

## January 2013

Voiture 45 created 2 resolutions dealing with Article XI Section 1 of the Nationale constitution. Email vote was unanimous to send them to Grande by Mid Winter

Resolution 1 requested that section 1 be changed to "Section 1. ORGANIZATION OF VOITURES LOCALES. Ten or more honorably discharged or active U.S. military persons who are eligible for membership in La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, with the consent and approval within the jurisdiction of an organized and chartered Grande Voiture, make application to Voiture Nationale for a charter as a Voiture Locale, and the Chef de Chemin de Fer and the Correspondant Nationale shall, upon receipt of such application properly executed, issue such charter. A Grande Voiture may issue a dispensation for its existence until its charter be granted."

Resolution 2 requested that Grande du Minnesota modify their constitution to reflect rules/policy concerning the establishment of Locales in Minnesota

6 members attended the lunch at Wold Chamberlain Post 99

Reinstated Bob Sylvagni, and Tom Johnson. Transfer of PLM James W Johnson (will count in 2014)

Forms submitted for new member candidates Mike Krogan, and Dennis DeLong, eligibility verified, email vote was unanimous

Voiture 45 was present at Grande du Minnesota VA Hospital Visitation

Total membership is at 46

3 year plan had 5 Phases new Phase 6 created. it consists of ongoing, never ending tasks

## Phase 6

- · start ongoing tasks and review
  - review plan success/failure
  - Constitution and Bylaws
- fill out all reports, even if they are zero
- recover information about and for Voiture 45

the estimated start times are just that, pace and need will be the only driving factor there are no estimated end times for any item even if it is marked complete SUCCESS is determined by fact and commitment, FAILURE is Dave Adam's fault

# Phase 5 Finalization

estimated start 2014 membership year 60% complete 12/6/2012
Created a phase 6 for ongoing tasks moved 2 tasks to phase 6
dropped 1 task
100% complete 1/15/2013
installation of officer structure
make an online calendar be our activity resource use existing events as a tag on function held back on 1 item, due to viability and purpose

# Phase 4 Implementation

(dropped item)

Estimated start Jan 1, 2013 65% complete Dec 8, 2012 98% complete Jan 15, 2013

#### open item

#### establish channels for notifications and communications

#### 1 item dropped 1 item moved to phase 6

Officer requirements and structure in place solidify our position in Grande and Nationale review our financial commitment at zero \$ operation review our process for new members 1 item put on hold, due to availability

(dropped item)

## Phase 3 Communication estimated start Nov 6, 2012 100% complete 12/31/2012

**Wold Chamberlain Post 99** invited Voiture 45 for dinner 2nd Wednesday of the month 12:30 pm \$5.00 end table to the right not a promenade or cheminot it's a gathering of members of 45 the 2 rows of tables to the left are full of retired guys from area businesses

3 components of phase 4 have been moved to phase 3 appointment by membership of chef de gare re-instatements new members

we have estimated our membership goal for 2012 at 39 we have advertized our website presence at Grande and Nationale with a strong presence in the 5th District American Legion we have established proper channels for the membership process we have made personal contact with every member from the 2011 year watch MEMBERS list to see how the communication is being established and notifications sent

# Phase 2 complete

Membership cards are printed and here, boxcar cards are here self addressed stamped envelope required to have your card sent to you

dues will be \$15

all past Chef de Gares of Voiture 45 will be acting Chef de Gares

the Correspondant will be responsible for membership renewal processing and volunteer time reporting the Ritual Team is the Aumonier there are no other officers at this time renewal process will begin on or after Oct 25, 2012 our Voiture 45 free group checking account is open at TCF bank

thanks to voyageuer Steve Smith from Gopher Post for the referral note that yielded him \$25 which was promptly transferred to our account so we could buy checks to pay nationale and boxcar

and to the voyageuer who mailed his dues with a stamped self addressed envelope from instructions left on his voice mail phase 2 was not going to be complete until we had all renewals in and especially after the november 5th district meeting, but we are going to be successful, so why wait

### Phase 1 complete

we are restructuring as a virtual voiture this website will be your place to follow the progress those that do not have access will be informed by other means

this Voiture is an HONOR SOCIETY attached to the 5th District American Legion

all current members of Voiture 45 listed at Nationale on Aug 13, 2012 will be contacted to continue without losing continuous years membership

details are still being worked out and 2013 cards will be printed and sent to Voiture 45 for distribution once the structure is in place

as of right now the membership of Voiture 45 consists of PUFL Life Members, who will be finalizing the structure we hope to have all those who want to continue and be a part of Voiture 45 renewed for the 2013 year in a couple months since there will not be a Locale dues, we will be requesting members to include a stamped self addressed envelope so we can get them their card immediately upon receiving the renewal

the officers will be

CHEF de GARE (all PLM past chefs)

**COMMISAR INTENDENTE (membership)** 

CORRESPONDENT (filling out required communication)

the ritual team will be available

VA hospital visitation will be 1st sunday at 2 pm and any other function that a member of 45 wishes to invite other members to

example: Al Zecca mentioned it would be nice to get together

for a meal, when I am in town I go to Wold Chamberlin post 99 for a lunch on the second wednesday, they also have a pankake breakfast every month along with Post 1 and 435. we are an honor society that is already active in many organizations, we don't need to create situations or events, they already exist, like the Labor Day \$8 steak fry put on by SAL 435

as a member of 45, don't expect to be asked to do something, but surely let us know what you have going on. Reuben Mack likes a reason to use a toothpick you will be contacted when we are ready to roll