

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

October 5th, 2011

The Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter Meeting of October 5th was called to order at the designated time of 19:30 by President Bill Sharpness 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:

Attending	Name	Position
Yes	Bill " Hawk" Sharpness	President
Yes	Dominic "Hard Core" Ruggiero	Acting Vice-President
Yes	Jim "Snipe" Murray	Treasurer
Yes	Tony "Clutch" Leone	Secretary
Yes	Richard "Popeye" Montgomery	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Bill "Fallout" Atkinson	Board Member
No	Richy "Fr. Guido" Zayat	Board Member
Yes	Chuck " Botsides" Kimber	Board Member
Yes	Dennis "LT" Reiter	Board Member
Yes	Bill B.B. Houghtaling	Board Member

35 attended of 75 members. One guest recognized Steve Tomaszewski. He has a radio show that brings to attention POW/MIA issues.

President- Bill "Hawk" Sharpness

Bill thanked the members for a successful BTR and should thank ourselves for a job well done.

Bill personally thanked Sandi Gorski for her help and dedication in the raffle section, which was extremely short handed but she stepped up and did a great job handling the crowds. Hawk then emphasized we need more help from the membership to run the BTR.

Accolades were given to Snipe in regards to his commitment to the many different issues involving the BTR, we would like to see some of his responsibility relieved and taken on by more members of the board and the general membership.

In future meetings we will determine how we wish to spend this money in regards to POW/MIA issues.

Hawk emphasized what LT spoke of in regards to having more committees to procure the bike for the 2012 BTR, along with committees formed by members to take on some of the responsibilities the BTR.

Chapters 2's ride is coming up next Sunday, details are available on our website. If attending call Hawk for start location.

Vice President-Dominic "Hard Core" Ruggerio

We need to start early to get committee selections started for next years BTR.

Chairman of the Board- Richard "Popeye" Montgomery

Popeye thanked Tony for the stage. Popeye also gave accolades to everyone for their contributions.

Treasurer's Report - Jim "Snipe" Murray

Snipe explained the contents of the balance sheet containing all financial information with regards to the BTR, which he gave to the board, to the general membership.

Snipe also expressed his disappointment in a specific group of riders involved with BTR, telling the general membership that they were more of a deterrent than an asset to the run and will not be invited back next year, this was determined from a first hand account from Milan Kondich.

The treasurer reported that we had a very successful BTR and Bike Raffle. The monies will be used for education on the POW/MIA issue and to support veteran's in need.

We are in the top 2% of all the Chapters of Rolling Thunder in The United States in regards to our fundraising and bank balance.

Secretary's Report - Tony "Clutch" Leone

Dues are due NOW.

Collection for 2012 dues will commence tonight.

The constitutional rules will be enforced.

Board Member-Bill “B.B.” Houghtaling

Thanked everyone for all the help with the bike show.

B.B asked the membership to review the calendar and said there was an upcoming honor flight.

Board Member-Dennis “LT” Reiter

LT communicated to the membership that we need more volunteers to run the BTR. He also emphasized that a SOP needs to be in place in case the head of the committee is out of pocket, it can still function and provide service.

Board Member-Richard “Father Guido” Zayat

Excused

Board Member-Bill “Fallout” Atkinson

No report.

Board Member-Charles “Botsides” Kimber

No report.

Other Concerns

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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