

COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION©
Of Vermont, Inc.
Chapter 26-1
Meeting Agenda for 11/14/2021
Mutuo Club, Barre Vt.
In-Person and ZOOM

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: SAA

Opening Prayer:

In Attendance: Not taken this month.

Welcome from Chapter Commander:

- **Welcome any and all visitors.**
- **Patch in ceremony – Elaine Joyal** Welcome aboard, Red!

Report of Officers: (Chapter Executive Board)

Chapter Commander:

- **Three Christmas Families have been identified. Do we want or need a Christmas Committee?** Points of contact were set up for each family: Bear, Gambler, and Bohemian. Chapter members wanting to buy additional gifts should connect with the POC to see what might still be needed/wanted. Cash donations will also be accepted at the Christmas party to offset costs incurred by the chapter. POCs will bring any gifts needing to be wrapped to the Christmas party for anyone who would like to help out. Motion by Wizzard to provide each family a \$200.00 gift card for food, and \$100.00 gas card and \$150.00 per child for gifts was passed unanimously. The funds will be disbursed to each POC, who will then make purchases from the lists given by their family. It was decided that delivery of gifts will take place on Saturday, 18 December, to be coordinated by each POC.
- **Congratulations to our new XO, Skyler “Cochise” Koch and our new Sgt at Arms, Kenneth “Krieger” Troumbley; also our new Quarter Master, Kevin “Grumpy” Joyal!**
- **Coffee Break Fund Raiser was a success. We raised \$2455.40! Thank you to everyone who helped make this a great event!**
- **Our Christmas Party is scheduled for 12DEC2021 at the Mutuo. It will be potluck, but I believe we are going to have kitchen privileges as well?** Wizzard said the kitchen will be available as needed for the event.
- **We are going to start working our Merchandise Sales, especially after our success at the fair; do we want a separate working account for the Quarter Master? Or just have an operating budget?** Cochise motioned that we open a separate bank account for QM business with an operating budget of \$2,000.00

after we replenish our stocks, to be decided by the CEB. Gambler, Grumpy and Breeze will be on the account for accountability and online sales. Omen seconded, and motion passes unanimously.

- **There has been a request to help a 26-1 member with replacing their Well Pump. Two estimates have been provided - \$1,902.00 and \$1,750.00.** It turns out that no money is needed for this.
- **A thank you for the assistance in helping set up my Dad's shed.** A good time was had by all who showed up, despite it being frickin' freezing! Free donuts and coffee...

XO: Brief the membership on our meeting with Karen Boyce from the Veterans Place in Northfield and what our future partnership with them might look like. Include information on General Needs 1342 Mission and what that involves. Karen showed us the facility and outlined the program: they can house up to 19 vets and get 60% of their funding from the VA. We also discussed the previous investigation and that they were cleared of any and all wrongdoing. Different organizations (like us) purchase items needed and present them to the residents. We have brought pizza and are planning to hand out boots later this month.

Secretary report: Secretary was not present today.

- **Vote to accept past month's minutes:**
- **LRRP applications (2) were approved for our Chapter. How many more need to be submitted?**
- **Woodchuck – Life Membership application?**

Treasurer's Report:

- **Monthly Report/Vote on past month's report:** accepted unanimously
- **The transition is complete and Breeze is handling all Treasurer Duties and responsibilities. Much thanks to White Wolf for his years of service and also for a seamless transition in assisting Breeze to assume the position.**
- **Vote on paying for the booth for the fair next year (2022)** Motion passed unanimously to pay the deposit for our booth at CVE for 2022.

SAA:

- **Sign-in sheets; Must be legible**
- **Do any members need ID Cards?**
- **Chapter Banner patches are available if anyone needs any; also, we have Regionals Patches on order if anyone needs one, they will be \$25 ea.**

PR:

Webmaster website update, if applicable:

Quarter Master:

Merchandise Inventory has been completed and currently working on the trailer to get it set up for Mobile Merchandise Sales.

Christmas Party: Party will be 12 December 1300-1600. There will be a bartender for that time, as well, so outside beverages other than water will not be allowed – drinks must be bought at the bar. We will have a Yankee Gift Swap. Gifts should not exceed \$25.00. We will also be having a silent auction for the quilt sent to OMEN by Quilts of Valor. Proceeds from the auction will go to Quilts of Valor.

Old Business:

The approved CVMA National Bylaws (Revision R) have been released and are available to all members.

New Business:

The BOD voted to provide assistance to a Retired/Disabled veteran whose daughter has Cerebral Palsy and was looking for help to receive Hippotherapy Treatment at Rhythm of the Rein; this was coordinated through Andre Wing and done in partnership with the Blue Star Mothers. We paid for five sessions at \$80.00 per session.

We also donated \$500.00 to a Veteran for Heating Oil. We worked with Easter Seals to get the Application and Vet 2 Vet process completed.

VtSHARES will be adding CVMA Chapter 26-1 as a non-profit that is available for State Employees to donate to through payroll deductions – a onetime deduction or spread throughout the year over 26 paychecks.

State Meetings; Each Chapter will take a turn in hosting the State Meeting, the same way as Regionals and Nationals are doing it now. This will help get membership involved and take part in the planning and execution of the event.

Tabled Items: No tabled items this month

ST Rep: Intimidator was not present today

Discussion: Open to Membership: No notable discussion today

Announcements: Open to membership: No announcements today

Closing Prayer:

Adjournment: CC