

Rolling Thunder® Illinois Chapter 1 Meeting Minutes

Minutes of Rolling Thunder, Inc. Illinois Chapter One General Membership Meeting

September 2, 2009
attendance

41 of 76 members were in

President Doug Mahar called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

Guest visitor this month Jim Ryan, a 1969 and 1970 Viet Nam vet. (Jim picked up an application after the meeting).

President - Doug "Skippy" Mahar

The meeting format will be brief as tonight is election night and the last meeting before BTR.

Along with the full concurrence of the Board, Doug named Dominic "Hard Core" Ruggiero as Vice-President of Illinois Chapter One to fill the vacant seat for the balance of the current term, ie, until September 2010.

On September 13 we will participate in the Winfield Good Old Days Parade and Veterans Memorial. Parade time is 1:15 pm. Line up at the Warrenville VFW, kick stands up at 11:30 am. This is a very short parade.

We have received a grant check from the Foundation. This money was deposited directly to Rolling Thunder Charities where it will be disbursed to Hines and Manteno per the terms of the Grant. The Manteno portion of the Grant has gone very well and is essentially complete. The Hines portion of the Grant is in disarray due to outdated information and misinformation supplied by Hines during the application process. The previous needs requested are totally different than their actual current needs. We have an obligation to the Foundation to follow the terms of the Grant. We are currently working with Hines and the Foundation to resolve these issues.

Tonight is the last meeting during the tenure of the President, Secretary and 3 Board members. Doug expressed his thanks. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as President. We have accomplished some very good things for the veterans.

Chairman of the Board - Rick "Popeye" Montgomery

Popeye asked for any additional nominations to election slate. There were none. Prior to the meeting Cutter and Harley Steve had declined their previous nominations. No additional nominations were made. Election ballots were distributed. Popeye and another board member retreated to tally the ballots.

Treasurer - Jim "Snipe" Murray

Our treasury report was read and accepted. This includes money that has been set aside as seed money for the Big Thunder Run. The raffle bike has been already paid off.

There are many, many tickets outstanding in the hands of members (about 47% of the total tickets). We do not know if these tickets are unsold or sold or if they will be sold.

Laurie asked if we received the Grant money. Yes, the money was deposited directly to the Rolling Thunder Charities.

Secretary - Bill Houghtaling

The IBEW is having Riders for Homeless Veterans on September 13 (benefiting the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans). They really appreciated our participation last year but we have already set up a Chapter Event on that date: Winfield Good Old Days parade.

We received a sketch from National detailing the placement of rockers, eagles and Iraq/Afghanistan patches on the vest. I will make a pdf copy and distribute it via email.

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The results of the 2009 election are as follows:

President	Bill Sharpness
Secretary	Tony Leone
Board Members	Bill Houghtaling
	Doug Mahar
	Dennis Reiter
	Kriss Sedlacek

Old Business and New Business

Cutter thanked those that participated in the Remembrance Table at the Glendale Heights VFW and also at Toyota Park.

Beau is working on an opportunity for us to perform a Remembrance Table Ceremony during a Bears halftime.

Boz is attempting to put together a group to perform the Remembrance Table at the POW/MIA National Recognition Day Event at the Rock Island Arsenal on September 19th. A sign up sheet was passed around. Rock Island is about 3 hours west of Warrenville where I-80 crosses the Mississippi River. It was further clarified and verified this event takes place on Saturday September 19th. We all understand this is late notice and we are trying to make our participation possible. Contact Boz

directly at bozndo@comcast.net

Both Laurie and Andy asked about the status of patches and members who have not renewed their dues. Beau asked that an updated list be sent around. The Secretary will update the list and send it to the membership via email.

Artie, in a recent communication, has requested dues be paid for the inactive years as well as the current year for members that have let their membership lapse and then became current members again. This is news to us and the chapter recently has paid for the inactive year in three cases.

Honor Flight Chicago will be conducting two flights this month. The flight dates are September 9th and again on September 30th. Typically we depart Warrenville around 8:00 pm to arrive at Midway Airport by 9:00 pm. Our friends at the American Knights provide us with safe and secure parking next to the terminal. Watch your email for updates.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Houghtaling, Secretary

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Upcoming Events: (Chapter events in **Bold**)

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| Sept. 13 | Winfield Good Old Days Parade, ksu 11:30 am @VFW |
| Sept. 13 | IBEW Riders for Homeless Veterans, 630 393-1701 x2667 |
| Sept. 13 | MSHV Golf Outing, http://helpaveteran.org/ |
| Sept. 18 & 19 | The Ride Home, http://powridehome.org/ Andersonville, GA |
| Sept. 18 | National POW/MIA Recognition Day |
| Sept. 19 | Remembrance Table, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Rock Island Arsenal |
| Sept. 20 | BTR Pre-Run, ksu Batavia VFW, 11:30 am |
| Sept. 27 | Gold Star Mother Day |
| Oct. 3 | Set up for Big Thunder Run |
| Oct. 4 | Big Thunder Run |
| Oct. 11 | IL Ch 2 Never Forget Thunder Run and Toys for Tots Parade, rollingthundeilch2events@yahoo.com |
| Nov. 1 | Manteno Veterans Run, Oak Lawn H.O.G. |