

Rolling Thunder® , Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Membership Meeting Minutes

February 07, 2018

Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Gary Vandenbos at 1940 hours on February 07, 2018 at the Warrenville VFW.

Board Attendance:

Attended	Name	Position
No	Jim Murray (Snipe)	President
Yes	Gary Vandenbos (Names)	Vice-President
No	Tom Woosley (Fester)	Treasurer
Yes	Wendy Vach (Dragonfly)	Recording Secretary
Yes	Richard Montgomery (Popeye)	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Rick Herr (Cosmo)	Board Member
No	Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)	Board Member
No	Richard Zayat (Fr. Guido)	Board Member
Yes	Al Miller(Shadow)	Board Member
Yes	Kandice Jacobs (PG)	Board Member
Yes	Knute Weick	Board Member

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice President Vandenbos. A moment of silence was observed for the Illinois MIA’s lost during the month of November during the Viet Nam War.

Chairman of the Board Richard “Popeye” Montgomery – Popeye reported that 25 tickets were sold at the Swap Meet in St. Charles. A big thank you to everyone that showed up to sell tickets. Gun Bash tickets are ready and being distributed. If you want tickets or need more, contact Popeye, Names, or Snipe.

Kandice “Playground” Jacobs – Dues are currently due and if you haven’t paid yet, please contact any board member to make arrangements to get your dues in. We still have many members who have not paid, and we need your dues no later than the February Membership Meeting. Have you seen the great job Kandice is doing on the Legends of Illinois article each month? If you have any suggestions as to MIA’s missing from our state, contact Kandice with your suggestion.

Al “Shadow” Miller – There are two new Vets being considered for the Veteran’s Assistance Program (VAP).

Gary “Names” Vandenbos – There are multiple positions available (an email blast was sent out a couple of weeks ago by Snipe), and Bob Carlson and Tim Kearney volunteered to Co-Chair the Gun Bash next year. Scarecrow volunteered to help with Grant Writing. There are still positions available, see below for details. Names also talked about a Bike Run which is being put together by the Montgomery VFW two weeks after our BTR. The VFW wants our chapter to run the actual bike run start to finish. After discussion, the membership decided to decline the offer.

Tim Kearney – Tim introduced his friend Ralph who wants to join our Chapter, and, our new member Jake O’Brien was introduced. Welcome aboard Ralph and Jake. Tim also talked about the Bowling for Veterans event happening March 4th at St. Charles Bowl, 2520 Main St, St. Charles. This is a bowling fundraiser benefitting the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. To purchase tickets or donate online, go to: <http://www/cvma242.com/bowling-for-veterans.html>. The cost is \$40.00 per person which includes food, bowling, shoe rental and bowling balls. This year Names has arranged to sell Gun Bash Tickets at the event, so even if you don’t bowl, show up and support a good cause, and help Names sell tickets!

Steve “RTO” Tomaszewski – RTO asked Chapter members to write or send a care package to his son overseas, he is stationed just outside of Kabul, to share with other soldiers. You can designate a branch of the service you would like your letter, card, or package to go to care of his son (he will deliver to a soldier in that branch of the service) or his son will share with others when he gets them. The address is:

Jared Tomaszewski
 CSTC-A/CJ-ENG
 Camp Resolute Support
 APO, AE 09356

Open Discussion

Bill “Hawk” Sharpness brought up the core mission of our Chapter, which is the POW/MIA issue. Hawk brought up the fact that there are often government/military operatives that are sent overseas and then become POW/MIA’s. He wanted to know what the position is of our Chapter in regard to publicizing these missing operatives. He is going to put together information and present what he finds to the board who will then review the information and see if this is a feasible pursuit.

Recap of upcoming events:

03/04 – Bowling for Veterans

5/12 – Gun Bash

Meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Vach

Recording Secretary

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Job	Details
Treasurer	Collect monies, pay bills, track receipts, keep bank records. Must be capable with Quicken. Categorize all transactions. Track VAP expenses and issue checks promptly. Prepare for annual audit.

Webmaster	Oversee our RollingThunderIL1.com website. This is not a technical job. You simply pass on the changes and updates to our professional webmaster who makes the magic happen.
Photos	We have an online account at Google Photos where we have 13+ years of photo history. We want to add current activity to our photos, website and provide pics for our Facebook page. Also includes soliciting our activity photos from members and posting to Google photos. View our website photos tab to see recent photos and look for the Archive icon for not so recent pics. All this activity could be accomplished with a smart phone.
Ticket Tracking	Snipe has written a simple to use program to track ticket sales such as Gun Bash, 50/50 and motorcycle. Your job would be issuing/tracking the tickets, collecting the money and updating the program.
Grant Writing – one more person needed	We have occasional grant opportunities we want to take advantage of. Hardcore and BB can assist and guide you
Correspondence Secretary	The bulk of this job is monitoring our RollingThunderIL@gmail.com email address and forwarding the email to the appropriate member. This could be done on a smartphone. Occasionally a thank you letter is needed. React to any public request or inquiry. We have Word templates for most letters and only the name and date need to be updated.