

**Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Illinois Chapter One
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 1st, 2015**

The Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter Meeting on April 1st, 2015 was called to order by Vice-President Dominic Ruggerio at 7:30pm at the VFW in Warrenville, IL. Our mission statement was read by Board Member Knute Weick.

The Board attendance is listed below:

Attending	Name	Position
No	Bill Sharpness (Hawk)	President
Yes	Dominic Ruggerio (Hard Core)	Vice-President
Yes	Jim Murray (Snipe)	Treasurer
Yes	Alen Zdralic	Secretary
Yes	Richard Montgomery (Popeye)	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Gary Vandebos (Names)	Activities Chairperson
Yes	Kandice Jacobs	Assistant Secretary/Membership
Yes	Howard "Weebles" Bushnell	Assistant Secretary/Communications
Yes	Tom Woosley	Interim Secretary
Yes	Knute Weick	Board Member
Yes	Bill Atkinson (Fall Out)	Board Member
Yes	John Mikuski (Raffles)	Board Member
Yes	Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)	Board Member
Yes	Dan Thomas (Cage)	Board Member
Yes	Don Pugh (Spoiled)	Board Member
No	Gary Stengler	Assistant Treasurer

Vice-President-Dominic Ruggerio (Hard Core)

- RT Member Kathy McGinnis was given the Rolling Thunder Chapter 1 award for her dedication and hard work in raising funds and helping on the POW/MIA issue. Thank you Kathy!!!

Chairman of the Board-Richard Montgomery (Popeye)

- Bikers R Us Swap Meet at Pheasant Run this weekend. Need help 1200pm-900pm on Friday and 900am-500pm on Saturday.
- May 3rd in Aurora. Motorcycle Sundays is a 50 mile motorcycle ride. POW/MIA booth along with gun bash tickets. Help is appreciated.
- May 25th Essence of Freedom Run. RT Chapter 1 to be there.

Treasurer-Jim Murray (Snipe)

- Paul Darley Foundation. \$1500.00 donation in RT Chapter 1 name.
- We currently have \$xxxx in the bank.

Activities Chairperson-Gary Vandebos (Names)

- We will be able to sell bike tickets at the Cougars game on Thursday July 2nd so bring your bike tickets with you!

Assistant Secretary/Membership-Kandice Jacobs

- We now have the first chapter newsletter.
- Looking to highlight all POW's/MIA's from Aurora and honor them with chairs. Possible to see if Village of Aurora would like to assist in this? Spoiled to follow up.

Assistant Secretary/Communications-Howard Bushnell (Weebles)

- History of Rolling Thunder Chapter 1 packet. Would be beneficial to add history to our website.

Board Member-Knute Weick

- Get the vets from Hines to come to BTR and/or Military Appreciation Night? Will need to look into getting a driver to assist in bringing Concord vets to the events.
- Need to ensure we let general membership know that we may get negativity about Bowe Bergdahl. Need to explain to those that we needed to ensure we leave no one behind and let the military decide his fate.

Board Member-Dan Thomas (Cage)

- Dom and Cage working on Chair of Honor program.
- We are all set up for the Essence of Freedom Run May 25th.
- Looking to see if we can find a bag piper for the Cougar game in July. Possible to look into getting a Bugler if we cannot find a bag piper.

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- We need to bring awareness regarding suicides in the military. **Knute** to assist in having holder made up for suicide awareness brochures.

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- Would be great to have volunteers to assist in the Stand-By-Me Heroes program. Our mission is to focus on impacting; reducing the veteran suicide rates of 22-26 per day to providing help to our heroes and their families across local communities struggling with PTSD and other traumas.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alen Zdralic, Secretary
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