

**Rolling Thunder® Illinois Chapter 1  
Meeting Minutes**

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

June 2nd, 2010

25 of 70 in attendance

**Acting Vice President Dominic Ruggiero called the meeting to order.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

**Secretary- Tony "Clutch" Leone**

Mission Statement was read. 9 Viet Nam POW/MIA that went missing in the Month of June were recognized and a moment of silence was offered.

**Acting Vice President - Dominic "Hardcore" Ruggiero**

Hardcore welcomed back the members that went on the POW/MIA Awareness Demonstration Ride in Washington D.C.

Hardcore has tickets from the MSHV for troops and vets night at the Kane County Cougars against the Burlington Bees game on August 2nd. Tickets are 10.00 Hardcore has 23 tickets left. See hardcore if you are interested in the tickets.

Hardcore and John Mikuski attended the Fisher house Dedication at Hines. Fisher house is the equivalent to the Ronald McDonald House and is a facility for veteran's families. There are 44 nationwide and 15 facilities under construction.

June 6th is the Wheaton VFW event. There is a ride and we will be performing the table.

June 19th is Freedom Ride in Marseilles. We need a strong turnout there to sell tickets.

There will be a BTR committee meeting after the general membership meeting.

A heartfelt thanks to Boz for his effort in the education department and presentation given to 200 students at West Chicago High School which included presentations from our own Bill Sharpness and Dominic Ruggiero.

New members were recognized, Maurice Dore, Marv Harkins, and Nancy Cassady. Special Guest Howard "Weebles" Bushnell was recognized.

**Secretary- Tony "Clutch" Leone**

Boot patches were awarded to Albert Miller and Lisa Fulco.

**Treasurer - Jim "Snipe" Murray**

Snipe is still holding 54% of the tickets. Only 225 tickets have been returned. We need a strong effort from the membership to sell as many tickets as we can. Freedom Run is a strong non Rolling Thunder® event that we can move tickets. If you have not received books, see Snipe.

Treasure report was read. Insurance was taken care of and donation to Fox Valley Troop Support.

**Board Member - Douglas "Skippy" Mahar**

Skippy discussed the participation of the Rescue Riders in the BTR this year. Rescue Riders are a first responder group that Skippy has been a member of for several years that have CPR and medical training. They are trained as first responders to disasters under the pretense that in case of a medical disaster, they will be able to get into an area much easier than a 4 wheeled vehicle. They are volunteering to have 2 riders go out with every 4th group as a safety net in case someone is involved in, or has an incident/accident. The membership agreed that we would like to have the Rescue Riders participate in the Big Thunder Run.

**Board Member - Dennis "LT" Reiter**

LT discussed the Wheaton VFW event on June 6th. Dress appropriately in Black Jeans, Black Boots and White Shirt if you are going to perform in the table ceremony. Vests and caps will be provided.

**Acting Vice President - Dominic "Hardcore" Ruggiero**

Freedom Run Details will be out well before the 19th in E-Mail. Tom Dertz will provide some details.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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