

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

## Membership Meeting Minutes

### July 18, 2018

Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup> Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Murray at 1945 hours on July 18, 2018 at the Warrenville VFW.

**Board Attendance:**

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

**President Jim “Snipe” Murray:**

- Thanked all for changing their schedules and being able to meet in the middle of July.
- Welcomed guest Al “Bubba” Eckard who later became a member
- Discussed finances with the membership and requested allocation of \$500 for Concord support
- Also requested allocation of \$5000 for VAP program. All voted Aye

**Richard “Popeye” Montgomery:**

- Thanked chapter members for their support for “Ride for Kids”. The day brought in \$176,000. Over 30 years in Chicago land area RFK brought in 6.2 million for Pediatric Brain Tumor research.
- Informed the chapter that it was time for yearly elections coming up in September. Nominations would be taken at the August and September meetings. Up for election are president, treasurer and 4 director positions currently held by Popeye, Shadow, Fr. Guido and Knute. Cosmo has agreed to the treasurer position so that director position in now open.

**Gary “Names” Vandenbos:**

- Passed out info on upcoming rides – check the chapter calendar.
- Reviewed event coordinators for BTR.
- Asked the chapter for help selling tickets at the Walneck swap meet and this weekend in Sycamore. Contact Names for details.

**AI “Shadow” Miller:**

- After the Darien Table Ceremony, Shadow had a conversation with the Darien VFW and after talking to Hawk, Fallout, and Skippy, plans are being formulated to put a memorial monument up at their park. They were very appreciative of our table ceremony as well. This memorial is now schedule for presentation on Veteran’s Day.
- Update to the memorial at the Sandwich Legion Riders Post. Expect to install a memorial bench later this year.
- Plans for the memorial in Carol Stream have been put on hold until approvals are obtained.

**Open Discussion – Old Business:**

LT and Moe requested that the chapter practice the Remembrance Table Ceremony at every meeting. We do not look very professional when the ceremony is performed. We need to look sharper. Also when members say they will show up for the ceremony they are expected to show up. Not all those that said they would attend Darien showed and made for a haphazard presentation.

Gene “Scarecrow” LaBelle announced that he had to leave the chapter due to family issues. Gene has been an active member of our chapter since 2009. He has attended almost of meetings since then and most of the chapter events. His input and dedication will be missed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2100 hours.  
Respectfully submitted by,  
Jim “Snipe” Murray for...  
Wendy Vach  
Recording Secretary  
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