# Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup>, Inc. Illinois Chapter One General Membership Meeting Minutes January 7, 2015

Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 meeting of January 7, 2015 was called to order by President Bill Sharpness (Hawk) at 19:40 at the VFW in Warrenville, IL. The membership pledged allegiance to the American Flag. The mission Statement was read by Dan Thomas (Cage) and a moment of silence was observed for our MIA's.

#### Board Attendance:

| Attending | Name                      | Position       |
|-----------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Yes       | Bill Sharpness (Hawk)     | President      |
| No        | Dominic Ruggerio (Hard    | Vice-President |
|           | Core)                     |                |
| Yes       | Jim Murray (Snipe)        | Treasurer      |
| No        | Alen Zdralic (ghost)      | Secretary      |
| Yes       | Richard Montgomery        | Chairman of    |
|           | (Popeye)                  | the Board      |
| No        | Kristina Sedlacek (Kriss) | Board Member   |
| Yes       | Knute Weick               | Board Member   |
| Yes       | Gary Vandenbos (Names)    | Activities     |
|           |                           | Chairperson    |
| No        | Bill Atkinson (Fall Out)  | Board Member   |
| No        | Kandice Jacobs            | Assistant      |
|           |                           | Secretary/Mem  |
|           |                           | bership        |

| No  | John Mikuski (Raffles)    | Board Member  |
|-----|---------------------------|---------------|
| Yes | Howard "Weebles" Bushnell | Assist.       |
|     |                           | Secretary/Com |
|     |                           | munications   |
| Yes | Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)   | Board Member  |
| Yes | Dan Thomas (Cage)         | Board Member  |
| Yes | Don Pugh (Spoiled)        | Board Member  |
| No  | Gary Stengler             | Assistant     |
|     |                           | Treasurer     |
| Yes | Tom Woosley               | Interim       |
|     |                           | Secretary     |

## President- Bill Sharpness (Hawk)

- The chapter welcomed Knute back from his deployment to Afghanistan.
  - Knute briefed the chapter on his mission and thanked the chapter for their support.
- Concord Christmas party was a success.
- The Montgomery VFW waived their fee for use of the building and grounds.
- Need input and support from members to make the 2015 Big Thunder Run at Montgomery VFW the best BTR yet. Considering forming a committee for advertising.

## Chairman of the Board - Richard Montgomery (Popeye)

• Need additional volunteers to work doors at Pheasant Run, January 16, 17 & 18. Chapter

members should wear their vests.

## Treasurer - Jim Murray (Snipe)

- Acknowledged Wolfie for the \$1,000 contribution from the Masonic Lodge
- Current bank balance \$xxx
- Called for 2015 funds distribution vote :
  - Midwest \$xxx
  - $_{\odot}$  National Alliance of Families \$xxx
  - Task Force Omega \$xxx
  - Montgomery VFW \$xxx
    - All approved by membership with unanimous vote

## Activities Chairperson - Gary Vandenbos (Names)

- Jet Black Comedy Band was designated for 2015 Big Thunder Run
- Names is the contact for Rainelle/Washington DC trip in May

## Board Member - Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)

- Half of the current 200 gun bash tickets were passed out.
- Submit suggestions for improving the chapter website including events, photos, etc. to BB or Father Guido.

#### <u>Assistant Secretary/Communications - Howard Bushnell</u> (Weebles)

• Submit articles, events and suggestions for BTR Booklet to Weebles no later than August.

Meeting was adjourned at 1002 hours.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Woosley, for Alen Zdralic, Secretary Rolling Thunder Illinois Chapter 1