

# Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup>, Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

## Membership Meeting Minutes

### March 07, 2018

Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup> Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Murray at 1955 hours on March 07, 2018 at the Warrenville VFW.

**Board Attendance:**

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Jim Murray (Snipe)	President
Yes	Gary Vandebos (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 President Jim Murray. A moment of silence was observed for the Illinois MIA’s lost during the month of March during the Viet Nam War.

**President Jim “Snipe” Murray** – Snipe announced the following events for Memorial Day:

- Shadow will be organizing any riders that show up for the Deerfield 5K run. Show up at 7am if you plan on participating.
- LT will be organizing the members that show up for the Table Ceremony in Darien which will start at 11am. Please show up no later than 10am if you plan to attend.
- DC Run, there will be 4 riders going.
- Warrenville VFW Post 8081 is asking for any volunteers to do flag raising and lowering ceremony while they are hosting the Moving Wall from May 19<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. Kandice will organize any members that want to participate.
- Table ceremony for the USA Hockey event on 4/8/18 is pending because we are having trouble confirming our participation. Anyone that signed up for the table ceremony will be contacted when we have definitive information.

Once again, our chapter will be donating money to the Midwest Shelter to help Vets. Our chapter will once again be manning a booth in Marseilles to sell 50/50 Raffle tickets. Date and time to be announced.

The Legion Riders in Sandwich have donated \$1,000.00 to our chapter after their bowling event. On March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm, they will present the check to our chapter, and would like members to show up for the presentation and pictures.

Snipe asked the membership to think about continuing with the quarterly billboard signs as the price is rising to put them up. It was decided to revisit the subject at the next meeting.

**Chairman of the Board Richard “Popeye” Montgomery** – Popeye reported that he only had a few tickets left for the Rolling Thunder National Bike Raffle.

**Al “Shadow” Miller** – Shadow reported that 12 Vets were helped by the VAP since the first of the year.

### **Open Discussion**

LT, made the suggestion, that our chapter start participating in bike rides again to help publicize our chapter and keep our name known. There was unanimous approval to start doing the rides and Names told members to send him the rides they would like to participate in and he would get it out to the chapter members.

LT also brought up BTR and why there was no vote to approve this event with the membership. In February Names, acting on behalf of Snipe, who was absent, asked the members if they were in favor of holding BTR, and asked if we should take a vote. Popeye suggested we wait until Snipe was back, and the vote was tabled. Dragonfly, acting secretary, did not put those notes in the minutes since a vote was not taken, which was an oversight, and the events of the February meeting are now being notated for the membership. The board voted to monetarily support BTR if the members voted to proceed. A vote was not taken at this meeting concerning BTR.

After a discussion brought up by Hawk, he volunteered to look into various opportunities for our chapter to honor POW/MIA’s informally. Whether it is just our chapter going to a cemetery, or informally contacting the family and doing something with them. He will look into setting up these events/rides and get the information to Names to distribute to members.

Fallout has the yard signs available for the Veteran’s Crisis Line and they are going fast. There was a suggestion that good places to put the signs up are at Fire Stations and VFW/Legion halls. Contact Fallout if you want signs to put up.

### **Recap of upcoming events:**

**05/28** – Deerfield 5K Run

Darien Table Ceremony

DC Run

**5/19-5/28** – Flag raising/lowering @ Warrenville VFW Post 8081

**5/12** – Gun Bash

Meeting was adjourned at 2054 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Vach

Recording Secretary

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<b>Job</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	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.
<b>Webmaster</b>	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.
<b>Photos</b>	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.
<b>Ticket Tracking</b>	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.
<b>Grant Writing – one more person needed</b>	We have occasional grant opportunities we want to take advantage of. Hardcore and BB can assist and guide you
<b>Correspondence Secretary</b>	The bulk of this job is monitoring our <a href="mailto:RollingThunderIL@gmail.com">RollingThunderIL@gmail.com</a> 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.