

COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION©
Of Vermont, Inc.
Chapter 26-1
Meeting Agenda for 4/13/2025
At The Mutuo, Barre, VT
In-Person and ZOOM

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: SAA Gru called the meeting to order at 1000

Opening Prayer: Preacher gave the opening prayer

Attendance: Bear, Bo and Antheia, Breeze, Drifter, Gru and Sassy, Grumpy and Red, Hadji, Jaguar, Loco, Mojo (Zoom), Nimrod, Papa Smurf, Preacher, Sarge, Skrewy and Phoenix, Slash, Spirit, Thunder, Tramp (Zoom), Wizzard, Woodchuck

Welcome from Chapter CO:

- Welcome all visitors Brian and Carrie Ann from Smolder Mist Pub visited today, and Brian cooked breakfast for the chapter. Thank you!

Report of Officers: (Chapter Executive Board)

Chapter Commander:

- Plaque presentation to Mutuo: Plaque was presented to Mutuo Representative
- Wilkins Bike Show-July 19 (same weekend as Regionals in RI): Anyone interested in setting up a table at Wilkins, please see Thunder.
- Donation jar updates: Sarge gave Breeze a check for \$100.00, the money from the jar he has out. Anyone interested in putting a jar out, please see Thunder.
- Fair dates and sign up: Our dates this year are 8/25 & 26. Gru will create and post a sign-up sheet.
- 100 shirts and hats from Parro's - \$1140.00 chapter approval – vote: It was decided, after discussion, that more research is needed, including an inventory of merchandise currently in the trailer. Item moved to Old Business.
- Open positions: Quartermaster and PR positions remain open.

XO:

- Bikers for Beth Ride: ride happens on Sunday 18 May, registration 0800 – 10:30, KSU 1100. There is also a party at Gusto's in Barre the night before, for anyone interested.
- TimeTree app usage by members (who needs invites?): Any questions about TimeTree, please see Hadji.
- Barb Wilkins Memorial Rides: 31 May KSU 1000 at Wilkins

Secretary report:

- Vote to accept past month's minutes: Minutes accepted by unanimous vote.
- Chapter By-Laws have been approved

Treasurer's Report:

- Monthly Report/Vote on past month's report: Breeze read the report, which was accepted by unanimous vote.

SAA:

- Member Dues due NLT 1 July: Please reach out to a CEB member if, for ANY reason, you're having trouble with the annual dues payment. We're here to help!
- BLCR Review and Voting: This was put on hold, due to the swipe event not working properly: the only votes possible were FOR and ABSTAIN. There was some discussion about the current BLCRs. Not everyone is happy with all the 'bureaucratic nonsense' being put out by the NBOD. This was echoed by many in attendance. The counter was that these are the ins and outs of being part of an association, as opposed to an MC.

Road Captain:

Discuss travel arrangements for nationals: Woodchuck went over the planned route for the trip down to Georgia. Plan is for approx. 200 miles per day. Parts of the Blue Ridge Parkway may be closed, so the route may have to be amended on the fly. All riders should get a National Parks pass. Membership is free for veterans: America the Beautiful membership pass for the BR Parkway and/or a National Parks Lifetime Membership. Otherwise, the fee for the Parkway is pretty high.

Head count-groupings: There are two groups planned; one headed by Woodchuck, and the other headed by Cochise. Anyone interested in or willing to be a driver with a chase truck, please see Woodchuck.

State Auxiliary: New Aux back patches are defective, so watch for that. See Antheia with any questions. Next Aux meeting still tbd. 134 Aux Scholarship applications were submitted!

Old Business: Parro's merchandise vote was moved to Old Business while further research is completed.

New Business: There was no new business today.

Tabled Items There are no tabled items.

Discussion: Open to Membership: It was decided to move the May chapter meeting to 4 May, in lieu of having it on Mother's Day. Wizzard will check with the Mutuo, to see if that works for the schedule and report to Thunder asap.

Sarge: Vet outreach: Sarge handed out pamphlets and went over the "eneveterans" program. It's currently working on funding sources, with a spaghetti

dinner planned for next weekend in Enfield NH. See their website for details: neveterans.com. They're currently working on a deep sea fishing trip event and a Boston Red Sox event, both all expenses paid for veterans. Stay tuned! See Sarge with any questions. It was noted that Fenway Park has a suicide awareness program.

Announcements: Open to membership:

- VT Shares is still on-going. Bear will get with Spirit to re-up for this year.
- Cochise Creemee Ride: Woodchuck said 302 is pretty bad. An alternate route could equal a longer ride, which could affect the planned ending at Wilkins.
- There is a new MC in Vermont, the MFC (Military, Firefighters, & Cops) MC. They are not 1%ers; just keeping everyone in the loop.

Closing Prayer: Preacher gave the closing prayer.

Adjournment: CC: meeting adjourned at 1117