

**Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Illinois Chapter One
General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 5th, 2015**

The Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Board Chapter Meeting of **August 5th, 2015** was called to order by **President Bill Sharpness** at 19:30 at the VFW in Warrenville, IL. The mission statement was read by **Vice-President Dominic Ruggiero**. A moment of silence was also done in the memory of our longtime friend & RT brother, **Don Ross**.

Attending	Name	Position
Yes	Bill Sharpness (Hawk)	President
Yes	Dominic Ruggiero (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
No	John Mikuski (Raffles)	Board Member
No	Knute Weick	Board Member
Yes	Dan Thomas (Cage)	Board Member
No	Don Pugh (Spoiled)	Board Member
Yes	Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)	Board Member
No	Gary Stengler	Assistant Treasurer

President-Bill Sharpness (Hawk)

- Thanks for coming out to the Don Ross funeral. Very good turnout!
- We need to all start working on getting mailers out to remind people about our BTR event. Remind them of new location; possibly get posters & flyers out to the surrounding locations of Montgomery.

Vice President-Dominic Ruggiero (Hard Core)

- We are hoping to get Hines & Concord Place vets out to BTR this year. If you have any ideas for transportation please let the board know.
- Bears organization ok to have the Chair of Honor in the stadium. The Bears organization is now looking to see where they are going to place the chair in the stadium. We will need to ensure that the chair is blocked off from not having anyone sit on it.

Chairman of the Board-Richard Montgomery (Popeye)

- Great turnout at Don's (old man) funeral. Both Moe's had a great speech about Don. Police officers in the area were also very helpful.
- Patches made for Don Ross. Have yet to come in.

Treasurer-Jim Murray (Snipe)

- National convention for Rolling Thunder coming up. This will be on November 6th & 7th. Popeye & Names to be there to represent our chapter.
- We have four positions on the board up for re-election: Vice President, Board Directors & Secretary. Vote done with general membership; Fester is now taking over the secretary position in September, Hardcore to stay vice president, BB & Fallout to stay on the board.
- Marseilles canceled Freedom Run due to bad weather & sent our \$85.00 fee back for our booth section. Board along with General Membership voted to send the \$85.00 dollar fee back to Marseilles as a donation due to the damage sustained in the Marseilles area.

Activities Chairperson-Gary Vandenbos (Names)

- We have four chances this month to sell more bike raffle tickets. August 14th at the Kane County Cougars game, August 15th at Fox River Harley, August 16th at Walnecks in Woodstock & August 22nd at Wildfire.
- Thomas Potts looking to have ceremony table done at high school reunion, however we will need to gather more information about this event.

Asst.Secretary/Communications-Howard Bushnell (Weebles)

- BTR booklets to be completed by the next mid-month board meeting (August 19th 2015).

Board Member-Bill Atkinson (Fallout)

- We need to vote to place to billboards up related to the Vets Crisis line. Both the board and general membership have voted to place the billboards up.

General Membership:

- **Moe**-Janet grateful with Rolling thunder involvement of Don's last ride.
- **Gene/Shadow**-Gary Sinise memorial event went very well.
- **Manny**-New stands and list available for Vets Crisis hotline. Looking to see if we can get info into VFW's and churches.
- **Kimbers**-Reminder Kimbers camp day is Saturday August 22nd. Please also bring any American flags that need to be properly disposed of.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alen Zdralic (Ghost), Secretary
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