

COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION©
of Vermont, Inc.
Chapter 26-1
Meeting Agenda for 8/8/2021
At Mutuo Club in Barre, VT
In-Person and Zoom Meeting

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

Opening Prayer: Preacher gave the opening prayer

In Attendance: Bear, Bohemian, Breeze, Cochise, Hoss (Zoom), Gambler, Grumpy, Krieger, Loco, Ltl Harley, MJ, Nimrod, ODAAT (Zoom), Omen (Zoom), Papa Smurf, Preacher, Punch, Sandman, Slammer, Slash (Zoom), Spirit, Wizzard, Woodchuck

Welcome from Chapter Commander:

- **Welcome any and all visitors.**

Report of Officers: (Chapter Executive Board)

Chapter Commander:

- **Champlain Valley Fair is Friday August, 27th thru Sunday Sept 5th. There are still a lot of open slots to be filled. Where are we with the business boards? Do we have a plan for set up?** Omen is still waiting for a complete list of what has been donated to complete the business boards. Please email Omen with any donations you are able to come up with. A loose plan was discussed for setting up the booth. Any members who would like to participate, please get in touch with Omen or any CEB member.
- **We previously voted to come up with a list of Full Members that we would put in place as sponsors should a Supporter Member lose their Sponsor. Need to complete and post this list.** Preacher added his name to the list compiled last month. If anyone who wasn't in attendance would like to also add their name, please get in touch with any CEB member.
- **Do any members currently need ID Cards?**
- **Coffee Break Fund Raiser (Sanctioned Event) Located at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Rest Area on 89N on Columbus Day Weekend (Oct 9th weekend) is a GO.**
- **Kurt has ordered us two FM patches and one Supporter Patch / White Wolf has ordered Chapter Banner Patches**
- **Review of upcoming Ride Schedule** we went over the upcoming rides. For any of the information shared today, please see the website – Gambler is doing a great job of keeping it updated.

XO: Pistol Raffle ticket sales A reminder that the End of Year BBQ is coming up pretty quick, so we have to get these tickets sold. See Spirit if you want any or want to buy some for yourself. He's got em, not me!

Annual Vet Ride at Hartford High School for the Veterans Game in September this is scheduled for Sept 10, but is not a go just yet. Watch your email for updates. I'll let you-all know as soon as I know.

Secretary report:

- **Vote to accept past month's minutes:** accepted unanimously
- **Where are we with Punch and his application process?** There was a snafu with the DD214 being incomplete, but Kurt was able to put it through anyway, since it's the same one Punch got in with the first time.
- **Where are we with the LRRP applications?** Bear's and Gambler's applications have been submitted. Kurt said these are the first two he's done as State Rep, so it's a learning curve for everyone. I could see some places where there might be reason to kick them back, but we'll try to keep that to a minimum. We'll get the kinks ironed out with these two, and then can send in others. Feel free to download the paperwork and get them as complete as you can, but we won't be submitting any more until these two are successfully submitted and approved.
- **Omen and ODAAT Update / Woodchuck – Life Membership application?** With a quick and easy CEB vote, the chapter sent flowers to Omen and ODAAT, both recovering from recent surgeries. I understand they were well-received. Woodchuck was handed a life member application today, by yours truly.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Monthly Report/Vote on past month's report:** Temporarily standing in for White Wolf, Breeze read the report this month. There were zero issues and it was accepted unanimously.
- **Training with Breeze has started – looking to complete the transition by October. How will this work for the Fair?** Breeze will be part of a group discussion with Bear, Spirit, and White Wolf, and probably others, as well, to get all the details in place for financial planning and security for the fair; time, place and date tbd.

SAA:

- **Sign-in sheets; Must be legible.** Omen took the opportunity to remind folks that the positions of XO and SAA are both up for election in October. He said he regrets it, but has to face the reality that he needs to step down from SAA and let someone else get in there. He pointed out that it's an honor to be of service to the chapter in any way, and that the SAA position is an important part of the CEB. Anyone looking to give it a shot should feel free to connect with him. It would make him happy to know that the position will be filled, since he's stepping down regardless.
- **Champlain Valley Fair Updates / Issues** I, Spirit, would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Omen for all he has done and continues to do for

us with regard to getting ready for the fair. We missed last year, and nobody knows the fair like Omen, especially now that Don “Aces Up” Edwards is a bona fide southerner. Despite being out with surgery recovery, Omen continues to hammer away at the details to make sure we dot our “i’s” and cross our “t’s”. There are a lot of things to take care of, and Omen is taking on the task like the champion he is. I know I speak for all the CEB and assuredly the rest of the chapter, when I say: **THANK YOU OMEN!**

PR:

Webmaster website update, if applicable: As was mentioned earlier, all the ride info is updated on the website as soon as I receive it, or as soon as possible, so check it often. We’re riding this year and a lot of people are taking advantage of it. You should, too! I’m always open to suggestions on changes to the site, though it’ll have to be decided by the entire CEB of course.

Please take the time to check the shift schedule for the fair and let me know what times and days you can work, so I can keep that up to date, as well.

Old Business: End of Year BBQ is Sept 12th at Sandman’s house. We will have the Chapter Meeting and the Pistol Raffle at the BBQ.

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

New Business:

Vermont State Rally will be held Sunday, August 29th at 1100 at The Langevin House – 487 Furnace Street (Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery), Randolph Center, VT 05061. This is a Sanctioned Event. We’re planning on meeting up and riding there together. Watch your email for the details.

BLCP’s. If our Chapter has a BLCP it needs to be sent to the SR NLT 16OCT2021 for review.

A new VSO office just opened in White River – 222 Holiday Drive Suite 9, White River Junction / 802-437-0939

Tabled Items: Les Howe back patch – collect from the family for a Shadow Box? It was decided, after some discussion, to leave it as is and let the family have their memento of their dearly departed veteran family member.

ST Rep: Intimidator couldn’t make it this month and sent his apologies.

Discussion: Open to Membership: The subject of October elections was discussed. Krieger is interested in taking over the SAA position, but wouldn’t have enough time in the CVMA to do so in October, according to current chapter bylaws. It was pointed out that the time requirement in the National Bylaws is 6 months; where ours is a year.

Cochise motioned that we amend our chapter bylaws to match the National Bylaws, specifically in the election requirement for time in CVMA, and Preacher seconded. It was approved unanimously. The chapter bylaws for CVMA chapter 26-1 will be amended as decided by the chapter asap.

Announcements: Open to membership: The current plan is to have our yearly Christmas party on 12 December, time tbd, at the Mutuo. It'll be potluck, but we asked Wizzard to see if we can have kitchen privileges, as well. He graciously said he'd look into it and get back to us.

Closing Prayer: Preacher gave the **closing prayer at 1050 hours.**

Adjournment: CC