

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association

New Hampshire Chapter 5-4

Chapter Secretary Report

Date: August 20th 2023

Location: Keene VFW

Members Present:

Officers present: Commander, Executive Officer, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain

Full Members present: 10

Support Members present: 3

Auxiliary Members present: 4

5-4 Guests present: 1

Pending Members: 2

Treasurers Report:

Beginning Balance all accounts: \$12,854.52

Ending Balance: \$12,690.76

Motion to Accept: Ed Laford

Seconded: Skip Wheeler

Opposed: None

Motion Result: Passed

Other Financials:

Income:

Pass the hat: \$103.00 June 25th

Donation jug: Not Collected Yet

Dues from FM William Quirk: \$20.00

Donation from American Legion Post 59: (for aux scholarship, \$216.00)

Total Income: \$339.00

Expenses:

Donation to FM Kim Davis for accident recovery chair: \$799.00

CVMA Dues for FM William Quirk: \$20.00

USPS PO Box Renewal: \$194.00

Total Expenses: \$1,013.00

Quartermaster Report:

Still out in Sacramento, none at this time.

State Officer Comments:

None at this meeting.

Visiting Member Comments:

None at this meeting.

Aux Notes Summarized:

Aux Liaison Cindy Demers: Cindy reports she would like to have raffle items to support the aux ride on September 2nd. Cindy further reports that she will have the raffle items that we gather to the appropriate person over in **Concord** the night before. No dollar amount given. whatever dollar amount we give would be suitable.

Motion by Jack for a \$100.00 gift card raffle prize.

Seconded by JT.

Opposed: None

Motion Result: Passed

Old Business:

Chapter Commander informs the membership no new progress on casino issue. Jaime, who owns the 5 casinos in NH, sold most of his shares and does not have the same pull he used to. Renegotiating the terms with the Chris Brooks foundation. New proposed deal is a 70/30 split for one year instead of the previous 50/50 split for two years. Commander goes on to mention if the deal does not work out, we will move on do our own casino deal and keep 100%.

Jack reports that the casinos are being investigated by the state to ensure the casinos are properly doing their donations and suggests it may hold up this progress.

Commander reports Amy's Ride is on track.

Chrissy reports new shirts are in, and available for presale. Chrissy further reports old shirts are still available for \$10.00 and goes on to mention the DJ is the same for a \$150.00 cost. Focus is on raffle prizes and donations. Currently we have two large raffle items. Suggests using chapter funds to purchase new raffle items since we are doing well financially.

Motion made by Jack to use \$250.00 for raffle prizes.

Seconded by Bill Cvelbar.

Opposed: None

Motion Result: Passed

Commander moves on to Charitable Donation Committee and calls on Shane to report. Shane is quoted as deferring to his beautiful wife as she did the brunt of the work. Commander thanks Shane, Cindy, Paul, and Bill for all their efforts in this regard.

Cindy reports emails for 4 different nonprofit businesses were received. She reports most people seem to want to donate directly to the aux ride. "Hero Pups" is mentioned by Cindy as a great organization that has inmates helping her train the dogs and gives them a purpose in return. These dogs go to wounded vets. Cindy suggests a larger sum towards the aux ride and a smaller portion to the other three organizations if everyone agrees. Other organizations include Operation Reboot Outdoors that the Commander had previously mentioned, which is an outdoor organization run by a vet that assists other veterans by getting them outside hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities in Maine. Final organization is Cathedral of the Pines, which supports other veteran organizations and is a New Hampshire run organization.

Commander reports Clarke's dog Bobbi came from Hero Pups. Commander mentions his challenge of raising up to a \$1,000 donation to the other 5 Chapters in the state. Commander asks for thoughts on a single large donation or several small ones.

Chrissy suggests meeting the challenge we made to the other chapters and table any remaining donations for after the aux ride to see how we do financially first.

Commander mentions our balance of \$12,854, the t shirts for next months ride are paid for, and freedom fuel will assist with any heating issues we have this winter. Implies we have almost 10 grand after other considerations, and reiterates the need to decide on one large donation or several small ones. Commander reminds membership that we already have a \$1,500.00 donation from the Marine Corps League Department of MA for the aux ride.

Treasurer mentions we also have the \$216.00 from Legion riders. Commander mentions that this is \$1,700 and it already exceeds our challenge to the other chapters.

Motion by Jack that we donate \$4,000 (in addition to the \$1,700 we already collected) to aux ride and \$2,000 to Hero pups. Seconded by Keith.

Discussion: Shane asks status of Amy Zaluki Stone Scholarship. Commander mentions that \$2,000 scholarship will be paid out in June. Commander further mentions that our donation jug collections have almost reached that amount already.

Opposed: None

Motion Result: Passed

Commander once again thanks Shane, Cindy, Paul and Bill for all of the work they put into this endeavor.

It is mentioned that Doug Stone's contact has helped to have 40 lbs of food donated for Amy's Ride which will drastically reduce our overhead expenses which will increase our profits for the Amy's Ride. A big thank you to Doug for his work in making this happen. Commander suggests reaching out to Laura Barker to see if she wants to attend Amy's Ride and present her a check.

Commander mentions he will not be able to attend the Aux Ride as he has a wedding to attend, and that XO Willie Wilbur will be presenting a check for "quite a bit"

New Business:

Commander reports he was contacted by our secret Santa asking if we were doing planning on doing it again. Commander asks if anyone knows of a vet that could use a secret Santa. Commander asks members to reach out and inquire if they know of any vet's families that might need this program.

Commander mentions Tony and Alice are doing the cooking for Amy's ride. They did a great job previously and get up early in the morning to prepare for this and suggests we do a gift. XO Willie Wilbur makes a motion we do the same as last year, with a \$150.00 gift card. Seconded by Jack.

Opposed: None

Motion Result: Passed

Commander mentions the state raffle. CVMA of NH has a balance bike donated, essentially an electric dirt bike for young kids. Commander has requested 50 tickets out of 300 for our membership to try and sell. Bikes value is \$1,000 and ticket prices are \$10.00 and the drawing is Dec 15th. 2023 Kawasaki Electra glide balance bike and you do not have to be present to win. All proceeds to Aux scholarship.

Commander reports that the Keene YMCA is doing a vet expo again on Sep 22 at from 10:00 to 2:00. Commander goes on to mention we did make a few contacts last year at this event. If members are interested in attending, please send the Commander an email. If interested please bring a folding chair for yourself.

Good of the Order:

Commander reports two new members pending. Chapter Secretary mentions that Rob Stryker will be our new FM and Terry Benedict will be our new Support member with possibility of FM in the future upon correction of dd214 due to his deployment location not having been annotated correctly by the clerk who typed it.

Today's Pass the Hat: \$118.00

Next Meeting:

Date: September 30th

Location: TBD. Possibly Wayne & Cody's House with the Commander covering all the beverages. Email will go out.

Time: TBD

Motion to Adjourn:

Made by: XO Willie Wilbur

Seconded: Secretary Brian Brooks

Meeting Adjourned Time: 12:45 PM