

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Membership Meeting Minutes June 02, 2021

Rolling Thunder[®] Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Gary Vandenbos at 1945 hours on June 02, 2021, at Warrenville VFW.

Board Attendance:

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

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice President Gary Vandenbos. A moment of silence was observed for the Illinois MIAs lost during the month of June from the Viet Nam and Korean Wars.

Gary "Names" Vandenbos:

- Gary welcomed our visitor, Joe from St. Charles, who also joined the chapter tonight, special welcome back to BB, who was greatly missed, and a shout out to Weebles who attended our meeting as he was visiting from Florida.
- Names mentioned 4 of our chapter members who were involved in the Middle East Conflict. They are Frank Lorang, Dan Salazar, Rob Escobar and Knute Weick.
- Names reminded everyone about the Ride for Freedom, coming up in Marseilles IL on June 19. As always, we will have a table set up and we will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets for BTR. For more information go to our website, there is more information about meeting for breakfast and a link with more information.
- On Friday, June 25th there is also the Hines Ride By & Visit happening and more detailed instructions are again on our website.

Knute Weick:

- Knute has the BTR flyers to hand out at local bars and businesses. Many were taken to be distributed and there are still plenty left.
- Knute also thanked everyone for participating in putting flags out at Abraham Lincoln Cemetery for Memorial Day. There were 10 participants and afterwards we all went to out to eat. It was cold and windy but a very fulfilling event. He also reported on the two rides, one last Sunday with Chapter 2 to Cantigny and then Monday our Chapter ride. Both events went very well with quite a few participants.

Al “Shadow” Miller

- Shadow reminded everyone about our DeKalb Veteran’s Weekend with a run and then we will be performing a Table Ceremony at the Genoa Veteran’s Home. We still need people to do the Table Ceremony.

Richard “Popeye” Montgomery:

- Terry the Patch Lady is having a Back the Blue Ride, again check the calendar, which supports law enforcement, and starts in Woodstock.
- The IMS, International Motorcycle Show, will be held outdoors this year in Pingree Grove, Gilbert, IL on Aug. 20-22nd. We will have a booth and be selling Gun Raffle Tickets and 50/50 raffle tickets. We need volunteers to help, so contact Popeye if you can make it.
- Tonight, Nathan was presented with his boot patch. Congratulations Nathan.

Wendy “Dragonfly” Vach:

- Wendy will be heading up the raffle table for this year’s BTR with the help of Terry “Spitfire” and Christine Ferrar. The chapter is looking for donations for the table. If your out and about see if you can get some items to raffle off. Shadow also mentioned he would ask the Women’s Auxiliary from the American Legion he belongs to if they would consider making up baskets again this year.
- The Naperville American Legion Riders are doing a fund raiser for the Gold Star Families Memorial this year. They are selling Remember Everyone Deployed t-shirts for 20.00. Wendy will send out the email with the information on how to get a shirt.

Rick “Cosmo” Herr:

- Cosmo gave the budget report.

Don “Stone Cold” Gaylord:

- Stone Cold outlined who will be running various functions at BTR and wants everyone to show up at 800 hours. We will need people to man the three stops and also people to help with the table ceremony. As this is a chapter event, everyone is expected to participate and take on multiple tasks. We also discussed the board’s decision to make the door prize a cash prize equal to the 1st place poker run winner’s prize.

Reminder: Elections are coming up in September. We need you to start considering if you would like to have a seat on the board, or who you would like to nominate. Positions open are President, Treasurer, Chairman of the Board and two board members.

Meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Vach, Recording Secretary