

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

October 6th, 2010

The Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter Meeting of October 6th 2010 was called to order by President Bill Sharpness at 19:30 at the VFW in Warrenville, IL. The membership pledged allegiance to the American Flag and had a moment of silence for Illinois POW/MIA's that went missing during the Viet Nam War, and are still missing in the month of October. The Rolling Thunder® Mission Statement was read. The Board attendance is listed below:

| <b>Attending</b> | <b>Name</b>                  | <b>Position</b>       |
|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Yes</b>       | Bill " Hawk" Sharpness       | President             |
| <b>Excused</b>   | Dominic "Hard Core" Ruggerio | Acting Vice-President |
| <b>Yes</b>       | Jim "Snipe" Murray           | Treasurer             |
| <b>Yes</b>       | Tony "Clutch" Leone          | Secretary             |
| <b>Yes</b>       | Richard "Popeye" Montgomery  | Chairman of the Board |
| <b>Excused</b>   | Kristina "Kris" Sedlacek     | Board Member          |
| <b>Yes</b>       | Richy "Fr. Guido" Zayat      | Board Member          |
| <b>Excused</b>   | Doug "Skippy" Mahar          | Board Member          |
| <b>Excused</b>   | Dennis "LT" Reiter           | Board Member          |
| <b>Excused</b>   | Bill B.B. Houghtaling        | Board Member          |

28 of 74 adult members were in attendance

1 new member applicant stood and identified himself to the membership. Welcome Derrick Hudgins.

**President Bill Sharpness**

Hawk stated the Big Thunder Run was a successful event and the attending members agreed. Heartfelt thanks were given to Kris Sedlacek for her hard work to pull BTRIX together. Hawk also thanked every member who participated for their hard work and dedication to make the event a success. Hawk asked members to take any leftover booklets from the run and distribute them to help promote our organization as well as to benefit any advertisers that contributed to the booklet. By consensus it was decided that any issues both successful and unsuccessful will be tabled at this time and a separate Big Thunder Run meeting will be held.

Guests from the Batavia VFW were recognized for their contributions to the BTR including the facility and their support of the Hines veterans that they brought to the event. Hawk reviewed some of the upcoming events which will be posted on our website calendar.

**Treasurer's Report - Jim "Snipe" Murray**

Snipe gave us a rundown on BTRIX. We sold 3,163 raffle tickets for the Big Thunder Run. 1500 of those tickets were sold at the event. We ended up \$\$\$ to the upside on the bike raffle. Big Thunder Run IX. Registration brought in \$\$\$\$. It is estimated we had 405 bikes at the event. We had donations of \$\$\$\$. \$\$\$ is attributed to extra cards for the poker hand. We sold \$\$\$1065.00 worth of merchandise. We sold \$\$\$ in raffle tickets with no expense to us. All members that donated floor prized were thanked for their donations. The mystery raffle brought in \$\$\$\$. The Bike show brought in \$\$\$\$. Total made over the weekend came to an estimated \$\$\$.

Snipe stated that the ‘Table’ ceremony at the Big Thunder Run was one of the best that was performed by members all year. The gauntlet provided by members made a big difference in the overall execution of the ceremony.

### **Secretary’s Report - Tony “Clutch” Leone**

Rocker and back patch were awarded to Gary Stengler. Gary was also recognized for his contribution to doing our taxes. A sincere thank you was made by all members.

### **Chairman of the Board- Richard “Popeye” Montgomery**

Popeye thanked everyone for their support in his time of need. Popeye announced the final honor flight date of October 27<sup>th</sup>. Flight arrives at Midway around 08:25. Emails will be sent out.

### **Other Concerns**

Members suggested that we get our event trailer decorated with our logo to help promote the organization. Hawk agreed and suggested that a committee be formed to explore options for this endeavor.

Phil Ferrer stated time is running out for the trail software he is using to run website. He has asked for permission to purchase needed software and has stated he will donate \$\$\$ towards the purchase of the needed software. Membership agreed and Snipe will take care of this issue.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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