

COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION©
of Vermont, Inc.
Chapter 26-1
Meeting Agenda for 4/10/2022
At Mutuo Club in Barre, VT
In-Person and ZOOM

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: SAA Krieger opened the meeting at 1000 hours. In attendance today: Bear, Bo and Antheia, Breeze, Cochise, Gambler and Danger Mouse, Grumpy and Red, Kiealma and Survivor on Zoom, Krieger, Ltl Harley, Nimrod, OMEN and Angel, Papa Smurf, Preacher, Slammer, Slash, Snow Dog and Miss Lucy, Spirit, The Boss, Wizzard, and Woodchuck

Opening Prayer: Preacher gave the opening prayer

Welcome from Chapter Commander:

Welcome any and all visitors.

Report of Officers: (Chapter Executive Board)

Chapter Commander:

- **Summer ride schedule; and specifically, attendance and planning for Nationals.** A ride schedule was passed around, a printout of a live document on our website that Gambler keeps updated on the fly. All the VT chapters can access it, so it's as up-to-date as possible.
The following members indicated their intention to attend Nationals this year: Bear, Bo and Antheia, Breeze, Cochise, Gambler and Danger Mouse, Grumpy and Red, Krieger, OMEN, Papa Smurf, Snow Dog, Spirit, and Wizzard. Bo reviewed the two main routes being used for planning purposes for the trip.
- **The 10th Annual Veterans Summit will be held on Friday, 03June, 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.** We voted unanimously today to **make** a \$100.00 donation.
- **The UDL was rejected due to our Chapter Patch being an iteration of Skully. Chapter vote last month was to keep the Chapter Patch as close to the original as possible. Also, was agreed to create a new patch for our merchandise moving forward. Update on both of these.** The new chapter patch design is pretty much the same as the original; we just removed the spade and moved the numbers up to the hat. All that remains is to submit the revised design up the chain of command for approval. Two entries for a merchandise

logo design were introduced to the chapter and passed around – a spade with a skull, and a bulldog. By show of hands, the spade design won.

- **Chapter operating budget was discussed last meeting to attempt to maintain a \$15,000 operating budget moving forward. Further discussion on this (and subsequently the fair and our other fundraising efforts).** Much discussion was had on this topic. Bear reminded the chapter that the idea of having a bike raffle was/is that we are seriously considering eliminating the fair. OMEN and Angel were recognized with a standing ovation for their outstanding dedication to the fair for all the years we've done it. OMEN said it had been Angel's baby and wouldn't have even happened if not for her refusal to take no for an answer. He also acknowledged that they wouldn't be able to continue to give it the same level of attention, moving forward, for various reasons.

Other reasons: two solid weeks of prime riding season time each year, and the very small number of members who actually work the booth and bring in donations, as compared with the total number of chapter members. Fears were expressed about losing our good relationship with the fair and our prime booth position, and this was taken into account. The idea of doing a scaled-down version of the fair was ultimately shot down, because we either take it for the full 10 days or not at all, per the fair rules, and it must be manned the entire time. All that being said, we hope to see many members at the booth for what could well be our last year there this summer!

Other fund-raising activities currently in use: various gun raffles, the Coffee Break, and we're starting to put out donation buckets again. Please see any member of the CEB if you're interested in placing a donation bucket or two or twelve.

- **Our past State Rep, Rabbi, lost his wife last week; currently with 19-3 in NY; they will be putting out funeral information for those interested.** The family has requested there be no funeral services.

XO:

- **Update on the Harley Davidson Raffle. Where are we currently with purchasing the bike from Wilkins, and having raffle tickets available to sell?** A 2022 Harley Davidson Street Bob, in vivid black, was purchased at Wilkins Harley Davidson this past week for \$17,800.00. It should be in by the end of next month and will be 'living' at Wilkins until the winning raffle ticket is drawn. 600 raffle tickets have been ordered and should be ready this week or next. We will set up a system for accountability for the sales of the tickets. The drawing will be held at our sanctioned ride in October. We will have the bike at the Champlain Valley Fair this year, and it will be the main attraction/prize.

Secretary report:

- **Vote to accept past month's minutes:** Minutes were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Monthly Report/Vote on past month's report:** report was accepted unanimously.
- **Review of successful vet-to-vet assistance claims for the month**
- OMEN made a motion to get a plaque for a woman who has regularly donated to the chapter over the years. It passed unanimously.

SAA:

- **Sign-in sheets; Must be legible; Does anyone need a new ID Card that is still using the sign in sheet?**
- **Annual Dues are due in by midnight on 30Jun2022** If you or someone you know needs assistance of any kind with this, please contact a member of your CEB.
- Two patches were recovered from a former member.
- 26-3 has requested participation from all VT members for the annual May Day parade in Rutland on 01May.
- Due to Mother's Day, our next chapter meeting will be on 15May.

PR and Web Master:

- **Upcoming Events or Rides coming up to open the season?**
- **Website Updates as applicable.** You'll find info under the Calendar tab. Click on the item for more information.

Old Business:

- **Gun Raffle. Are we going to do one? If so, when are we looking to purchase? What are we looking to purchase/spend? When are we holding the drawing?** This was tabled again.
- **Regionals this summer in July.**

New Business:

- **State Meeting - What is the date and we need to start to get organized; should we have a committee for planning and execution purposes?** The date of 18Sept was selected and confirmed with the State Rep today. It will be at the Mutuo on the top floor. There will be an open bar and we will cater it
- **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?** Bo is looking into this with Woodchuck. We will also be having the drawing for the bike raffle.
- **The 2022 VT Shares Campaign has started and applications are due in NLT 02MAY2022.** Bear and Spirit will look into this asap.

- Alan “Night Rider” Baker; passed away recently. We were contacted by the lawyer representing his estate, and were able to arrange for his vest and his FM Patch to be recovered.
- Blue Star Mothers contacted CVMA about an active military member doing a state side deployment that is looking for someone to foster their dog and cat. End of May thru early August. Nobody identified as willing today.

Tabled Items:

- **Chapter Guidon Flag** this is still tabled until the UDL is finalized. See Chapter Commander section for more info.

ST Rep: Intimidator was not present today. He did approve 18Sept as the date for the annual state meeting by text message during the meeting today.

Discussion: Open to Membership: Red presented relevant information about insurance for our trailer. After discussing the specifics, we voted unanimously to get the insurance for \$350.00 per year.

Announcements: Open to membership: We will be riding this year! Check the website often and join us! See you in the wind, brothers and sisters!

Closing Prayer: Slash gave the closing prayer.

Adjournment: CC meeting adjourned at 1117 hours.