

**Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Illinois Chapter One  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

The Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Board Chapter Meeting of May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 was called to order by President Bill Sharpness at 19:30 at the VFW in Warrenville, IL. Our mission statement was read by Vice-President Dominic Ruggerio.

<b>Attending</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Yes	Bill Sharpness (Hawk)	President
Yes	Dominic Ruggerio (Hard Core)	Vice-President
Yes	Jim Murray (Snipe)	Treasurer
Yes	Alen Zdralic (Ghost)	Secretary
Yes	Richard Montgomery (Popeye)	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Gary Vandebos (Names)	Activities Chairperson
Yes	Kandice Jacobs	Asst. Secretary/Membership
Yes	Howard Bushnell (Weebles)	Asst. Secretary/Communications
Yes	Tom Woosley (BC)	Interim Secretary
Yes	Bill Atkinson (Fall Out)	Board Member
Yes	John Mikuski (Raffles)	Board Member
Yes	Knute Weick	Board Member
Yes	Dan Thomas (Cage)	Board Member
Yes	Bill Akinson (Fallout)	Board Member
No	Don Pugh (Spoiled)	Board Member
Yes	Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)	Board Member
No	Gary Stengler	Assistant Treasurer

**President-Hawk Sharpness (Hawk)**

- Montgomery VFW here tonight to welcome us to their VFW for BTR.
- Looking to have the chapter has a whole run over to check out Montgomery VFW. Possibly on June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Breakfast to be provided by Montgomery VFW and lunch to be provided by RT for BTR.
- RT will need help in setting up clean up committee for BTR.
- Montgomery VFW will like RT to ensure ID checks; wristbands are checked and supplied by RT.
- Looking into possibly exploring how to help a vet/family in need.
- Will need volunteers to help for letter project in June.

### Vice President-Dominic Ruggerio (Hard Core)

- Chair of honor to possibly be permanent and displayed at Soldier Field.
- Spoke to Connie Walter foundation and met with the executive director at Concorde Place. Furniture and svc's are substandard. Need upgrade in furniture. Need new antennas, 5-6 of them which are around \$30.00 dollars each. 12 DVD players are needed as well. RT to pay additional money for these items.

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

- We need to sell more bike raffle and gun bash tickets at the gun bash.
- Run to Wall on May 21<sup>st</sup> 2015.
- Essence of Freedom run is on May 25<sup>th</sup> 2015.
- Walk/Bikers against Cop Killers on May 30<sup>th</sup> 2015. This is a chapter event. We need to be there as it is for Terry (Patch Lady).
- Walnecks Woodstock motorcycle swap meet on June 28<sup>th</sup> 2015.

### Activities Chairperson-Gary Vandebos (Names)

- Thanks for coming out to Motorcycle Sunday this past weekend!
- Mr. Stevens will be at BTR (Silkscreen).
- Kane County Cougars-Vet to sing the National Anthem before the game. LT to set up ceremony table. We will need volunteers for the table.
- Mike Boran has son in Eagle Scout. They need to do a fund raiser which consists on cutting out stars from old flags and adding vet's names to them. What is the flag etiquette? Membership has agreed with the go ahead.
- We will need a food truck for BTR again. Ideas anyone?

### Board Member-Bill Houghtaling (B.B)

- Gun Bash a week from Saturday. LT to bring the RT trailer to the event.
- We will have a 10 x 20 canopy at the gun bash.
- 105 gun bash tickets still left. Please turn in gun bash tickets that have been sold or not sold. We are hoping to sell more the day of the gun bash.
- We will have side raffles at the gun bash.

### Board Member-Bill Atkinson (Fallout)

- Looking to see with membership would like to set up a billboard for a Vets Crisis Hotline? Membership agrees.

Manny- A reminder that we need holders to hold flyers regarding suicide awareness for vets.

Bandanas passed out for Vets Crisis Hotline.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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