

Rolling Thunder® Illinois Chapter 1
Meeting Minutes

Minutes of Rolling Thunder, Inc. Illinois Chapter One General Membership Meeting

January 6, 2010

20 of 84 in attendance

President Bill Sharpness called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

Following Rolling Thunder Mission Statement, Dominic read the names of Illinois POW/MIA's that were lost during the month of January. A moment of silence was observed.

Secretary Tony "Clutch" Leone unavailable for this meeting.

Treasurer - Jim "Snipe" Murray

Snipe passed around 2 photos taken during November events. The first photo was our presentation to the Manteno State Veterans Home on November 11th.



The second photo was Illinois Governor Pat Quinn with Rolling Thunder IL 1 during the Veterans Day Observance at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.



Treasury Report: The treasury balance was announced. The Board has developed a donation strategy that honors our mission's commitment to the POW/MIA issue and while also providing for veteran issues. The Board has deemed an amount of our balance is available for donations. The balance of the treasury money will be held as seed money for fundraising and chapter expenses. Because almost all our fundraising occurs in the fall, this seed money will be "recycled and harvested" to fund our donation plans for next year.

Consequently 35% of the an initial amount will be donated to the POW/MIA side of the mission and 65% will be donated to veteran issues side of the mission. Any further donation money raised this year will be split 50% to POW/MIA issues and 50% to veteran issues. To date on the POW/MIA side we have donated an amount to the POW Ride Home at the National Prisoner of War Museum, , Andersonville, Ga

<http://theridehome.com/> also see <http://www.nps.gov/ANDE/index.htm>

Additionally on the POW side we are donating an amount to Roger Hall, a noted researcher and lobbyist for the POW/MIA's. Mr. Hall's actions are endorsed by Rolling Thunder National. (ed. please take a minute to read the following links:

<http://www.ojc.org/powforum/naf99/naf9908.htm>

<http://www.aiipowmia.com/sea/hall1.html>

<http://www.powfoia.org/>.

On the Veterans side we are donating an amount to the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, Operation Care Package, Joliet, IL and to Fox Valley Troop Support. Recommendations or suggestions of other donation recipients may be made to any board member.

President - Bill "Hawk" Sharpness

As our primary mission is POW/MIA awareness and publicity, Hawk wants to make it a Chapter event and photo opportunity when we present our donation checks.

We will conduct a bike raffle at the Big Thunder Run this year. We look for suggestions on which model to choose. We would like to keep the bike in a certain range to maximize our profit potential. Last year we had 3000 tickets and sold out. Moe suggested increasing the ticket pool to 3500 or 4000 tickets. To most buyers, the tickets odds or pool are not a consideration. The consensus was to increase the ticket pool and purchase a Road King for the raffle.

Ride to Washington, DC and Rolling Thunder XXIII is coming up in a few months. Think about it and be ready when it comes time to plan the ride. Hawk has information sheets for Rolling Thunder XXIII, lodging and to order sheets for pins, bandanas, patches, etc. This info is also available on line at <http://www.rollingthunder1.com/PDFs/RT2010.pdf>

We have raffle tickets available from National for the Street Glide being raffled at Rolling Thunder XXIII. Tickets are \$10 each which includes 3 stubs. We have tickets to sell or have the Chapter purchase. See a photo of the bike here <http://www.rollingthunder1.com/>

Chairman of the Board - Richard "Popeye" Montgomery

Popeye is looking for volunteers to help with Ride For Kids bike raffle tickets sales which will take place at the Rosemont Convention Center on Feb. 19, 20, 21, <http://www.motorcycleshows.com/Chicago> Popeye can get you free admission. Find Ride for Kids info at <http://www.pbtfus.org/rideforkids/>

Meeting was then adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

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Tony Leone, Secretary
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