

# Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup>, Inc. Illinois Chapter One General Membership Meeting Minutes February 4, 2015

Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup> Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 meeting of February 4, 2015 was called to order by President Bill Sharpness (Hawk) at 1945 hours at the VFW in Warrenville, IL. The membership pledged allegiance to the American Flag. The mission Statement was read by Dan Thomas (Cage) and a moment of silence was observed for our MIA's.

## Board Attendance:

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

Yes	Tom Woosley	Interim Secretary
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### **President- Bill Sharpness (Hawk)**

Chapter run suggestions for 2015 include:

- Chapter ride to Montgomery VFW.
- Illinois Chapter's 1, 2 & 3 combined run.
- Don Pugh - friend out west.
- Anyone with suggestions for additional chapter runs, events, charities or other projects is encouraged to notify the board.

BTR Lead Coordinator:

- Names as been designated as BTR lead.

### **Chairman of the Board - Richard Montgomery (Popeye)**

Big Thunder Run:

- Bike raffle tickets are available for the chapter and National's bike raffles.
  - Anyone who needs tickets to sell or has tickets they cannot sell, notify Popeye so he can distribute/redistribute accordingly.
- Chapter event to Montgomery VFW, March or April:
  - We need everyone's suggestions and assistance for BTR.
  - Anita suggested we make multiple trips to Montgomery VFW.

Other events:

- Pheasant Run auction, April 4 &5, Easter Weekend
- Walneck swap meet in Woodstock, April 26.
  - Hawk is exploring the opportunity of having a table at the swap meet.

- Essence of Freedom Run, May 25, Memorial Day

#### Recognitions:

- Warrenville VFW Commander, Jerry Goeb, thanked the Chapter for the \$1000 donation.
- Popeye thanked all who volunteered at Pheasant Run.
- Hawk recognized Popeye and Names for their contributions.
- Popeye thanked Names for handling BTR.

#### Treasurer - Jim Murray (Snipe)

##### Financial:

- There was no change in financial information from last meeting
- Payments for the bike and gun bash have not been made.

#### Activities Chairperson - Gary Vandebos (Names)

##### Big Thunder Run:

- Everyone's participation is needed.
- Designated coordinator's:
  - BB - sound guy.
  - Rhonda - registration.
  - Moe - parking.
  - Shadow - MC run.
  - Boatsides - poker hand.
  - Weebles - BTR book.
  - Manny - suicide awareness table.
  - Hardcore - clean-up.
  - Names - coordinate w/food vendors and VFW.
  - Snipe or Weebles - Master of ceremonies.
  - Tom Woosley - bike show.

##### Other events:

- Names suggested an event to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month to promote PTSD/Suicide awareness, with Manny as lead.
- Contact Names if interested in the Rainelle/DC trip in May.

### **Assistant Secretary/Membership - Kandice Jacobs**

#### Bowling Thunder

- Bowling Thunder is tentatively scheduled for April.
  - This will be a chapter fund raiser not backed by the bank.
  - A majority vote was received by the membership to designate funds received to benefit Veterans in Crisis.
  - Non-members are welcome. We need as many participants as possible.

### **Board Member - Bill Houghtaling (BB)**

#### Gun Bash

- See BB for Gun Bash tickets. We have 267 tickets remaining.

### **Board Member - Dan Thomas (Cage)**

#### Legislation:

- Senate passed Clay-Hunt Bill
  - Increased access and care for vets.

### **Chapter Member - LT**

#### Veterans in Crisis:

- A knowledgeable person is needed to assist Manny to talk about PTSD/ Suicide awareness.
  - LT's stepson is involved with the church (youth

- minister). He could assist in putting out the message.
- Cage suggested LT bring his stepson to the March meeting. Anita from the VA will be here as a source of information and assistance.

Boatsides motioned to adjourn, Cage seconded, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Woosley, for  
Alen Zdralic, Secretary  
Rolling Thunder Illinois Chapter 1