

**Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Illinois Chapter One
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2012**

The Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter Meeting of November 7th, 2012 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 the Five Illinois POW/MIA's that went missing during the month of November in the Vietnam War, and are still missing in, 2012. Mission Statement was read by Vice President Dominic Ruggiero.

The Board attendance is listed below:

Attending	Name	Position
Yes	Bill Sharpness (Hawk)	President
Yes	Dominic Ruggiero (Hard Core)	Vice-President
Yes	Jim Murray (Snipe)	Treasurer
Yes	Robert Leskovar	Secretary
Yes	Richard Montgomery (Popeye)	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Kristina Sedlacek (Kriss)	Board Member
Yes	Knute Weick	Board Member
Yes	Chuck Kimber (Boat Sides)	Board Member
Yes	Bill Atkinson (Fall Out)	Board Member
Yes	James Slenk	Board Member
Yes	Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)	Board Member

34 of 76 adult members were in attendance. Additionally there were 1 guest.

President- Bill Sharpness (Hawk)

- Bill welcomed Chuck Stricker as a guest. Chuck is signing up as a new member today.
- XMAS party is next month. We need coordinator for the party. Steve T. (Radio Steve) volunteered to take on the responsibility.
- MIA Family invited to attend again this year.
- We have a left over gun from the Gun Bash that the winner donated back to the Chapter. We will be raffling at the XMAS Party. Tickets will be \$10 each.

Vice President-Dominic Ruggiero (Hard Core)

- 11/9 Dom will be putting on Veterans Day event at his Granddaughters school. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Reviewed special offer at ORVIS for Veterans.

Treasurer's Report - Jim Murray (Snipe)

- Snipe and Chuck incurred ** in expenses to attend the National Convention.
- XMAS Party will be POT LUCK as in the past. Chapter will pay for main course and members will bring a dish.
- Reviewed the possibility of donating money to Roger Hall who is suing the CIA under the Freedom of Information Act. He makes many trips to Vietnam to follow up on live sightings. There are many soldiers who just decided to stay there after the war was over.
- Kevin Secor spoke at the Conference. He is the head of the VA hospital. He covered some information about the long term direction of the VA.
- Covered Bowe and his status of Missing Captured vs. Missing in Action. He was taken by an extremist group not a country which is why he is listed as missing captured.
- Explained to General Membership the issues we are having with not having a sales tax exempt ID #. Also discussed Snipes conversation with Artie.
- Artie said he would get Rolling Thunder Charities registered in IL so we can use their tax exempt number.
- Compared our Chapter against others in the country. There are many clubs who do more events, but we raise more money than most.

Chairman of the Board- Richard Montgomery (Popeye)

- The last Honor Flight is this week for anyone that is interested.
- Thanked Kriss publically for all her efforts and the success of the BTR.
- Reviewed Jan 18th thru 20th Bike swap meet at pheasant hill resort. Our day is Sunday to man the stations.

Board Member-Kristina Sedlacek (Kriss) - Nothing to add.

Board Member- Knute Weick

- This coming weekend Woodstock Harley is hosting an event with RT Chapter #2. Anyone interested in riding up there should be here at 1030am Saturday.
- 11/15 - Radio Steve will be broadcasting from Woodstock Harley Davidson.

Board Member- James Slenk - Nothing to add.

Board Member - Chuck Kimber (Boat Sides) - Nothing to add.

Board Member - Bill Atkinson (Fall Out) -

- Informed chapter of Bowe Billboard that went up in Springfield near the intersection of I-55 and Il Rt. 29.

Board Member-Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)

- Anyone with events they want posted need to send to BB to get them on our web site.

Secretary - Rob Leskovar

- Covered Dues being collected next month.
- Asked for any new members to stop by and see me before they leave today to ensure we have all the information need to order patches.

Other Concerns: None

Motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 2043 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Leskovar, Secretary
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