

Business, Reports and Correspondence.

Grand du Georgia Mid-Winter Cheminot, Columbus, GA 08 FEB 2025

Grand du Georgia Mid-Winter Cheminot opened by Grand Chef de Gare Beasley according to ritual at 11.10 am with 15 Voyageurs present and 4 Voitures Locale represented.

Grand Correspondant; members present , announcements & correspondence;

15 Voyageurs present. Correspondence was read and all other had previously been distributed by email to all Voitures Locale. It was announced that V-567 and V-1226 had obtained 100% in membership. Grand Chef de Gare Beasley presented awards and Congratulations.

Roll Call of Voiture Locales present;

4 Voitures Locale were represented – V-280, V-567, V-719 and V-909.

Roll Call of Grand Officers present;

Grand Officers present were – Grand Chef Beasley, Grand Chef de Train (East) Pollard, (West) Aprill;excused, Grand Correspondant Wood, Grand Commissaire Intendant Nicholson, Grand Garde de la Porte Wilkes, Grand Aumonier Nesbitt, Grand Commiss Voyageur Hall, Grand Conducteur Alward;excused, Grand Boland Trust Committeeman Rodridgez.

Introduce any Nationale Officers or guests present;

Grand du Florida Americanism Directeur Lloyd Boswell.

Reading of minutes – last Grand Promenade or Cheminot;

Notion offered to dispense of reading of minutes of Grand Fall Cheminot, in Savannah on 12 Oct 2024, duly seconded, carried by unanimous vote. Minutes were previously sent by email to all Voitures Locale in the Grand du Georgia by the Grand Correspondant. Available to be read by any Voyageur desiring to do so upon request.

Nominations for membership;

Voiture Locale 909 is in the process of obtaining an application from Nick Nicholson's son-in-law. They will proceed and inform when completed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE DIRECTEURS & OFFICERS

Grand Commissaire Intendant; Finance Report.

Grand Commissaire Intendant Nicholson reported that the Grand has \$18,107.00 in checking and \$26,859.00 invested in CD's. He will roll over the CD's upon maturity to Regents Bank at 4.5% and due to the Morgan Stanley rules of amounts invested to acquire certain rates. Motion was made to accept report as given, duly seconded and approved by unanimous vote, subject to audit if needed.

Report of Voyageurs in Sickness or Distress:

Vgr. Jerry Garret V-909 has terminal Parkinsons, Laura Rankin V-909 is taking cancer treatments, Henry Alward V-909 has heart and liver issues, Jim Stauffiger V-567 has cancer. We lost Vgr Michael "Chicken Legs" Paul V-1631 to Voiture Everlasting.

Box Car Committee;

No report.

Nurses Training Committee;

No report

Child Welfare Committee;

Grand Directeur Pollard reports that he needs to hear from the Locales with Child Welfare reports. He said he will communicate with the Locales for information. He has received no applications for Audrey Trust Fund funding as well.

Youth Sports Committee;

No report

Carville Star Committee;

No report

POW/MIA Committee;

No report

VAVS Committee;

No report

Americanism Committee;

Grand Americanism Directeur Jim Hall reported that he had gotten no reports as of yet from the Voitures Locale for this year. He will contact the Locales for information.

Special Committees;

Need Special Award nominations (Voyageur of the year, etc.) from the Voitures Locale before the Grand Promenade.

Grand Chefs de Train; (membership)

Both Grand Chefs de Train (East & West) are working membership trying to reach 100% for the Grand du Georgia.

Any other reports;

None

Elections or Nominations;

Vgr. Art Peltier V-567 appointed as Grand Webmaster effective immediately.

Unfinished Business;

We need more Voitures Locale offering to host Grand events (Promenades, Cheminots).

Any Voyageur desiring to hold elected or appointed Grand Office should get their letter of intent sent to the Grand Correspondant no later than the opening of the Grand Promenade.

New Business;

- A. The 2025 Grand du Georgia Grand Promenade will be held in Columbus, GA on 20-22 June 2025 hosted by Voiture and Cabane Locale 280. The registration fee will be \$40.00 for Voyageurs and \$25.00 for La Femmes, notion made to accept, duly seconded and approved by vote. Registration forms will be emailed to each Voiture Locale by the Grand Correspondant no later than 01 March
- B. C-280 Dame Cheryl Boswell is running for the La Femmes La Presidente Nationale. A notion was offered to donate \$2500.00 to help her with her campaign expenses, duly seconded and approved by unanimous vote.
- C. It was reported the a 40 & 8 Memorial Service was provided at the Memorial Service for Vgr. Michael "Chicken Legs" Paul on 25 January 2025. Thanks to the Grand du Georgia Voyageurs.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE GRAND

Recognize Voyageurs who wish to speak;

Grand Commissaire Intendant Nicholson reported that he will serve another year if appointed, but will retire after next year. We need to start now seeking his replacement so he can start training them for the position.

Fine period;

\$5.00 fine for Grand Aumonier, \$3.00 each for Grand Garde de la Porte and Grand Commissaire Intendant.

Location and Date for next Grand Promenade/Cheminot;

The Grand Promenade, Columbus, GA 20-22 June 2025, hosted by Voiture & Cabane 280.

Recognize and Thank the Host Voiture Locale;

Thanks to Voiture Locale 280 for hosting the 2025 Grand du Georgia Mid-Winter Cheminot.

Time of Adjournment; 12:25 pm, closed according to ritual.

Date; 08 February 2025

Location; Voiture Locale 280, Columbus, GA

Total Attendance; 15 Voyageurs

Guest; One, Grand du Florida