

# Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup>, Inc. Illinois Chapter One General Membership Meeting Minutes June 3, 2015

Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup> Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 membership meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Rick Montgomery at 1940 hours on June 3, 2015 at the VFW in Warrenville, IL. The membership pledged allegiance to the American Flag. The mission statement was read by Vice President Dominic Ruggerio and a moment of silence was observed for our MIA's.

## Board Attendance:

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

## **Chairman of the Board - Richard Montgomery (Popeye)**

### Passing:

- B. Shawn Harmon passed away on a bike run in Austin, Texas on Thursday, February 19, 2015. Shawn's family requested donations to Rolling Thunder in lieu of flowers. RT IL 1 was the beneficiary of \$2,150.

### Events:

- Popeye thanked all who attended the Police Memorial Ride on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, in North Riverside. Terry also appreciated the chapter's participation.
- Popeye also thanked those who attended the Essence of Freedom run on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, in Deerfield.

### Big Thunder Run:

- Chapter event at Montgomery VFW to determine BTR set-up and parking possibilities tentatively scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **President - Bill Sharpness (Hawk)**

### Task Force Omega:

- RT IL 1 was presented a plaque from Task Force Omega in Rainelle, WV for appreciation of the chapter's support with POW/MIA issues.

### Big Thunder Run:

- All members are encourage to submit ideas for chapter improvement.

## **Board Member - Kandice Jacobs**

### Chapter News Letter:

- Contact Kandice if anyone has any information for the chapter's newsletter.

## **Member - Manny Lopez**

### Veterans in Crisis:

- Pamphlet holders for Veterans in crisis media have been obtained. To assist in passing out the holders with literature to VFW's, see Manny.

## **Board Member - Dan Thomas (Cage)**

### Big Thunder Run:

- Special invitations for BTR have been extended to The Loop Rock Girl and former Chicago White Sox baseball player Ron Kittle.

## **Activities Chairperson - Gary Vandebos (Names)**

### Kane County Cougars:

- Chapter event at Kane County Cougars on Military Appreciation Day, Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will have the BTR bike next to the POW/MIA booth on the mezzanine inside the park. We are permitted to sell raffle tickets inside the park. Set-up is at 4pm, game starts at 5.
- RT members will receive one free ticket. Members are encouraged to bring guests. See names for tickets.
- Names will request 30 minutes to be allotted for the Remembrance Table Ceremony. Table volunteers are needed, see LT.
- Participants are needed for the Table ceremony

### Big Thunder Run:

- Tailgaters requested to be exclusive food vendor for BTR. Concerns were voiced and Names agreed that he will continue interviewing food truck vendors.

## **Treasurer - Jim Murray (Snipe)**

### Patches:

- Snipe presented Pockets with his Boot patch.
- Gun raffle brought in \$xxxx. This is a ratio of \$xxx to every \$1 spent.

### RT History:

- Rolling Thunder Illinois Chapter 1's history can now be viewed on the chapter's website.

## **Member - (Fr. Guido)**

### Big Thunder Run:

- Deadline for receiving articles to be published in the 2015 BTR booklet has been moved up to the end of June.

## **Vice President - Dominic Ruggerio (Hard Core)**

### Concord Place:

- Concord Place requested a vest with Rolling Thunder's rocker and eagle to be framed and displayed in honor of Rolling Thunder's support of homeless veterans. Snipe will correspond with Artie.

## **Board Member - Bill Atkinson (Fall Out)**

### Passing:

- Fallout extended the chapter's sympathy to Chuck and Anita Kimber for the passing of Chuck's sister.

Meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Woosley for

Alen Zdralic, Secretary  
Rolling Thunder Illinois Chapter 1