

COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION©

Of Vermont, Inc.

Chapter 26-1

Meeting Agenda for 12/12/2021

Mutuo Club, Barre Vt.

In-Person and ZOOM

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance SAA: Krieger opened the meeting at 1205

Opening Prayer: OMEN gave the opening prayer.

In Attendance: Bear and Mama Bear, Bo and Antheia, Breeze, Cochise, Gambler, Grumpy and Red, Hoss, Intimidator, Jaguar, Litl Harley, Mudflap, Nimrod, OMEN and Angel, Sandman, Spirit & Wizzard

Welcome from Chapter Commander:

- Welcome any and all visitors – State Rep and 26-2
- Patch in ceremony – Marcie Hawkins “Mama Bear” Welcome aboard, Mama Bear!

Report of Officers (Chapter Executive Board):

Chapter Commander:

- Three Christmas Families selected and sponsored by 26-1 members; one family has already been delivered to, the other two will be within the next week
- Regionals Patch for New York 2021 is available for those that need one
- Charitable Donation Applications for 2022 are currently up for vote – Does 26-1 want to put in for an organization? If so, any thoughts on nominations? Northfield Veteran’s Center and Guitars for Vets were mentioned.
- New Auxiliary Application has been submitted for Krieger’s wife, Leah (Scratch)
- We are continuing to work on our Merchandise Sales Program, headed up by Grumpy and Red, with assistance from Gambler and Breeze.
- Travis “Packmule” Hale has transferred to 26-2. We wish him the best!

XO: We are continuing our association with The Veterans Place in Northfield; for those unaware, the Chapter recently participated in a Thanksgiving Dinner there, put on by the Norwich University Cadets; we also brought over Pizza’s on a Saturday night to share with Veterans (graciously donated by Depot Square Pizzeria). We are also continuing to work with General Needs – currently coordinating with them to get winter coats delivered to the Veterans Place, as

well as other local Veterans in need. Also working with them on possibly putting together some cold weather camping kits – to include sleeping bags, tarps, etc. Members are encouraged to visit them!

Secretary report:

- **Vote to accept past month's minutes:** Accepted unanimously
- **LRRP applications (4 more) were approved for our Chapter. How many more need to be submitted?** At least one – mine.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Monthly Report/Vote on past month's report:** Accepted unanimously

SAA:

- **Sign-in sheets; Must be legible**
- **Do any members need ID Cards?**
- **Chapter Banner patches are available if anyone needs any; as well as Chapter 26-1 patches; see Grumpy for any merchandise needs.**
- **Widow's Sons have invited us to ride with them on August 7th, 2022 – it's a benefit ride for the White River VA Hospital.** Widow's Sons is an association like us, not an MC. We voted unanimously to accept the invitation. They'd like a head count for planning purposes.

PR:

Webmaster website update, if applicable: the member info on the site now matches the National site info from people's 201 files and now there's a donation button

Quarter Master:

Merchandise Inventory has been completed and currently working on the trailer to get it set up for Mobile Merchandise Sales.

Old Business:

Next year's Nationals, being hosted by Kentucky CVMA; Dates Tuesday, June 21st to Sunday, June 26th in Louisville, Kentucky. Hotels are mostly filled; there is a good size group of us heading out, please coordinate with the Chapter if interested.

Reminder; State Meetings will be hosted in turn by each Chapter, the same way Regionals and Nationals are doing now. It will be on a rotating schedule, with 26-1 first in line for 2022.

VT Shares will be adding CVMA Chapter 26-1 as a non-profit that is available for State Employees to donate to through payroll deductions – a onetime deduction or spread throughout the year over 26 paychecks. This is being coordinated through Skrewy and Tammy.

New Business:

NY State Rep, Chris “Big Red” Finnegan, requested a donation from all Region 3 Chapters to assist a dedicated member who needed help. This was forwarded by our State Rep, Intimidator, and was approved unanimously by our CEB. This led to discussion about how chapter funds are spent. All money raised at the Fair stays in VT, but the Coffee Break is specifically for out of state expenditures. We voted to open up any and all money raised outside the Fair to being sent out of state. Treasurer will track money – where it was raised and where it was spent. While this is already the job of the Treasurer, it will now be split between Fair money and all other money. We voted unanimously today to donate \$250.00 to Kentucky and Arkansas chapters.

Tabled Items: No tabled items this month.

ST Rep: In a TV show about 1% MCs, there was a sweep of the crowd which included at least one CVMA full member patch. NBOD is working on squashing the implication that we are an MC. If it is mentioned to you, please avoid commenting, if possible.

It was decided that, since Sanctioned Events are primarily to achieve Life Membership, all chapters are now limited to one Sanctioned Event per calendar year.

Four LRRP presentations today; Bo, Cochise, Grumpy and Krieger.
Congratulations!

Discussion: Open to Membership:

Jaguar presented the chapter with a Harley Davidson decanter to be used as a means to raise funds. Grumpy, our Quartermaster, took possession.

Hoss reported that Guitars for Vets is going very well and encouraged anyone interested in learning to play the guitar reach out to him. He reminded everyone that the program results in the veteran having a nice guitar at the end of the class.

Announcements: Open to membership: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Closing Prayer: ODAAT gave the closing prayer

Adjournment CC: On with the Christmas Party!