

**Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Illinois Chapter One
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 2nd, 2015**

The Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Board Chapter Meeting of **September 2nd, 2015** was called to order by **President of the Board Bill Sharpness** at 19:30 at the VFW in Warrenville, IL. The mission statement was read by **Vice-President Dominic Ruggerio**.

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

Vice President-Dominic Ruggerio (Hard Core)

- Still waiting on the Bears to pick a location for the chair at Soldier Field.
- Still working on getting a Chair of Honor as well in Aurora.

Chairman of the Board-Richard Montgomery (Popeye)

- Names, Fester & I will be at the Joliet Vet Fest this upcoming Saturday which is September 5th 2015. We will be there to sell bike tickets for BTR. The Fest starts at noon till 11:00pm. Please come out if you can.
- Wildfire will be honoring a re-captured American flag that have come home from Iraq on Friday September 11th 2015. Rolling Thunder to do the ceremony table at this event. Event starts at 6pm and the ceremony table will be at 7pm. Please make sure you are dressed accordingly for table ceremony.
- Thanks again for coming out Don Ross's funeral.

Activities Chairperson-Gary Vandenbos (Names)

- Each stop at BTR will have 10 applications along with wristbands.
- We need to ensure that all food and alcohol is purchased at the VFW.
- We will need to be there at 9am on Saturday September 12th to set up for BTR.
- We may have the national anthem at BTR this year.

- Flowers to be passed out and onto the tables during the cage ceremony.
- Traffic signs purchased for directions to the BTR event.
- We all need to do security while at BTR and ensure all rules are followed.
- We will need to make sure we check ID's for those who look underage.

Asst. Secretary/Communications-Howard Bushnell (Weebles)

- Would like to thank Father Guido for doing a great job on the BTR booklets. Thanks again!

Interm Secretary-Tom Woosley (Fester)

- We will start advance notices on current & new topics RT will be working on prior to meetings. This will be sent out as an email.

Board Member-John Mikuski (Raffles)

- Donations for the raffles at BTR will be needed on Saturday September 12th during BTR setup.

Board Member-Dan Thomas (Cage)

- We will have a bag piper at BTR around 4:00pm.
- We got word that Governor Rauner will not be at BTR this year. There has also been no answer yet on the Chair of Honor in Springfield from the Rauner administration. Will continue to work on this.

Members:

Shadow- We need to make sure those assigned to the stops are there on time. The stops are Knuckleheads, Hinks and Browns.

Manny & Father Guido- We will be running the bike show. We have the trophies ready to go.

LT- Make sure that you are on time for the Wildfire event and that you are dressed accordingly. I will make a determination on who is doing the table when we are there. Please check in with me so that I know you are there.

Notes:

- Five board positions are up for re-election: Vice President, Secretary and 3 board of directors. Vice President Dominic Ruggerio (Hard Core) has been re-elected. Tom Woosley (Fester) has been elected as Secretary. Dan Thomas (Cage), Bill Houghtaling (BB) & Bill Atkinson have been re-elected for the Board of Directors .

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alen Zdralic, Secretary
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