

Minutes of the Rolling Thunder® , Inc. - Illinois Chapter 1 general membership meeting.

November 2, 2005 *43 of 92 members were in attendance*

President Don Pugh called the meeting to order at 1900 hours. A quorum was present and an official meeting was declared.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

Barb Zeman of the Batavia VFW Ladies Auxiliary was present at this meeting.

Minutes of the October meeting were accepted.

President - Don Pugh introduced Barb Zeman who is president of the Batavia VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Barb came to present a check for \$150 from the proceeds they collected at BTR. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary at the Big Thunder Run raised this money. She also thanks us for using their VFW for the BTR. Additionally, the Batavia VFW is inviting our presence on Veteran's Day, November 11, to perform a Remembrance Table Ceremony. Don Pugh, Steve Pletzke, Bill Houghtaling and Larry Smith volunteered to participate. At least four more volunteers are needed. Don Pugh is our primary contact person for participation. We will meet at 9am for ceremonies between 10 am and 11 am at the Batavia VFW.

Vice-President - Larry "Roadkill" Smith brought several runs to our attention. (I have included in this list other events of interest to our members).

November 6 Marine Week Heroes Ride Contact Howard
"Weebles" Bushnell

November 6 Manteno Veterans Home ride

November 11 Batavia VFW, 10am

November 11 POW/MIA Memorial, Winchester, VA

November 26 ABATE Biker Talent Show, Warrenville VFW

December 7 Next meeting and our Christmas party. Bring a side dish to share, contact person is Kriss .

December 11 Our Chapter trip to and party for Hines Hospital Veterans

Treasurer - Kriss Sedlacek- \$xxx in the bank.

Secretary - Bill Houghtaling asked that all members double check their contact information on the sign up sheet.

The annual dues renewal season is here now. The annual dues \$30. Members are encouraged to renew at the December meeting.

Old Business

Doug "Skippy" Mahar reported on our most successful and greatest Big Thunder Run. His "scientific" bike count was approximately 650 bikes in participation. Doug appreciated the comments and the complaints.

New Business

Irit "Spam" Battaglia is our new webmaster.

Doug "Skippy" Mahar and Mike "Blue Leader" Morias will be traveling to Washington, DC to represent Illinois Chapter 1 at the National Rolling Thunder Conference.

Laurie initiated discussion regarding a bike raffle at the 2006 Big Thunder Run. We would like to be able to sell raffle tickets at the winter swap meets. Don Pugh accepted responsibility for ticket sales. Ozzie again will assist us in obtaining a bike.

Irit brought up the \$10 Halloween Fundraiser for Hines at Brad's house. A motion was passed to reimburse Brad \$250 to defray some of the expenses.

We still need a chairman of the board. We will pursue this issue at the January meeting.

Hines Hospital Party

Brad and John are collecting donations for the Hines visit and need donations. All donations of personal care items are appreciated. John is working on a donation from Walmart. Mike Jordan will again be donating shampoos and lotions with our Rolling Thunder name on the labels. There was discussion regarding a mailing to solicit donations from Big Thunder Run participants and to Posts where we have performed the Remembrance Table Ceremony. Discussion continued regarding discounted USPS mailing for not for profit organizations.

A motion was passed to provide 400 printed Rolling Thunder T shirts to the vets at Hines during our visit. These will be white T-shirts with black logos; larger sizes (xl and bigger) work best.

Meeting adjourned.

New Member

I would like to welcome Dominic Rugggerio of Naperville who joined our Chapter at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Houghtaling, Secretary
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