Grande Voiture.

AWARD	LOCALE	GRAND CHEF DE GARE AWARD
Ritual	856	John Aasen
Flags 1st Graders	751	Ron Pfalzgraf - Norbert Lohuis
Americanism	1204	Robert Polaske - Lloyd Koeller
Voiture Activities	260	John Helgeson
2nd Place Child Welfare	986	Roger Oleson
1st Place Child Welfare	1204	Larry Winger-Gary Dotzauer
Public Relations	1268	Richie Ruland
Camp Party Animal		Kenneth Hughes
Carville Star	830	Doug Schaller - Ralph Ricker
NBCA	750	Thomas Orval
2nd Place Ritual	750	Lloyd Granberg
VAVS	804	Dale Mitchell
Special Awards	683	Jim Vissers
Nurses Training Scholar	1204	Don Emley
2nd Place NT Scholarship	856	Joe Story
2nd Place POW/MIA	1140	Jim Bassett
1st Place POW/MIA	986	Ken Kozubek

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

NATIONAL PROGRAM MEETINGS: The following Voyageurs have been assigned/volunteered to attend the following meetings at the National Promenade in Green Bay.

Resolution/Constitution	Steve Bradley
Cheminot Nationaux	Everyone
Child Welfare	Dale Mitchell & Joe Ternes
Membership	George Heck
National Box Car Assoc.	John Aasen
VAVS	John Edelblute & Dale Mitchell
Carville Star	Doug Schaller

Time & Place	Tom Orval
Public Relations	Tom Orval
Historians	Ron Pfalzgraf
Special Awards	Ron Pfalzgraf
Youth Sports	Ken Kozubek & Matt McCallson
Nurses Training	Jim Vissers
Americanism	Ken Laatsch
Ritual	Steve Bradley
POW-MIA	Jim Bassett & John Edelblute
Rules / Credentials	Larry Winger
Voiture Activities	John Helgeson
General Session	Everyone

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 – John Aasen
 Alternate Cheminot National – Larry Winger
 Grand Chef de Gare – John Edelblute
 Grand Chef de Train – Dave Behling
 Sous Grand Chef de Train – Ken Laatsch
 Grand Conducteur – Melissa Guthmiller
 Grand Garde de La Porte – George Heck
 Grand Commis Voyageur – Jack Vissers
 Grand Commissaire Intendant – Jim Vissers

Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Gary Cox installed the new Officers of the Grande Voiture de Wisconsin for the 2022 – 2023 year. The incoming Grand Chef de Gare was given his Grand Chef de Gare chapeau. Outgoing Grand Chef de Gare Larry Winger was presented his Grand Chef de Gare lapel pin.

John Aasen offered a notion to fine the new Grand Chef de Gare \$5.00 for having a marching ribbon on his chapeau. In other words “Having his crap together”! Seconded and carried!

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.

DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL PROMENADE: National Cheminot Jim Bassett cannot be a Delegate to the National Promenade in Green Bay due to his wife Sherry’s illness. Grand Correspondant Tom Orval stated that he will not be on the Promenade floor Saturday morning. A number of other volunteered. By vote Matt McCullson and Ken Kozubek will be Delegates representing Wisconsin. They each will receive \$125.00.

SUNDAY MORNING AUGUST 8th

Grand Chef de Gare John Edelblute IV 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 203 fiscal year. He explained what he has budgeted for the upcoming year.

A letter will be sent to Portage asking for a meeting or information pertaining to the purchase of a new tractor and attachments for Camp American Legion.

The 2023 Budget was voted on and approved.

Grand Chef de Gare John Edelblute 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.

Both Steve Bradley and Doug Schaller wanted to know why we can't do the Sunday morning Cheminot on Saturday afternoon. After much discussion with no resolution or even a plan to change the times of the events it was dropped.

NOTE: The Past Grand Chef de Gares luncheon is after the closing of the Saturday morning session of the Grande Promenade. The Memorial Service is at 2:00 P. M.

If anyone can come up with a better way to conduct the Grande Promenade program, everyone will listen.

Grand Chef Edelblute gave an update on the Fall Cheminot to be held in Black River Falls on October 22nd. Also the testimonial banquet honoring him and Grande Cabane Presidente Barbara Dotzauer.

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

On October 8th 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.

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.

John Edelblute IV
Grand Chef de Gare

Thomas J. Orval
Grand Correspondant