

**COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION©
of Vermont, Inc.
Chapter 26-1
Meeting Agenda for 5/15/2022
At Mutuo Club in Barre, VT
In-Person and ZOOM**

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

Opening Prayer: ODAAT gave the opening prayer

Welcome from Chapter XO: Cochise stood in for Bear this month

Report of Officers: (Chapter Executive Board)

Chapter Commander: not present today

XO:

- **Update on the Harley Davidson Raffle. Do any Chapter members need tickets?** There were none requested today, but if anyone wants any tickets to sell, contact any board member.
- **UDL Update for the Chapter, to include our Chapter Patch for merchandise sales.** All the work has been done and submitted and is being processed.
- **New York SSAA is offering patches in Memory of Rabbi's wife Sharon; patches can be picked up at the Ghost Ride, July 16th. If interested in a patch, please message the Chapter on their FB page to reserve one.** If you want a patch and can't make the ride, see Cochise. The chapter having the Ghost Ride is 19-3.
- **Champlain Valley Fair update; where are we currently at and what still needs to be done?** OMEN gave a report and suggested we start sending out weekly notices on shift scheduling preferences for the fair. He said if we start now, more people can plan ahead for a shift or two. He also reminded everyone that donations are needed, just like every year. This will be the 150th year for the Fair, itself, so there should be a huge turnout. Could be a banner year for 26-1!

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 was unable to attend today, so Krieger gave her report for her. It was voted to accept it unanimously

SAA:

- **Sign-in sheets; Must be legible; Does anyone need a new ID card that is still using the sign in sheet?** Everyone should conduct a regular review of their 201 file to make sure it's accurate.
- **Annual Dues are due in by midnight on 30Jun2022** A reminder that anyone who fails to pay their dues by the above date and time will automatically be removed from the roster of the CVMA. Should you want to continue (and we hope you would!), you would need to re-apply and go through the approval process all over again. You would also receive a new member number. If anyone wants or needs help with the process, including financially, please contact ANY member of the CEB. We will help you! That's a promise!
- **Update the Chapter on MC activity in VT over the last few weeks by the Outlaws, Hells Angels and Pagans'. Discuss CVMA protocol and how to deal safely with any of these groups if we come into contact with them.** Info from the State Sargent at Arms was read to the chapter. Activity is increased in Vermont. About 20 Pagans were seen riding in full colors in the Colchester area. They're known for doing this to taunt the local MC. Members are encouraged to steer clear if you can, because you could get caught in the cross fire, or be assumed to be in support of whatever MC you happen to be closest to, etc. The CVMA is under no threat, but it's always good to exercise caution.

A reminder: if you are told/asked to remove your vest by a member of an MC, CVMA National Protocol is to go ahead and remove it without argument. There is no shame in following protocol. Remember that we are always representing the entire CVMA when we wear our patch. We already fought to wear it – no more fighting is needed or wanted. We don't have to prove anything to anybody.

PR and Web Master:

- **Upcoming Events or Rides coming up to open the season?** No new rides announced today. There are currently 21 rides listed on our website – check it out!
- **Website Updates as applicable** no updates today. As always, if you have any issues with the website, please see/contact any board member

Old Business:

- The 10th Annual Veterans Summit will be held on Friday, June 3rd at the Lyndon Campus in Lyndonville from 0800 to 1500 – 26-4 has offered to take lead on this, and make it a non-Chapter specific event, so all are welcome to participate
- Regionals this summer. Thursday July 21st – Sunday July 24th.

New Business:

- **State Meeting – Scheduled for September 18th, and we are responsible for providing food; Confirm use of the Mutuo and what we would like to do for food.** Discussion: Wizzard said it would be \$15.00 a plate to have it catered by the Mutuo, with a minimum of 100 plates, and open bar costs \$115.00. We had a Spring Dinner that was potluck, and it went very well. We need to decide soon.
- **Fall Foliage Ride –Saturday, October 1st, rain or shine–route planning? Also, if this is our one sanctioned event, what other planning needs to be done?** Woodchuck is planning a route for this event. It will likely be KSU later in the morning, considering typical October temperatures. Cochise will talk to John at Wilkins to see about starting and ending the ride there. We could have local businesses send us their food trucks for the event at the end of the ride.
- **The 2022 VT Shares Campaign application has been submitted.** This means that, if approved, when VT state workers are presented with organizations they can donate to, CVMA will be on that list.
- **Gold Star mother Marion Gray contacted 26-1 in regards to assisting a 78 year old retired, disabled veteran. More information to follow.** Stay tuned!
- **Auxiliary has been reactivated!** Plan is to meet at 0900 before each chapter meeting to discuss Auxiliary business. If you have a significant other, feel free to bring them to check it out – the more the merrier!

Tabled Items:

- **Chapter Guidon Flag** Still waiting on resolution of the UDL issue

ST Rep: Intimidator was not present today

Discussion: Open to Membership: It was suggested that the Auxiliary re-start the monthly 50/50 raffle at each chapter meeting, the proceeds of which would go into their general use/petty cash fund. Breeze can provide specifics for setting up a bank account, which was also suggested.

Ltl Harley's situation was discussed. During discussion about the ramp needed for him to return home from the hospital, Hoss mentioned that the VA often helps with projects of this nature, especially since it appears to be beyond the financial scope of a typical Vet to Vet. OMEN said he will follow up with Hoss, who works at the VA.

Announcements: Open to membership: no announcements were made today

Closing Prayer: ODAAT gave the closing prayer

Adjournment: CC meeting was adjourned at 1055 hours.