

**Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter One
General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 7th, 2014**

The Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter Meeting of May 7th, 2014 was called to order by Vice President Dominic Ruggerio at 19:30 at the VFW in Warrenville, IL. The membership pledged allegiance to the American Flag and had a moment of silence. The mission statement was read by Treasurer Jim Murray.

The Board attendance is listed below:

Attending	Name	Position
No	Bill Sharpness (Hawk)	President
Yes	Dominic Ruggerio (Hard Core)	Vice-President
Yes	Jim Murray (Snipe)	Treasurer
Yes	Alen Zdralic	Secretary
Yes	Richard Montgomery (Popeye)	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Kristina Sedlacek (Kriss)	Board Member
Excused	Knute Weick	Board Member
No	Bill Atkinson (Fall Out)	Board Member
No	Chuck Kimber (Boat Sides)	Board Member
No	John Mikuski (Raffles)	Board Member
Yes	Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)	Board Member
Yes	Dan Thomas (Cage)	Board Member
No	Gary Stengler	Assistant Treasurer

Vice-President Dominic Ruggerio-(Hardcore)

- The Grant submission with our anonymous grantor was completed. Areas of focus were a large block of rooms for homeless veterans at Concord Place. Another area of focus was the LaSalle veterans home which included a 13 passenger plus 2 wheel chair mini-bus, a 2 passenger plus 2 wheel chair transport van, a vitals machine, a portable wheel chair scale and a hot food table. We will receive a response from the Grantor in August.

Chairman of the Board-Rick Montgomery (Popeye)

- Reminder to all members that the Essence of Freedom Parade is on May 26th 2014 located in Deerfield. Please join us if you can. Currently, Popeye, Alen, Shadow & Spoiled are going. Lunch to be purchased by Alen after the parade is done. Details on the calendar listing.
- On July 20th 2014 the Ride for Kids is being held in Elgin. More information to follow at next members meeting.

Secretary-Alen Zdralic

- Boombox Lead Guitarist Sam Bello speaking tonight regarding the band that will be playing at BTR.

Treasurers Report-Jim Murray (Snipe)

- Taxes filed for RT Chapter 1. Our tax filing has been prepared by member Gary Stengler. We appreciate Gary's work as it has literally saved the chapter thousands of dollars over recent years. This money we can spend on local vets and the POW/MIA mission.
- We still have 89 gun raffle tickets out. Members, please see Snipe if you have sold tickets or still selling them.

Board Member-Bill Houghtaling (B.B)

- Gun bash this Saturday May 17th 2014. Please turn in all purchased tickets. Tickets to be pulled at 11:00AM. Will have side raffles at the Gun Bash. We will have sound guy for speakers. We will also need to keep the Gun Bash separate from the beer that will be offered there.
- Looking to get Bowe posters on back of semi-tractors and trailers. Very easy to place the posters on. Marv Harkins has great ideas for poster distribution.

- The Sweetness Run is on June 7th 2014. 5K Run in Yorkville. Al “AJ” Preseren will be leading our activities. Watch the calendar for the latest updates.
- Grant has been applied for. We are pleased and with our efforts. This opportunity only comes once every two years.
- On Wednesday July 2nd 2014 is Military Appreciation Night. The Remembrance Table will be done at the Kane County Cougars Stadium. Motorcycle raffle will be at the stadium. A POW/MIA info table will be set on the Main Concourse. Bring as many friends and family members as you want for \$4 each. Parking may be free for motorcycles. Game tickets are \$4 each. Tickets are required for all. At the June meeting BB needs a firm number of tickets to order. Member tickets will be paid from the 50/50 Christmas party fund. Non-member tickets will be \$4. We are promised box seats so a firm number of seat requests must be created at the June meeting.
- LT to have rehearsal. Will need to gather names and phone numbers.
- Wounded Heroes Run on Friday May 9th 2014.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alen Zdralic, Secretary
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