

COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION©
of Vermont, Inc.
Chapter 26-1
Meeting Agenda for 4/10/2021
MUTUO/ZOOM MEETING

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: SAA Meeting was called to order at 10:01. In attendance were: Bear, Bohemian, Breeze (Z), Cochise, D Santor (Z), Gambler, J Veronneau (Z), Krieger, Ltl Harley, Nimrod, ODAAT (Z), Packmule, Papa Smurf, Sandman, Snowdog, Spirit, Wardawg (Z), White Wolf, Wizzard, and Woodchuck

Opening Prayer: ODAAT gave the opening prayer

Welcome from Chapter Commander: Welcome to all and to any guests.

Report of Officers: (Chapter Executive Board)

Chapter Commander:

- **Chapter report**
- **Jeffrey “Wardawg” Warden is back – need to be patched?** Yes, and we will schedule it asap. Welcome back Wardawg – you were missed! We also need to patch in Ken “Krieger” Troumbley asap.
- **VA currently has vaccines available to all Veterans – can schedule anytime Mon – Fri between the hours of 0830-1600 by calling 802-296-5151.** This is also good for spouses and caregivers of veterans, but they must be in the VA system. Go ahead and call about it, the system can be updated as needed.
- **SR has sent out the 9 BLCs for member consideration – this has been sent to all Full Members and will be voted on in MAY** All members should review these Bylaw Change Proposals (BLCs) and bring any questions to any member of the CEB. If we don't have the answer right then, we'll get it for you. This is the most important set of BLCs yet, since it incorporates a complete revamp of the National Bylaws.
- **Events Calendar on the National Website is now LIVE**
- **Administrative Process Training was attended.** This is part of a series of trainings being put on by the NBOD. We will send out the list when we get it.
- **9th Annual Veterans Summit is scheduled for Monday, June 14th at the Veterans Park on Northern Vermont Universities Lyndon Campus.** Looking for volunteers for this event. ODAAT stepped up today.
- **Champlain Valley Expo/Fair.** So far, this event is on, having been canceled due to Covid last year. This is our biggest fund-raiser of the year and needs good participation from the chapter. We will be putting together a committee, since Don is no longer here to carry it for us. More about this next month.

XO: New Business - Any thoughts on our next raffle? We will have a BBQ & Chili cook-off at the end of year event at my house, date to be determined. We will raffle off another pistol – more on that next month.

Regarding these raffles: it's very hurtful when our members question/doubt the honesty and integrity of their CEB members regarding the money involved. People have been making remarks about us possibly just selling tickets and never having the raffle. Covid has really made it difficult to have a standard raffle, since we haven't been able to get together for over a year, and the general consensus is that we like to do the drawing when we're all together, instead of on Zoom or something like that. If you are one of those who question our integrity, I invite you to approach me in person to say so. Talking behind our backs is the work of a coward, and nobody on your CEB is anything but honest. If you have a problem with how things are run here, step on up and give a hand – run for a position on the board, help out with projects, etc.

Secretary report:

- **Vote to accept past month's minutes:** Minutes were completed, but never made it to the website. Acceptance will be voted on at next chapter meeting.
- **New business**

Treasurer's Report:

- **Monthly Report/Vote on past month's report:** Accepted unanimously
- **May 22nd ride coordinated with the RAM Truck club**

SAA:

- **Sign-in sheets; Must be legible – record members attending meeting**
- **Patch collection – who is left?**
- **Membership dues need to be paid – please inform BOD if any issues** Ask for help if you need it. We will keep any such requests confidential. We'd much rather help people out and keep our membership than lose people over dues problems. We're a family.
- **CVE Expo as of now is a GO – do we need a committee to head this up?**
See Chapter Commander report above.

PR:

Webmaster website update, if applicable: How is the RIDES tab working out? It's a work-in-progress. Check it often, because rides come together on the fly more often than not.

As a reminder, the PASSWORD to the members section on our site is DEDICATION

ROAD CAPTAIN: Phone tree needs to be discussed. Hoss wasn't present today. There was discussion about creating another Road Capt position. Members are encouraged to email Bear with thoughts and/or to express interest.

Any News on the guitar program mentioned at last meeting?

Old Business: Check for \$489.00 was received from Vincent Chiorgono – any progress on the plaque?

New Business: Any updated information out on Regionals? All VT chapters will be riding together to Regionals this year. Regionals is on the 23rd and 24th of July.

Tabled Items: Spring meal was canceled – leaving tabled until COVID sorts itself out We will be moving this event to the end of year BBQ, same as last year.

ST Rep: Intimidator was not present today.

Discussion: Open to Membership: There was much discussion, some of it heated, about dropping the Sanctioned Event status from the Vermont Thunder ride. This was seen as unacceptable by several members, who asked the Chapter Commander to email the NPRES and/or NVP about it. The main concern was that it appeared to have changed due to the participation of some former members of the CVMA who are now out bad. That issue doesn't change the scope and purpose of the VT Thunder ride, and the feeling was that we should continue to support CVMA's participation, not the opposite.

Announcements: Open to membership: Unless otherwise announced, our next chapter meeting will be on 5/23, and will include 30 minutes from our State Rep about the BLCs and will also include our voting session on them.

Closing Prayer: ODAAT gave the closing prayer.

Adjournment: CC Meeting adjourned at 11:05.