

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Membership Meeting Minutes October 4, 2023

Rolling Thunder[®] Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Al “Shadow” Miller at 1940 hours at the Warrenville VFW.

Chapter Board

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Al “Shadow” Miller	President
Yes	Kandice “PG” Jacobs	Vice-President
Yes	Rick “Cosmo” Herr	Treasurer
Yes	Jim “Snipe” Murray	Secretary
Yes	Knut Weick	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Wendy “Dragonfly” Vach	Director
Yes	Don “Stone Cold” Gaylord	Director
No	Greg “Rooster” Messler	Director
Yes	Keith “Stretch” Stengler	Director
Yes	Dave “Roadie Dave” Skinner	Director
Yes	Sue Price	Director

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Miller. A moment of silence was observed for the Illinois MIAs lost during the month of October.

Shadow

- Shadow introduced the new board to the membership
- Informed the membership regarding feedback from the PIG-GIG committee. The committee decided that Montgomery VFW was not a good geographical location for our event. The team suggested Batavia as a possibility for future events. Shadow met with the Event Coordinator for Batavia and she was receptive to the idea of us working together in the late summer time frame. Conversations with Batavia and the PIG-GIG committee will continue. Additionally, a sequential route for the poker run versus the random route we currently use might be better to track the riders and maintain time frames. Suggested would be: Montgomery – Sugar Grove – Sandwich – Sycamore – Batavia. A motion was made to the membership to work with Batavia for our next Poker Run event. Motion passed.

PG

- The Chapter will be delivering Thanksgiving Day meals again this year on November 19th. Midwest Shelter will provide a list of names.

Cosmo

- Cosmo reported on the chapter finances. He also reminded the membership that it was time for annual dues to be paid. Dues are \$40, with \$30 going to national and \$10 to the chapter.
- Cosmo also reported that the chapter received a cash donation from the Carol Stream VFW.

Stone Cold

- Stone Cold reviewed the GunBash list with the membership and that we would work, once again, with the Kane County Coins and Currency.

- The chapter was reminded on the Save-A-Joe pub crawl on October 14th. Starting point is Alley64, 212 Main street (RT64 aka North Ave. aka Main St.) in St. Charles.

Dragonfly

- Sugar Grove will once again be the location for the GunBash fundraiser. In order to increase the audience for this event, the Sugar Grove VFW plans on holding their own events on the same day. Events such as Cornhole Tournaments and Darts were suggested. We will have 500 tickets for the GunBash.
- The Chapter Christmas party will be held at the December meeting. (12/6)

Sue

- Sue will be working with the Iron Gate car club and the possible sale of tickets for the GunBash. The car club will be holding their event a week prior to the GunBash and we may be able to use that event for any last minute ticket sales.

Roadie Dave

- Roadie Dave has taken on the role of chapter ride coordinator. He will setup KSU times and locations for the various rides and determine routes. His mail regarding the DuKane Abate Toy Run was sent out 10/06. Check the chapter calendar if you did not receive the mail. Also notify the chapter secretary (murman03@gmail.com) if you did not receive the mail.

Membership Comments:

Bob “Tug” Patterson

Shared with the chapter the status of his conversations with the city of Aurora in regard to having honorary names for the MIAs from the area. The city is receptive to this idea and Tug, a member of the POW/MIA committee will continue with discussions on the project.

Chuck “Boatsides” Kimber

Boatsides is working with the West Chicago American Legion in regard to our Veterans Day Table Ceremony to be held at their location on 11/11. LT informed the chapter that we would be holding a practice for that ceremony at our November meeting 11/1.

Meeting was adjourned at 2045 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,

Snipe - Secretary