

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter One

General Membership Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2015

Rolling Thunder[®] Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 membership meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Rick Montgomery at 1940 hours on October 7, 2015 at the VFW in Warrenville, IL. The membership pledged allegiance to the American Flag. The mission statement was read by Vice President Dominic Ruggerio and a moment of silence was observed for our MIA's.

Board Attendance:

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Bill Sharpness (Hawk)	President
Yes	Dominic Ruggerio (Hard Core)	Vice-President
Yes	Jim Murray (Snipe)	Treasurer
No	Gary Stengler	Assistant Treasurer
Yes	Tom Woosley (Fester)	Secretary
Yes	Richard Montgomery (Popeye)	Chairman of the Board
No	Bill Atkinson (Fallout)	Board Member
No	Bill Houghtaling (BB)	Board Member
No	John Mikuski (Raffles)	Board Member
No	Dan Thomas (Cage)	Board Member
No	Don Pugh (Spoiled)	Board Member
Yes	Knute Weick	Board Member
Yes	Howard Bushnell (Weebles)	Communications Chairperson
No	Kandice Jacobs	Assist. Membership Chairperson
Yes	Gary Vandebos (Names)	Events Chairperson

President - Bill Sharpness (Hawk)

Guests:

- Marlene Wiegand was a guest of Tom Woosley.
- Judy, Abate President
 - Judy discussed Abates mission and issues facing motorcycle riders. Some of the topics included:
 - Working with legislation for Illinois
 - Safety and Education
 - Helmets - Choice of rider
 - E15 Ethanol issue
 - Tattoo photographing by law enforcement
 - Food and toy run

Mission:

- We need a new mission, possibly helping individual veterans. Some suggestions were

helping wounded veterans, veterans in crisis, and welcoming our service members back from deployment. Shadow suggested we go back to what we used to do, visit VA's and rides. BB referenced the last line of our mission statement "We are also committed to helping American Veterans from all wars." Counties have Veteran Assistance Commissions that may be able to give us some direction.

Vice President - Dominic Ruggerio (Hard Core)

POW/MIA Chair:

- Soldiers Field's POW/MIA Chair was shipped. Hard Core recommended a Veterans day ceremony for the dedication.
- Kane County Cougars POW/MIA Chair is being used. We need to determine who will purchase the rope to cordon off the chair.

Concorde:

- BTR T-shirts will be purchased for Veteran's at Concorde.

Events Chairperson - Gary Vandebos (Names)

Big Thunder Run:

- Names thanked all for a successful BTR.

Veterans in Crisis:

- The chapter received a plaque from the VA for assistance with the Veterans in Crisis program. Names presented the plaque to all involved. Physical custody of the plaque went to Manny.

Abate:

- Names encouraged as many members as possible to attend the Abate Toys for Totes Motorcycle Run on Sunday, October 11, 2015.

Treasurer - Jim Murray (Snipe)

Financials:

- Snipe went over the financials including BTR, Motorcycle Raffle, and Gun Raffle.

Chairman of the Board - Richard Montgomery (Popeye)

Big Thunder Run:

- Popeye thanked Names for coordinating BTR, Shadow for the route and all who participated.
- Terry King (patch lady) liked the Montgomery VFW location for BTR. She suggested for 2016 we make it a three day event in remembrance of 9-11, similar to Joliet Vet Fest. Also, possibly partnering with Warrior Brotherhood. Concerns were: membership participation; blocking street for 3 days; beer permit; and price of beer. The membership declined.

Pheasant Run:

- Volunteers are needed for Pheasant Run, second weekend in January.

Members

- This was Snicker's last meeting. He is moving to Texas. All members wished him well.
- There was a nice turnout for past member Michael Jordan's memorial service in Ohio. Popeye will have memorial patches made.

Board Member - Knute Weick

Big Thunder Run:

- Knute suggested a 50/50 raffle in place of the bike raffle, cost of tickets should be 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10, \$10,000 minimum guaranteed payout. 50/50 raffle tickets would be easier for all members to sell. No bike to transport and display.

Meeting was adjourned at 2040 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Woosley, Secretary
Rolling Thunder, Illinois Chapter 1