

**Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Illinois Chapter One
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2011**

The Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter Meeting of November 2, 2011 was called to order by Vice President Dominic Ruggiero at 19:30 at the VFW in Warrenville, IL. The membership pledged allegiance to the American Flag and had a moment of silence for Illinois POW/MIA's that went missing during the Vietnam War, and are still missing in the month of November, 2011. Mission Statement was read.

The Board attendance is listed below:

| Attending | Name | Position |
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| Excused | Bill Sharpness (Hawk) | President |
| Yes | Dominic Ruggiero (Hard Core) | Acting Vice-President |
| Yes | Jim Murray (Snipe) | Treasurer |
| Excused | Tony Leone (Clutch) | Secretary |
| Yes | Richard Montgomery (Popeye) | Chairman of the Board |
| Yes | Kristina Sedlacek (Kriss) | Board Member |
| Yes | Richy Zayat (Father Guido) | Board Member |
| Yes | Chuck Kimber (Boat Sides) | Board Member |
| Excused | Bill Atkinson (Fall Out) | Board Member |
| Yes | Dennis Reiter (LT) | Board Member |
| Yes | Bill Houghtaling (B.B.) | Board Member |

35 of 76 adult members were in attendance.

President- Bill Sharpness (Hawk)

Excused - not in attendance

Vice President-Dominic Ruggiero (Hard Core)

Dominic asked for any potential new members (guests) to stand up and identify themselves. There were three potential new members in attendance this month.

Roy Zeiglar a WW II POW will be coming to the Chapter meeting in February to speak.

There is no scheduled Chapter event for Veterans Day however if members speak individually at schools or other organizations please let him know.

The Christmas party is being held after next months General Meeting at the Warrenville VFW. Frank Battaglia is coordinating. Will be asking the VFW to prepare the main dishes. Members will be bringing a side dish or dessert. Plan on 60 to 80 people. Mid-West Shelter Veterans are invited as well.

Treasurer's Report - Jim Murray (Snipe)

Snipe summarized the Chapters finances for the month. Our current balance was increased by 91% as a result of the deposits from our annual fundraiser - Big Thunder Run and the Motorcycle Raffle.

Andy Gorski asked why there was an increase in this year's BTR expense vs last year. Snipe responded with this being the first year we have had to pay for a band.

The Chapter is looking for suggestions/input from members as to what kind of POW/MIA projects could be identified to support the mission.

The Chapter donated \$ to the Warrenville VFW as they have let us use their facilities for years at no cost. They were recently robbed and this money was to help get them back on their feet again.

Secretary's Report - Tony Leone (Clutch)

Excused - not in attendance

Chairman of the Board- Richard Montgomery (Popeye)

Popeye informed members of the Mid West Veterans home winning \$ in a contest that they entered. This will go a long ways in supporting their needs at the shelter going into the holidays.

Board Member-Kristina Sedlacek (Kriss)

Nothing to report.

Board Member-Richy Zayat (Father Guido)

Reminded members to bring a toy to donate at next months meeting to support the "Toys for Tots" program.

Board Member - Chuck Kimber (Boat Sides)

Nothing to report.

Board Member - Bill Atkinson (Fall Out)

Excused - not in attendance

Board Member-Dennis Reiter (LT)

Nothing to report.

Board Member-Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)

BB talked about recent improvements to the web site in the area of Photo Gallery. He is looking for more pictures from members showing the chapter supporting the POW/MIA mission.

BB also stated the board is reviewing possible ways to spend/distribute the chapter's money in support of the POW/MIA mission. One possible suggestion was a specially designed hot/cold buffet table for the veterans home to make table usage more accessible to disabled veterans. Another suggestion was a specially designed bathing system as well. (Recumbent Bathing System).

Chairman of Membership Committee - Rob Leskovar

Presented three sets of Rockers & Patches to Maurice Dore, Lisa Fulco, and Nancy Harkins.

Reminder that Dues are being collected and need to be paid as soon as possible in order to meet the February due date for National.

Other Concerns

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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