

COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION©
of Vermont, Inc.
Chapter 26-1
Meeting Agenda 7/11/2021
At Mutuo Club in Barre, VT
In-Person and Zoom Meeting

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: SAA 1000 hours

Opening Prayer: Grumpy gave the opening prayer, much to his surprise

In Attendance: Bear, Bohemian, Breeze (Zoom), Cochise, Gambler, Grumpy, Kiealma, Krieger, Ltl Harley, MJ, Nimrod, OMEN, Punch, Sandman, Slammer, Slash, Spirit, & Woodchuck

Welcome from Chapter Commander:

Welcome any and all visitors

Report of Officers: (Chapter Executive Board)

Chapter Commander:

- **Woodchuck and Wizard attended the National Meeting representing Chapter 26-1 and voted for us. Much thanks to them!** There were 1700 Full Members and between 600-700 Support and/or Auxiliary members present at Nationals.
- **Vincent “CPT Vinny“ Matteis transferred to 26-4**
- **Champlain Valley Fair:** Chapter items have been inventoried and organized; still looking for assistance in gathering donations. Please get any info you have to OMEN. We’re putting a sign-up sheet on the website. Use this to figure out what shifts you can work and email your shift preferences to Gambler, so he can update the sign-up sheet. The sooner the better, so we can be ready in time. It’s coming up fast!
- **Sponsor updates are complete. Ron “Lil Harley “ Morse stepped up to Sponsor Richard “Jaguar” Japhet. Carl “Wizzard” Couillard stepped up to Sponsor Eric “Bohemian” Allemman. Our Chapter needs to put something into place to ensure that Supporter Members are not put into jeopardy through no fault of their own. Discussion.** It was decided by unanimous decision today that we will establish a protocol for automatic sponsor replacement to avoid this situation: should a Support member’s sponsor become unable to sponsor that SM, for whatever reason, we will have a list of FMs to follow in rotation to take that FM’s place. SMs are sponsored by a FM, but they are also sponsored by the entire chapter. Volunteers for that list, so far: Breeze,

Cochise, Gambler, Kiealma, Krieger, MJ, Nimrod, Sandman, Slammer & Woodchuck.

- **DD-214 Member Copy 4 is not the only copy allowed for member applications to Nationals – Copies 2, 7 and 8 are also acceptable to be submitted.**
- **Member ID Cards – we are not receiving them from SR. Vote to have club purchase cards for any members that have not received cards.** It was decided today, by unanimous decision, to purchase cards if they have not turned up after 6 weeks.
- **Coffee Break:** fund raiser is a go (Sanctioned Event) at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Rest Area on 89N on Saturday of Columbus Day weekend, 09 October. We will need full Chapter Participation to help run the tables and/or donate baked goods. This is a great place to get the word out about our Association. As you know, it's important to reach as many brother and sister veterans as possible. 22 a day is way too high a number. Thank you in advance for your help!
- **National Dues: We are set for another year. This continues to be a major issue every year after members have been discharged.** Remember, you have all year, from 1 Jan to 30 June to pay your dues. If you encounter any problems at all, please contact a member of your CEB. Any of us would be glad to help you out with this.

XO: Farmway in Bradford has given us a very good deal on a pistol for our next raffle. A holster is included. Spirit has the tickets, so see him for yours!

The annual Vet Ride at the Hartford High School Veterans game: 10 September @ 1900 hrs. We voted unanimously today to support this event. I'll have more specific info next month. The following members committed to attending: Bohemian, Cochise, Gambler, Grumpy, Krieger, OMEN, Sandman, Slammer, & Spirit. The more bikes, the better, so please lend us your support for this great cause!

Secretary report:

- **Vote to accept past month's minutes:** Accepted unanimously
- We have two motorized chairs – both are dead after 24 hrs charge on the batteries. After discussion, it was decided to reach out to the manufacturer about possibly donating a couple new ones, as they are not cheap!

Treasurer's Report:

- **Monthly Report/Vote on past month's report:** The report was read by Bear and accepted unanimously.
- **Breeze** is currently in training with White Wolf to take over as Treasurer.

SAA:

- **Sign-in sheets; Must be legible**
- **What assistance is needed for the Champlain Valley Fair?** OMEN has been working diligently on getting donated items for the raffle. Please go out and ask local businesses! Email OMEN with any donations you get, so they can be put on

the list we will be displaying in the booth at the fair. It's perfectly OK for items to come in at the last minute, too!

PR:

Webmaster website update, if applicable: A reminder that the password to the members section is DEDICATION.

Old Business: End of year BBQ will be Sept 12th at Sandman's house. We will have the Chapter Meeting and the Pistol Raffle at the BBQ.

Any new thoughts on our discussion regarding a 911 ride or a roadside collection event? During discussion, it was voiced that there are probably a few 911 rides already set up, and we don't want to step on any toes. Roadside collections require liability insurance, which we don't have. We'll look into the associated costs – might be worth it.

New Business: Les Howe back patch – thoughts? After much discussion, this was put on hold and it was decided to submit a BLCP to create a protocol for these situations. The family should be allowed to keep the deceased member's patch, but only as a keepsake. It should be framed and hung on the wall, not sewn onto a non-member's clothing and worn on the body.

New 201 Files are up and running – check them out if you haven't seen them

Regionals – Discussion on 26-1 meeting time and place. Need to be in Rutland to meet SR and other Chapters for KSU at 1000 at Denny's. We will meet up at the Mutuo at 0730, KSU 0810 on 7/23. Woodchuck will lead the group to Rutland.

The 2021 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.

Tabled Items: n/a

ST Rep: Intimidator did not grace us with his presence today.

Discussion: Open to Membership: MJ expressed his thanks for support he's received from the chapter. Krieger opened discussion about the LRRP: 2 Sanctioned Events are coming up in Massachusetts 31 July in Agawam and 1 August MA 2-1 is having their Poker Run. Registration is from 0900 to 1100. He and Bo are going down the night before, if anyone's interested.

Announcements: Open to membership:

Closing Prayer: Slash gave the closing prayer at 1150 hours.

Adjournment: CC