

COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION©
Of Vermont, Inc.
Chapter 26-1
Meeting Agenda for 02/11/2024
At The Mutuo in Barre, VT
In-Person and ZOOM

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: SAA Meeting opened at 1000

Opening Prayer: OMEN gave the opening prayer

Attendance: Bear, Bo and Antheia, Breeze, Cochise, Gambler and Danger Mouse, Grumpy and Red, Hadji, Krieger, Loco, OMEN, Papa Smurf, Skrewy and Phoenix, Slammer, Snow Dog, Spirit, Tailgunner, Wizzard, and Wrench. Joby "Gru" Feccia, one of our next new Full Members, was also in attendance today.

Welcome from Chapter Commander: Big thanks to Skrewy and Phoenix for the excellent breakfast!

Report of Officers: (Chapter Executive Board)

Chapter Commander:

- Winter activities for the Chapter; Chapter Ax Throwing will be held on Saturday, February 24th – if planning on attending, please see Gambler to sign the waiver.
- CVMA Regionals this year is being held in Dover, Delaware – July 18th through July 21st. Are there members that are planning on attending? Bo and Antheia said they plan to attend.
- Judy Barney recently passed away and left a substantial donation to VT CVMA 26. Each Chapter will be receiving a check in the amount of \$2000.00
- We received another quarterly check for the VT Shares Program, for \$757.20.
- FM-2500 Michael "MJ" Jankura Jr. passed away on January 9th. There will be Celebration of Life on February 19th at 1700 at the VFW in East Barre VT. Bear and Spirit brought the chapter's support donation out to Tami "Taminator", MJ's wife. She was very grateful and said she hopes to see chapter members at the celebration of life.
- Merchandise: Grumpy will be selling our remaining merchandise at upcoming chapter meetings. It all needs to be sold by June. Whatever doesn't sell will probably be donated to the Veteran's Place in Northfield.

XO:

- Our Chapter will be supporting the Auxiliary Ride this year, being held in Northfield. Date and details to follow. The date is still to be determined. They've

asked for help planning the event and road guards. The chapter decided to give whatever support is needed.

- The Creemee Cruise is scheduled for August 3rd. We have completed our Flier and submitted to the SR for approval. There may be an issue, as 26-4 is having their sanctioned ride on the same day. This will be discussed at the State Ride Meeting. If our sanctioned ride isn't approved, we will still move forward with our planned event, as preparations have already been made. If this is the case, we may not have a sanctioned ride this year.
- The Annual State Ride Meeting is scheduled for February 17th at 1100 at VFW Post 790 in East Barre.

Secretary report:

- Vote to accept past month's minutes: Minutes were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Monthly Report/Vote on past month's report: Breeze gave the report, including the fact that she has physically moved. If anyone needs her new address, please connect with her. The report was accepted unanimously.

SAA:

- Sign-in sheets; Must be legible; Does anyone need a new ID card that is still using the sign in sheet? Moving forward, ID cards will be ordered by the Chapter Quartermaster, Grumpy.
- Coffee Break: Discussion on moving this event strictly to the state Auxiliary, as opposed to just 26-1. Antheia said she would look into it and have an answer at the April chapter meeting.

PR and Web Master:

- Reminder on new Chapter website and how to access.
- Update on gun raffle. There are 10 tickets remaining to be sold on the current raffle. Projected profit is \$1800.00, and it only took us one month. We decided to try to have one gun raffle per quarter. Hadji motioned, seconded by Slammer, to have the next gun to be raffled be a hunting rifle and to do it in April. This is a good fundraiser, because Gambler makes the tickets, himself, so there's no overhead.
- Update on Chapter activities – Ax Throwing and Bowling. If you plan to attend the Ax Throwing event, please see Gambler for the waiver, which must be signed before the event, on 2/24/24. Bowling is planned for Saturday, March 16, at 1300.

Auxiliary:

- New business, updates for Chapter: I am happy to report that all four chapters in Vermont now have active Auxiliary members! Our next meeting for the state will be March 2, 2024.
- Auxiliary made a donation to the National Auxiliary Scholarship program in the amount of \$3,076.80. Awesome job!! The Aux Scholarship program is now open until the last day of March this year. Get your applications in! This is for any Full, Support, Auxiliary member and/or any member of their family. You will find the application on the National website. Submitted applications will be reviewed by the National Auxiliary committee in April. Monies awarded go to the school, not to the student. If the student drops out or fails out in the first semester, funds will be returned to the Aux Scholarship fund. Donations will still be accepted until the end of February.

Old Business:

- A flag was donated at the previous meeting for a veteran in Hinesburg. When is a good time for the Chapter to go visit this veteran and present him with his new flag?
- The location for next year's National Convention is Rochester, Minnesota. The convention is being held the week of June 17- 22. Wizard is planning on attending; Cochise and Bear have also booked a room. Start making plans now if you plan on attending! Wizzard is happy to have people ride with him, but they need to be able to legally enter Canada.
- Fair discussion. We are committed to this year. Do we want to participate next year? Discuss other options for Chapter revenue. For this year, each Chapter will be putting \$1700.00 into the Fair Account to cover start up expenses. This was a one-time payment and will not be refunded. Profits will be divided after the start-up money has been set aside at the end of the fair, for the next year. We are committed to setting up and working the first 2.5 days again this year. Next year this will rotate. It was pointed out that we had a hard time manning the booth for 2.5 days last year, making people think about possibly withdrawing from the fair in the future. Last year, there was nobody scheduled to work Sunday evening, forcing Bear and others to go up. If we want to do this event, there MUST be chapter participation.

New Business:

- There was no New Business this month.

Tabled Items:

- Chapter Guidon Flag

Discussion: Open to Membership: Ltl Harley has been homeless for the last month or so. Chapter members have reached out to help. The law is involved, and it's a complicated mess. If you see him out there, feel free to reach out and offer support. He's currently at the VA, due to be released back to the Veteran's Place on Monday. If

you do see him and reach out to him, please contact a BOD member, so we can continue to keep track of him.

Announcements: Open to membership:

Closing Prayer: OMEN gave the closing prayer.

Adjournment: CC Chapter meeting adjourned at 11:13am.