

Rolling Thunder® , Inc. Illinois Chapter One General Membership Meeting Minutes September 3rd , 2014

The Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter Meeting of September 3rd, 2014 was called to order by President Bill Sharpness at 19:30 at the VFW in Warrenville, IL. The membership pledged allegiance to the American Flag and had a moment of silence for our MIA's. The Mission Statement was read by Board Member John Mikuski.

The Board attendance is listed below:

Attending	Name	Position
Yes	Bill Sharpness (Hawk)	President
No	Dominic Ruggerio (Hard Core)	Vice-President
Yes	Jim Murray (Snipe)	Treasurer
Yes	Alen Zdralic	Secretary
Yes	Richard Montgomery (Popeye)	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Kristina Sedlacek (Kriss)	Board Member
Excused	Knute Weick	Board Member
Yes	Gary Vandebos (Names)	Activities Chairperson
Yes	Kandice Jacobs	Assistant Sec. /Membership
No	Bill Atkinson (Fall Out)	Board Member
Yes	John Mikuski (Raffles)	Board Member
Yes	Howard "Weebles" Bushnell	Assistant Sec. /Communications
Yes	Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)	Board Member
Yes	Dan Thomas (Cage)	Board Member
No	Gary Stengler	Assistant Treasurer

President-Bill Sharpness (Hawk)

- Gary Vandebos (Names) is now a board member and is doing a great job since he joined the board.

- Wally Elliott from DuKane Chapter of Illinois will be out to talk to the RT members about what the DuKane chapter is all about.

Chairman of the Board-Richard Montgomery (Popeye)

- Thank you all for coming out to the last Cougars game!
- Voting tonight for nominations on the following positions: President, Chairman of the Board, Treasurer and two board member positions.
- Tank Fest at Evergreen in St. Charles this Saturday.
- There is a ride this Sunday for Erica Against Lime Disease.
- ALS Walk is on September 21st 2014 in support of Don Ross.

Treasurer-Jim Murray (Snipe)

- The total we have for the bike is \$15,800.00. Still do not have enough to break even yet on what was spent to purchase the bike.

Board Member-Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)

- Contact Us page on the website has been updated.
- The webmaster is still working on the POW/MIA page on the RT website. Should be completed soon.
- Please check out the new Presidents letter on the homepage of the RT website.
- We would like to have 10 more rooms added to the Concorde Place for our vets. Members agree to have this done at Concorde Place. Motion presented and passed.
- Concord Place has asked us to have RT come out to visit the vets and have breakfast, lunch or dinner with them. Concorde Place has also offered to come out to BTR.
- Looking to have a group of members volunteer their time to be a hospitality group and make our guest welcome at our events.

Board Member-Kristina Sedlacek (Kriss)

- Bike for BTR is on display at Fox River Harley.

- We got the stage and both bands on the house, we thank them for that.
- The more vendors we have at BTR, the better!
- We will need a registration group for BTR.
- We will need help to set up BTR on Saturday October 4th from 9:00am until noon.
- We will need all members for BTR on Sunday October 5th at 7:30am.
- LT and Moe to do parking. Run format will be different this year. We are not doing a poker run format. Riders will be given tickets for drawings. 1st stop is 2:30pm draw, 2nd stop is 3:00pm draw and 3rd stop is 3:30pm draw. All draws are to be done at the Batavia VFW.
- So far we have Shadow at Fox River, Bob at Hanks and no one quite yet for Bristol Tap.
- Father Guido did a great job on the graphic work for the program books!

Kandice

- Bowling Thunder is November 2nd 2014. All members are welcome!
- Walter/Connie Payton Foundation will also be coming out to Bowling Thunder.

Board Member-Gary Vandebos (Names)

- Tank Fest is this upcoming Saturday. Tank will be trying to come out to the fest.

Board Member-John Mikuski (Raffles)

- Please bring all raffle items on Saturday October 4th!

Chairman of the Board - Rick (Popeye) Montgomery

- Raffles and Spoiled are elected into board members. Bill Sharpness remains as President and Popeye remains as Chairman of the Board.

Members Notes/Suggestions

- **Shadow**-Would like to discuss more about the mental issues affecting our vets and how we can help as an organization.
- **Spoiled** -Has a sister that can sit down and listen to vets, talk about whatever they would like to talk about. This would be beneficial for the hospitality group.
- **LT** - LT to do the table at Veterans Welcome Home in Villa Park. Was able to gather 15 members to conduct the table.
- **Wally from DuKane ABATE** - Spoke to members about what the focus mission is about for DuKane. Talked about different topics such as poker runs, roadguards, E-15 issue, motorcycle laws, etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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