

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Membership Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2019

Rolling Thunder[®] Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Murray at 1945 hours on August 7, 2019 at the Warrenville VFW.

Board Attendance:

Attended	Name	Position
No	Jim Murray (Snipe)	President
Yes	Gary Vandenbos (Names)	Vice-President
Yes	Rick Herr (Cosmo)	Treasurer
Yes	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
Yes	Knute Weick	Board Member
No	Tim Kearney	Board Member
Yes	Dan Thomas (Cage)	Board Member

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President, Jim Murray, and an opening prayer was said by Felipe “Chappy” Ferrer. A moment of silence was observed for the Illinois MIA’s lost during the month of August during the Viet Nam War.

Three guest were present at the membership meeting:

Nathan Klapatch who heard about Rolling Thunder at an ABATE meeting.

Taylor Hawley, who was introduced by Names, and is planning on joining our chapter.

Jesus Arzola, Sr. Vice Commander of the Lisle VFW.

Richard “Popeye” Montgomery:

- Popeye thanked all who showed up for the Ride for Kids, to fund pediatric brain cancer research. According to their website, the goal was to raise 190K and 206.4K was raised.
- Elections are coming up. The available positions available are: Vice President, Secretary and 2 Board Members. Nominations were taken and accepted by Gary “Names” Vandenbos for Vice President and Kandice “Playground” Jacobs for Board Member.
- Brenda from the Northlake American Legion Women’s Auxiliary sent a letter that they are once again raising money for Concord Place to refurbish the rooms. Our chapter donated \$500.00 last year. A motion was made, seconded and a chapter vote was taken and passed to donate the funds.

Gary “Names” Vandenbos:

- BTR is coming. LT and Moe will be in charge of parking bikes if needed, and volunteers would be appreciated to help.
- Everyone should show up no later than 800 hours.

- This is a Chapter event and all members are expected to show up and help where needed.
- Snipe informed everyone that the “Where the Money Goes” flyer was updated and we are over the 600K mark for money spent on POW/MIA issues and VAP.

Rick “Cosmo” Herr:

- Cosmo presented the budget and funds spent on VAP.

Al “Shadow” Miller:

- Shadow reported that Cosmo, Snipe and himself met with Kathy Davis from the State of Illinois grant committee and had a very good meeting. We were awarded 40K in grant money and we are waiting for the funds to arrive.

Kandice “Playground” Jacobs:

- Playground reported that we have 9 plus a possible one more vendors for BTR. There is a good mix of vendors and there will be a sewing lading who will be selling and sewing on patches.
- For the Raffle table there will be gift baskets donated by the Northlake Women’s Auxiliary and there will also be a silent auction of a whiskey bottle autographed by John Rich of Big and Rich. The bottle was donated by Playground and Dragonfly.

Knute Weick:

- Both black and white long sleeve shirts are available. Anyone that participates in the Remembrance Table Ceremony will be given a shirt to wear. The participants are expected to keep the shirts clean and bring them to all table ceremony events in case the need arises to participate.
- The black shirts can be purchased for cost of \$20.00.
- Waiver forms were printed and will be available for BTR.
- Preparations for the Honor Chair are still underway with Fox River Harley Davidson.

Jim “Snipe” Murray:

- Stand By Me Heroes requested a donation of \$1,100.00 which would buy 6 beds, mattresses, sheets, pillows and other necessities for Vets who are being placed in apartments. A motion was made, seconded and a chapter vote was taken and passed to donate the funds.

Old Business:

Dominic will follow up with the Walter Payton Foundation on funds that were allocated to go to Concord Place to find out if the funds were used or will be returned to the chapter.

New Business:

Anyone that signed up to do the Remembrance Table Ceremony should bring their white shirts to BTR. Visitor, Jesus Arzola from the Lisle VFW, informed our chapter that on September 21st there will be a 100th birthday celebration and block party in Lisle for Bronze Star Veteran, Stanley Kras. All members of our chapter are invited to attend. More information will follow from Names.

Upcoming Rides and Events:

August 10th – Chris Patterson Ride
 August 17th – Annual Cruise Night

August 25th – BTR

August 31st – Annual Vet Fest

See the Chapter Website Calendar for more information and more events.

Meeting was adjourned at 2029 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Vach, Recording Secretary

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