

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

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

August 4, 2010 __ of 74 members were in attendance

President Bill "Hawk" Sharpness called the meeting to order.

Opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hard Core read the Rolling Thunder Mission Statement and the name of a POW/MIA from the Viet Nam era that were lost during the month August. A moment of silence was observed.

Susie Shuttleworth, wife of member Robert "Wiz" Shuttleworth, was our guest at this meeting.

President - Bill "Hawk" Sharpness

Requested BB for a Popeye update and a short update was provided. Recovery is slow but good.

Hawk asked Hard Core to speak about an upcoming Remembrance Table event. The *Volare Restaurant in Oak Brook Terrance* has requested our presence on Aug. 18 during their car show. Proceeds from the car show will go to Hines Hospital. Members were asked to commit to the event. A sufficient number agreed and final details will be posted on our website calendar.

Treasurer - Jim "Snipe" Murray

Treasury report was provided. Bike raffle should be doing a lot better at this point. 34% of the tickets are unassigned, 43% are held by members, and only 892 tickets out of 4000 have been sold. There is only one more meeting before the BTR. Sales or a sellout at BTR are not a guarantee. During previous years we have been at the 2200 tickets sold level by this date.

New and Old Business

Hawk spoke about upcoming events:

- > Glendale Heights VFW and Remembrance Table,
- > Volare Restaurant and Remembrance Table,
- > Elburn Days, meeting with the Lago Vista group in Lockport and on SEP_11 we are committed to a Remembrance Table Ceremony at the **Roselle American Legion**.

Skippy spoke about an upcoming funeral escort for a career service woman on August 21.

Bob "Wiz" Shuttleworth will be having a POW/MIA information table and BTR ticket sales at the Friday's Restaurant in Bolingbrook during a car and bike show. The date is August 28th, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. A few good men and women could be used to sell BTR raffle tickets and tell the POW/MIA story.

Reminder: Watch our website calendar for the latest information and updates on our events.

Hawk provided an update on our t-shirt idea for POW/MIA publicity. Basically we want to list the Illinois POW/MIA's from Illinois during the Viet Nam war on a t-shirt, add our logo and sell the shirts at cost. Joe Feze and Skippy will lead the committee and work out the details.

Bill Houghtaling, standing in for Secretary Tony Leone this month, had a boot batch for new member Moe Dore. Welcome to Illinois Chapter One Moe!

Skippy talked about the Remembrance Table ceremony on September 25th. We have committed to this event know as the **DuPage County Veteran Thank You**. It will take place at the **Villa Park VFW**. It was previously planned for the Odeum Exposition Center but the location has been moved.

Skippy also spoke about the September elections and previous nominations. The floor was opened up for any additional nominations. New nominations were sought for Vice President, Treasurer and 3 board members. Chuck Kimber was nominated for board member. The nomination was seconded and accepted. Nominations will be again accepted at the September meeting.

Snipe had chapter patches, Rolling Thunder patches and BTR year patches available.

Snickers will be setting up a Rolling Thunder table and booth at the **Wildfire Block Party on August 28th**. This is an all day event, well attended and a lot of fun. Our

goal is to spread the POW/MIA message and sell BTR raffle tickets. Contact Snickers prior to the event or just show up and help.

Skippy, Hawk and Snipe volunteered at the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans and rebuilt their back porch. The chapter paid for the material cost.

Rhonda and Beth are chairing BTR registration. Contact them to help with the early morning rush.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Houghtaling.