

**Rolling Thunder® Illinois Chapter 1  
Meeting Minutes**

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

**May 5th, 2010**

**23 of 70 in attendance**

**President Bill Sharpness** called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

**Acting Vice President - Dominic "Hardcore" Ruggiero**

Mission Statement was read. 9 Viet Nam POW/MIA that went missing in the Month of February were recognized and a moment of silence was offered.

**President - Bill "Hawk" Sharpness**

Hawk stated the Hines visit was a clear success and a heartfelt thank you was given to Kriss Sedlacek for all her efforts.

Hawk encouraged the members to purchase some of the raffle tickets for the Rolling Thunder® National bike raffle before our Chapter purchases our allotted share of remaining tickets.

He also is asking all members to be involved in some aspect of Rolling Thunder® Illinois Chapter one reiterating that we are all members for the same reason as stated in our mission statement. To fulfill our obligation as members we need to have some "skin in the game" and participate in more than the BTR.

**Treasurer - Jim "Snipe" Murray**

Snipe stated that we have paid off our bike to be raffled at the Big Thunder Run. Snipe paid Wildfire Harley Davidson and selling all tickets will support our efforts in funding local Veteran relief and support efforts.

Our financials are growing of which roughly half is banked money to get the Big Thunder Run started.

**Secretary- Tony "Clutch" Leone**

I discussed upcoming honor flights and will come up with a plan to make sure we have rally points on route so we can ride as a group.

Final plans were discussed for the Fox Valley Troop Support donation.

**Bill "B.B. Houghtaling**

B.B. reviewed the calendar of events that will be taking place in May. We will send out updates to keep everyone informed. Included are the LZ Lambeau Ride, Honor Flight and the Hines Fisher House Dedication.

**Acting Vice President - Dominic "Hardcore" Ruggiero**

Hardcore and the Chapter members gave a heartfelt thanks to Snipe and Hawk taking care of the difficult planning and logistics of escorting the flag across Illinois for the Warrior Games.

Also, recognized was Boz as our education chairperson who put together a visit to West Chicago High School on May 19th with some of our members to educate the students on the POW/MIA issue.

**Chairman of the Board - Rick "Popeye" Montgomery**

Discussed the Lisle parade and more details will follow.

**Board Member - Dennis "LT" Reiter**

LT passed around the list for chapter members to participate in the remembrance table at the Lisle parade on Memorial Day.

**President - Bill "Hawk" Sharpness**

Encouraged members to make sure we have a strong commitment of members to perform the table ceremony at the upcoming events. Everyone was solicited to buy raffle tickets for the national bike raffle and stated we have raffle tickets and flyers for the BTR.

**Steve Sedlacek for Kriss Sedlacek**

Steve encouraged everyone to start thinking about the Big Thunder Run and

decide what job they will be able to do. We will be discussing the run, route, and whether we will add another stop.

**Bill Atkinson** volunteered to put together an emergency contact list that would be easily accessible if anything happened to any member while out on the ride.

**Acting Vice President - Dominic "Hardcore" Ruggiero**

Move to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Leone, Secretary  
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