

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

## Membership Meeting Minutes

### May 02, 2018

Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup> Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Murray at 1948 hours on May 02, 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
Yes	Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)	Board Member
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Yes	Al Miller(Shadow)	Board Member
No	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 May during the Viet Nam War.

**President Jim "Snipe" Murray:**

- New visitor tonight was Robert Parquette from Chapter 2, who is contemplating joining our chapter.
- Snipe gave an overview of our chapter finances. We have 63% of the Gun Bash tickets turned in, and there were more turned in at the meeting, so there was not an official count. BB still has some tickets left for those needing tickets, but they are going fast.
- Dragonfly presented Snipe with the grant money to our chapter on behalf of Inland Bank, and in return, Snipe presented Dragonfly with a Certificate of Appreciation from the chapter to Inland Bank.
- The donation from our Chapter to Midwest Shelter for Homeless Vets was explained more in detail on how the funds will be allocated. There will be a designated donation to the Shelter and then there will be donations that will assist Vets that need help, which will make up the rest of the donation.
- Snipe presented the members with an opportunity to donate funds to Roger Hall from FOIA, who works to extract info from Congress on missing POW/MIA'S. Roger is backed by the National Alliance for Families. A motion was put before the members and the vote was unanimous to donate \$500.00 to Roger.
- Anyone that is signed up or wants to show up for the Flag Raising at the Warrenville VFW on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> needs to show up at 0600 hours. It starts at 0630 hours
- Reminder: Freedom Fest is coming up on Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> in Marseilles IL, and we will be selling 50/50 tickets for the Gun Bash.

**Bill “BB” Houghtaling:**

- 10 BTR posters were brought to the meeting by Knute and anyone that wanted a poster to put up saw BB after the meeting. 4 are going up at the bars on the bike route.
- BB asked for members to help at the Gun Bash and the following members volunteered:
  - Announcer – Hawk, BB, Snipe
  - Winner Recorders – Joy and Dragonfly
  - Side Raffle Winner Recorders – Jake and Shadow
  - Ticket Tub – Cage, Popeye and Cosmo
  - White Board – Fallout
  - Trailer – LT
  - Selling Side Raffle Tickets – Mo, LT and Boatsides

There are more jobs to be done, so contact BB if you can help out. This is a Chapter event so it’s all hands on deck. Volunteers helping with set-up should show up at 0930 hours and everyone else at 1030 hours.

**Richard “Popeye” Montgomery:**

- Motorcycle Sunday on Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> at Phillips Park in Aurora to sell Gun Bash Tickets
- Chicagoland Ride for Kids, benefitting the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation will be held at Kane County Cougars – Northwester Memorial Stadium on July 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a great foundation that help kids and if you want more information about what they do and how to sign up for the ride, search online for Ride for Kids 2018. Once you’re on the website, on the bottom left corner there is a list of the rides coming up. Click on View All and look for Chicago on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Click on that and it takes you to the Chicago website.

**Gary “Names” Vandebos:**

- For the BTR 50/50 raffle tickets, Names asked the members if they want to put a minimum prize amount on the tickets or print them with no prize amount. A motion was made to print with no prize amount and carried by a unanimous vote. Names will get the information to Kandice so the tickets can be printed.

**Al “Shadow” Miller:**

- Shadow is organizing any riders that show up for the Deerfield 5K Freedom Run on Sunday, 5/27. They are meeting at North Ave. and Rt. 53 at the BP/McDonalds between 0700 and 0715 hours, KSU 715. From there they will take I355 to 53, then Lake Cook Rd east to Waukegan Rd, and Waukegan Rd north into Deerfield.
- Next up will be the Table Ceremony in Darien which will start at 1100 on Sunday 5/27. Please show up no later than 1000 hours if you plan to attend. Bikes that are attending the Freedom Run are planning on heading over after the run to participate. The ceremony will be held at Community Park at 71st and Clarendon Hills Rd near the monument for set-up and practice around 10am. There is a pavilion we can use if the weather is bad.

**Rick “Cosmo” Herr:**

- All upcoming events are posted on the online calendar if members are unsure of dates and times or just to keep up with what’s going on.

**Open Discussion – Old Business:**

- LT announced there are 9 names on the list for the Darien Table Ceremony which is not enough. During the meeting Hawk expressed his disappointment that more people do not volunteer for this event. With the possibility of the event having to be cancelled, 6 people at the meeting stepped forward so we could fulfill our obligation.
- Cage asked what the status was of the Vet Monument in Carol Stream. Cosmo has been working tirelessly to contact the organizers, but they are not returning emails. At this time, we are waiting to hear from them. Cage also let everyone know that Erica Jeffries, who worked for the VA, is no longer with the VA. She was a good friend to our organization and will be missed.
- Names informed the members that the management of the Kane County Cougars have decided to not use us when they do their Military Appreciation Night.
- The Crisis Hot-Line Yard Signs went fast, and Fallout will have 500 more signs available to anyone that wants some at the Gun Bash.
- Hardcore said there are currently no pending grants but they are looking into a grant which is available through Gary Sinese’s Foundation. If anyone has any ideas for grants, let Hardcore know.
- BB talked about the various jobs that are still not filled and the need for members to step up and help our chapter. Currently we have Treasurer, Membership Chairperson, Correspondent Secretary, Webmaster, Photos and Publicity jobs that need to be filled. He reminded us that as members of the chapter, we need everyone to pitch in and take on a job so that the burden does not fall on one or two individuals. Remember: Together Everyone Accomplishes More (TEAM), so if you have an hour or two a week you can spare to help out, please contact Snipe. It’s worth the time.

**Recap of upcoming events:** for more information go to our event calendar - <https://goo.gl/DA8GcZ>

**05/12** - Gun Bash

**05/27** - VFW Flag Raising Ceremony @ Warrenville VFW Post 8081

**05/28** - Deerfield 5K Run

Darien Table Ceremony

Meeting was adjourned at 2056 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Vach

Recording Secretary

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