

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

January 4th, 2012

The Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter Meeting of January 3rd was called to order at the designated time of 19:30 by President Bill Sharpness 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 Viet Nam War, and are still missing in the month of May. The Rolling Thunder® Mission Statement was read. The Board attendance is listed below:

Attending	Name	Position
Yes	Bill "Hawk" Sharpness	President
Yes	Dominic "Hard Core" Ruggerio	Acting Vice-President
Yes	Jim "Snipe" Murray	Treasurer
Yes	Tony "Clutch" Leone	Secretary
Yes	Richard "Popeye" Montgomery	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Bill "Fallout" Atkinson	Board Member
Yes	Richy "Fr. Guido" Zayat	Board Member
Yes	Chuck "Botsides" Kimber	Board Member
Yes	Dennis "LT" Reiter	Board Member
Yes	Bill B.B. Houghtaling	Board Member

President- Bill "Hawk" Sharpness

Bill reminded everyone to keep POW Bowe Bergdahl in your mind and that we still have literature bumper stickers and letters available.

Bill reminded everyone that 2012 dues are due. Let's get them paid!

Between the billboards, plaques, and gun raffle, Bill expressed his satisfaction that we, Rolling Thunder® Illinois Chapter 1 is moving in the right direction addressing all important issues.

Vice President-Dominic "Hard Core" Ruggerio

Next month we have former POW Warrant Officer Ziegler. Mr. Ziegler was a helicopter pilot and was shot down in South Viet Nam. Mr. Ziegler will be speaking to us, and the members of the VFW.

Chairman of the Board- Richard "Popeye" Montgomery

Richard reviewed the status of the Motorcycle that will be raffled off at the 2012 Big Thunder Run. It will be a 2012 red Harley Davidson Deluxe model. The bike

will be purchased from Fox River Harley Davidson. Approximate price will be \$. Tickets will be available soon.

The tickets for the National bike raffle are also available for out Chapter members.

Popeye will be asking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation at the Motorcycle show at the Donald E Stephenson Convention Center. The dates are February 10th, 11th, and 12th.

Treasurer's Report - Jim "Snipe" Murray

Jim reviewed the Chapters 2011 Financial status as well as our current status.

This is a very detailed spreadsheet that has all of the Chapters income and expenditures by category so I will give you a synopsis of the spreadsheet:

Starting Balance 1/1/2011	\$
Income 2011	\$
Expenditures 2011	\$
Ending Balance 12/31/2011	\$

We spent 73% of our money on POW/MIA issues and 27% on Veterans issues.

10% of our expenditures go to Chapter expenses, Insurance, PO Box, etc.

For every dollar we bring in we spend .50 cents. This is an area we need to concentrate on to reduce.

The spreadsheet is available for your review.

Secretary's Report - Tony "Clutch" Leone

I thanked Rob Leskovar for all of his help and support while I was off.

I addressed Bob Shuttleworth's patch issue and assured him that he would be receiving them shortly.

Like Hawk, I also emphasized the importance of getting the dues situation taken care of in a timely manner.

Board Member-Bill "B.B." Houghtaling

Bill has requested pictures of events that could be added to the web site.

Bill has the raffle tickets for the Rolling Thunder® Illinois Chapter 1 Gun Bash to be held on June 23rd.2012. There will be 24 guns to be raffled. The cost of the

guns is \$dollars. Tickets are \$50.00 each and limited to 500 tickets. See B.B.Gun for all the details

Board Member-Dennis “LT” Reiter

“LT” is taking ownership of the POW/MIA plaque project and has requested that for the next general meeting, any suggestions from the members of what we would want on the plaques. The plaques will be made of granite. These will be placed if possible in train stations, rest stops, town squares. In short, any place that we can get permission that will be visible by the public. There are 71 POW/MIA on the list. We will try to be specific to the town of the POW/MIA.

Board Member-Richard “Father Guido” Zayat

No Report

Board Member-Bill “Fallout” Atkinson

Bill updated us on the status of the three billboards that were put up to bring attention to POW Bowe Bergdahl. The locations are as follows:

- Rt. 20 in Hanover Park just West of Barrington Road
- Oak Park Ave. and Ogden Ave. in Stickney
- I 294 and 83rd Street Toll Booth

These will be sleeves that can be reused in the future.

The presentation date will be on or about the 16-Jan.

Board Member-Charles “Botsides” Kimber

No Report

Other Concerns

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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