

**COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION©
Of Vermont, Inc.
Chapter 26-1
Meeting Agenda for 09/10/2023
At Smolder Mist Pub in Barre, VT
In-Person and ZOOM**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: SAA Krieger opened the meeting at 1002

Opening Prayer: Slash gave the opening prayer

Welcome from Chapter Commander:

- Welcome any and all visitors

Report of Officers: (Chapter Executive Board)

Chapter Commander:

- Champlain Valley Fair final numbers for total dollars raised to assist VT Veterans. Also, a huge thanks to everyone who helped with Donation Collection, Set up, working the booth and clean up and tear down. Job well done! We will continue with the fair being put on by all 4 VT chapters. It went quite well, and we had trouble having folks on for all of our 2 1/2 days, with nobody having signed up for Sunday evening at all. Four of us went up and worked it, but that just illustrates one good reason to continue as is.
- Congratulations to Sharon “Antheia” Crawford for being elected as the State AUX REP at the State Meeting held on Sunday, August 13th.
- Woodchuck has offered to hold an End of Season BBQ sometime towards the end of September, beginning of October. Is there a Saturday or Sunday that would work for the Chapter? After some discussion, 15 October is looking good. I will follow up with Woodchuck.
- The updated National Bylaws have been approved and are posted in the bylaws section of the online Repository on the National website. The updated appendices are also posted.
- Congratulations to Eric “Bohemian” Allemann for receiving his Life Membership!
- Reading of a Thank You letter received from the Sister of a Veteran we assisted.
- Discussion for a proposal to change the Chapter Bylaws to allow the CC and XO access to Chapter monies if needed. Currently all other BOD members have access. Discussion: Krieger pointed out that the bank and/or the 501C parameters might call for this arrangement. I will follow up with Breeze before any decisions are made. OMEN motioned to hold off on moving forward for the time being. Seconded by Twisted Boy, motion passed unanimously.

XO:

- Not in attendance.

Secretary report:

- Vote to accept past month's minutes: Last month's chapter meeting was canceled to support the annual State meeting.
- Status update on any new member applications – Ray Cheney, Dan Caddy? Ray Cheney's application is at the National level awaiting approval. Dan Caddy is still in the beginning stage – waiting on documentation.

Treasurer's Report:

- Monthly Report/Vote on past month's report: Krieger read the report, sent by Breeze, which was then accepted unanimously.

SAA:

- Sign-in sheets; Must be legible; Does anyone need a new ID card that is still using the sign in sheet?
- Chapter Patch Recovery has been completed.
- Chapter 26-1 Distinguished Rider Program – Present patches to any members who have qualified. Danger Mouse received her 2500 mile patch; Bear received his 5000 mile patch.

PR and Web Master:

- Update chapter on Facebook page if any members have not yet joined.
- Does the Chapter want to continue to have our FB page a member's only page? We continue to receive requests from CVMA Members belonging to other Chapters. OMEN motioned to allow all CVMA members to have access to our members-only page. Seconded by Loco, motion passed unanimously. We will continue to bar non-members from having access.

Old Business:

- VT Shares Program will be sending us a letter in August to let us know the total amount that was raised and how much the quarterly payments will be. We're still waiting on a letter from them. Bear will follow up before our next chapter meeting.
- A flag was donated at the previous meeting for a veteran in Hinesburg. When is a good time for the Chapter to go visit with this veteran and present him with his new flag? No day was selected today. Watch for a last-minute notice to complete this objective.

New Business:

- 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! This is a good opportunity to go for a Life Membership, if you're looking to achieve that.

Tabled Items:

- Chapter Guidon Flag Still waiting on National red tape...

Auxiliary:

- Provide update on Coffee Break. Is anything needed from the Chapter? This event will take place on 7 October. Setup starts at 0700, and we will happily accept any help offered! We're looking at having less breakfast-type items and more lunch stuff, like stews, chili, and mac'n'cheese. We'll still have pastries and donuts, but will focus less on the early morning foods.
- Update on the Auxiliary Ride on Saturday, September 23. We're starting at the Fairhaven American Legion. Registration is from 1000 to 1100. KSU 1130. Event is scheduled to conclude at 1600. There will be a 50-50 raffle as well.
- Discussion: Can the AUX use the leftover fair raffle prizes from last year for the upcoming AUX ride? After brief discussion, Hadji motioned to adopt the policy of transferring any unclaimed prizes from the CVE to the state Aux for the purpose of raffling prizes at their Aux Ride each year. Seconded by Loco, motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: Open to Membership: We said our final goodbyes to Darrell "Kiealma" and Carol "Survivor" Santor, as they are moving to Florida early next month. They will be missed! They were reassured that they will always be more than welcome to Zoom into future chapter meetings.

Thanks were expressed to all of those who paid ODAAT a visit last month. It was well-received and much appreciated. "More than you know" he said to Bear at the time. Slash said he's not doing well and is ready to go.

Ltl Harley has been in the Psych unit at Central Vermont Medical Center and remains there for the time being. He has moved from a walker to a cane. His family has not been able to visit him for the last month, so chapter members are encouraged to pay him a visit. Visiting hours are 1400 – 1600 and 1800 – 2000 hours and you don't need to call ahead. Info here provided by Thunder, who visited him recently.

State Rep K9 said that the fair went very well, especially for our first time with all 4 chapters. Moving forward, we will elect a new fair board and open an independent bank account for fair business only. Always open to other ideas from chapter members. He also said that VT is at 100% compliance for the ICE mandate from National.

Announcements: Open to membership:

Many thanks given to Brian and Carrie of the Smolder Mist Pub for taking us in while the Mutuo is still closed from the flood. Discussion was directed toward getting them a plaque. OMEN is looking into it.

Grumpy has leftover shirts from last year's fair on sale at half-price. He will start bringing them to chapter meetings.

Closing Prayer: Slash gave the closing prayer.

Adjournment: CC Meeting adjourned at 1117.