

**COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION©
of Vermont, Inc.
Chapter 26-1
Meeting Agenda for 03/12/2023
At Mutuo Club in Barre, VT
In-Person and ZOOM**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: SAA Krieger opened the meeting at 1000

Opening Prayer: Top Sargent gave the opening prayer

Attendance: Bear, Bo and Antheia, Broman, Cochise, Gambler and Danger Mouse, Grumpy and Red, Hadji, K9, Krieger, Ltl Harley, Nimrod, OMEN, Papa Smurf, Skrewy and Phoenix, Spirit, Top Sargent, White Wolf, Wizzard

Welcome from Chapter Commander:

- Welcome any and all visitors

Report of Officers: (Chapter Executive Board)

Chapter Commander:

- Time Tree App. This app will be used as a new calendar for all events in the State. It works on computer, phone or tablet and anyone can input to it.
- The Vermont State meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, August 13th. It will be hosted this year by Chapter 26-2, details to follow. Elections being held will be for State Representative, State Secretary and AUX State Representative.
- The State Fair Committee meeting was held Sunday, February 19th. Chapter schedules were finalized; merchandise setup and design is being finalized. Our Chapter will set up and then work the fair Friday, August 25th starting at 1500 to closing; Saturday the 26th and Sunday the 27th. Hand-off will be made to Chapter 26-2 for Monday, August 28th. Volunteers to help out Monday morning? We will also need to have a presence for clean-up and tear down on Monday morning, September 4th.
- After some discussion today, it was decided by unanimous vote to move our next chapter meeting to 02 April, so folks can observe Easter the following weekend.

XO:

- State ride meeting in Chester went very well! Please see the Time Tree App for all updated rides and schedules. Chapter 26-1 will be hosting our Sanctioned Ride on Saturday, August 12th. This ride will be the Ice Cream Covered Bridge Ride. Who will be planning this with the Road Captains? Cochise will work with Woodchuck and Bo to plan the route; Gambler will make fliers.

- Update on Chapter 26-1 Distinguished Rider Program. There was much discussion about the specifics. Hadji is the POC. All patches will be provided by the chapter. Hadji will get with Grumpy to order all pertinent patches. Riders must be from separate households – a member and their Auxiliary member must include another member for the miles to count. Miles ridden solo to and from an event/ride count toward that member's total miles. If two or more members decide to go for a ride, the miles count.

Secretary report:

- Vote to accept past month's minutes: **vote to accept was unanimous.**

Treasurer's Report:

- Monthly Report/Vote on past month's report: **treasurer was not present; no report was available today.**
- What is our current status as far as getting Chapter documents and financials ready for review with the SR?

SAA:

- Sign-in sheets; Must be legible; Does anyone need a new ID card that is still using the sign in sheet?
- SM-864 Larry "Hoss" Fredrickson resigned from the CVMA effective 2/12/23.
- Members can go on and pay their dues; also keep in mind that an event is needed to make it a good year. **Members are reminded that CEB is here for support to get dues paid, whether financial or technological, etc.**
- Regionals site is up and running for merch orders, etc. A reminder that the main group from 26-1 is riding over on Friday and returning on Sunday. If you have signed up for a ride that happens outside of those days, you'll need to make other arrangements.
- National elections this year: National Vice President, National Treasurer, and the same for National Auxiliary. Some expected BLCs (By-Law Change Proposals): using our money to create income; making changes to the Life Membership program, because Life members no longer pay dues – maybe changing it so that the dues payments will continue; raising the annual dues amount.
- Our chapter Auxiliary will be meeting on 22 April. Gambler will attend, which means that it can be a swipe-in event.

PR and Web Master:

- We no longer have the Website; transition has been made to our Face Book Page – CVMA 26-1 Members Only – currently only 21 members have joined. Personal information from the website was not transferred to the new FB page. **To participate on the Facebook page, you must have a Facebook account and**

opt in to get admitted to the page, since it is members-only. We do have a page that is open to the public, as well.

Old Business:

- State Rep has requested review with CEB in regards to Chapter Finances, IRS and State of Vermont paperwork. **This will happen today after the chapter mtg.**
- The 11th Annual Veterans Summit is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14th at the Northern Vermont University Lyndon Campus.
- Maine Regionals held at the Oxford fairgrounds July 12 – July 16. Options on lodging and where 26-1 is currently booking rooms.

New Business:

- The Chapter needs to replenish our Chapter Coins and Poker Chips – Grumpy **new coins will be the correct size and will have the corrected chapter logo.**

Tabled Items:

- Chapter Guidon Flag **other chapters are placing an order, so we'll get in on that. Stay tuned!**

ST Rep: no commentary from the State Rep today.

Discussion: Open to Membership: After brief discussion, the chapter decided by unanimous vote to replace a veteran's flag that was placed by the chapter approximately 2 years ago. Wizzard presented Bear with a flag from the Mutuo. Thank you, Wizzard! We will have a group go the veteran's home to present the flag when the weather permits us to ride there.

Top Sargent asked about doing an event/ride of some kind on Memorial Day. Since the chapter has decided to no longer support the Vermont Thunder ride, new ideas are encouraged. Please come to the next chapter meeting with any ideas to present during follow-up discussion.

Announcements: Open to membership: reach out to those who aren't present! We are their family.

Closing Prayer: Top Sargent gave the closing prayer at 10:48.

Adjournment: CC