

# Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup>, Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

## Membership Meeting Minutes April 3, 2024

Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup> Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Al “Shadow” Miller at 1940 hours at the Warrenville VFW.

### Chapter Board

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Al “Shadow” Miller	President
Yes	Kandice “PG” Jacobs	Vice-President
Yes	Rick “Cosmo” Herr	Treasurer
Yes	Jim “Snipe” Murray	Secretary
Yes	Knut Weick	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Wendy “Dragonfly” Vach	Director
No	Don “Stone Cold” Gaylord	Director
Yes	Greg “Rooster” Messler	Director
Yes	Keith “Stretch” Stengler	Director
Yes	Dave “Roadie Dave” Skinner	Director
Yes	Sue “Stumbler” Price	Director

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Miller. A moment of silence was observed for the Illinois MIAs lost during the month of April. Opening prayer by Chappy

Guests: Gus and Hanna Apostolopoulos and Troy – a friend of Chappy.

**Shadow:**

- Shadow shared with the chapters the final arrangements for the area Demonstration Ride to be held on May 26<sup>th</sup>. The chapter will be responsible for registration and parking at the Lovell Federal Health Care Center. A team of at least 10 will be required at 0730 with the rest of the chapter due in by 0900. The volunteers for the early shift are Shadow, Rooster, Spitfire, Knute, Pockets, Stretch, Lone Wolf, Beau, Chappy, Chris and Stumbler.
- The Byline (Byline is the bank that the chapter uses) grant has been reviewed. We are told the chances are good but we will not know until June.

**Cos:**

- Informed the chapter of our bank account status as of the end of March. As always, any member looking for specific chapter financial information should contact Cos.
- An annual obligation of the chapter is to provide National with a yearly report regarding income and expenses of the chapter. This report was signed off on tonight and will be sent to National.
- Status of ticket sales for the GunBash are 250 tickets returned with 250 outstanding. Many of those may be sold but we won’t know until we have them in hand. If you still have tickets – get back to Cos with the status and intent.
- Remember that the GunBash event is May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Sugar Grove American Legion.

**Dragonfly:**

- If you have GunBash tickets that you cannot sell, please get them to Wendy or Cos ASAP. We have one more chapter meeting before the fundraiser.

**Stumbler:**

- There will be a car show at the Iron Gate Car Club one week prior to our GunBash. We hope to be able to sell tickets at that event.

**Knute:**

- Knute reminded us all of the Memorial Day events which are to include the Candle Light Vigil on May 25<sup>th</sup>, and the ride and table ceremony (held by Chapter Two) at Cantigny.
- The Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery will be placing flags by the Veteran graves on Monday May 27 at 1100. If you would like to take part in this event, you are requested to be there around 0900.

**Rooster:**

- Will coordinate registration at Lovell. When you arrive check in with Rooster and see where you can help out.
- A member of Rolling Thunder National has suggested that our National Executive Director, Artie Muller, be considered for the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Rooster will contact the chapter as to how this effort can be supported locally.

**Roadie Dave:**

- We are moving closer to having a Poker Run this August at the Batavia VFW. More to follow as plans come together. This event is scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Roadie Dave will set up a coordinated run to Lovell on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Watch your email for time and place.

**Tug:**

- The Street Sign program is moving through the process of approval. Looking forward to the results.

**Chris "Spyder" Graham:**

- Brought up the possibility of a local repatriation ceremony on June 10<sup>th</sup>. More information will be shared next week.

**Chappy:**

- Gave us an update on the "Stand-by-me Heroes Veterans Community Center Vision Project". He also discussed Veteran suicides. If you know someone who may be thinking of taking their life or seem to be disconnecting from relationships, contact Chappy at 877-734-4244.

Jim "Snipe" Murray - Secretary

*"Don't just join. Be involved."*