

**Rolling Thunder® Illinois Chapter 1
Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of Rolling Thunder, Inc. Illinois Chapter One General Membership Meeting

July 7th, 2010

35 of 74 in attendance

President Bill "Hawk" Sharpness called the meeting to order.

Open with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acting Vice President - Dominic "Hardcore" Ruggiero

Mission Statement was read. 1 Viet Nam POW/MIA and one Civilian Contractor that went missing in the Month of July were recognized and a moment of silence was offered.

Treasurer - Jim "Snipe" Murray

The Chapter reviewed current status with ticket sales. We only have 20% of the tickets sold, so, the clock is ticking and we still need to sell a lot of tickets.

Chapter expenses and insurance payment were reviewed and accounted for.

Snipe solicited members for a lead on a printer for the BTR booklet.

We now have Rolling Thunder patches and Chapter patches. See Snipe after the meeting.

Richard "Popeye" Montgomery

Elections are coming up. Nominations for the following positions are as follows:

Vice President-Dominic "Hardcore" Ruggiero

Chairman of the Board- Richard "Popeye" Montgomery

Treasurer - Jim "Snipe" Murray

Board Member-Dennis "LT" Reiter

Board Member-Richard "Father Guido" Zayat

Popeye reminded everyone the Ride for Kids is coming up at the Elgin Community College July 18th and will explain details after the meeting for those interested in participating.

Board Member - Dennis "LT" Reiter

LT addressed and appealed to the membership to come up with ideas as to how to promote our mission statement specifically POW/MIA issues. We need to improve how we can get this message out to the public. The chapter members came up with some suggestions at the meeting which are as follows:

- T shirts listing names of IL. POW/MIA's.
- Banner with all of the IL. POW/MIA names displayed at the Big Thunder Run and at our table ceremonies.
- Read off all IL. POW/MIA names at the BTR
- Plaques/ monument at different high visibility public locations. County locations to cover a particular area in Illinois is an example.
- Story in local newspapers
- Christmas POW/MIA tree
- Billboard rental
- Work with radio station to read off names.
- Web site. Scrolling bar with names

Please for LT suggestions and any ideas which will be reviewed by board members.

President Bill "Hawk" Sharpness

Hawk stated that the POW/MIA issue is dying and we need to promote it and keep it alive no matter how long it takes. The Chapter members all agree.

Bill "Fallout" Atkinson will be putting together an emergency contact list for every member in case something happens on a run. We need to have a point of contact.

Pricing structure for the advertising space in the BTR booklet was discussed by Rob Leskovar and booth rental were discussed. These issues will be discussed further at the BTR committee meeting. Hawk wants our 2009 BTR booklets to be handed out with the tickets since we have a surplus of them.

Acting Vice President - Dominic "Hardcore" Ruggiero

Made a point that on their visit to West Chicago High School that the students new very little about the POW/MIA issue further reinforcing Hawks point that the issue is dying and needs to be kept alive. Hardcore reiterated that education should be one of our top priorities.

Board Member - Bill "B.B. Houghtaling

Bill stated that the calendar on the website is up and running. Please contact B. B. if you have an update for a specific event.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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