

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

MARCH 2ND, 2011

The Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter Meeting of March 2nd 2011 was called to order by Vice President Dominic Ruggiero at 19:30 at the VFW in Warrenville, IL. The membership pledged allegiance to the American Flag and had a moment of silence for Illinois POW/MIA's that went missing during the Viet Nam War, and are still missing in the month of January, along with POW Bowe Bergdahl still held in Afghanistan. The Rolling Thunder® Mission Statement was read. The Board attendance is listed below:

Attending	Name	Position
Excused	Bill " Hawk" Sharpness	President
Yes	Dominic "Hard Core" Ruggiero	Acting Vice-President
Excused	Jim "Snipe" Murray	Treasurer
Yes	Tony "Clutch" Leone	Secretary
Yes	Richard "Popeye" Montgomery	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Kristina "Kris" Sedlacek	Board Member
Yes	Richy "Fr. Guido" Zayat	Board Member
Yes	Doug "Skippy" Mahar	Board Member
Yes	Dennis "LT" Reiter	Board Member
Excused	Bill B.B. Houghtaling	Board Member

35 of 77 adult members were in attendance. We had 3 guests or potential new members that were in attendance.

Vice President Dominic "Hard Core" Ruggiero

Dominic requested the meeting guests to stand up and be recognized. The guests are Bill and Sandy Prescott of Downers Grove and Knute Weick from West Chicago. All three wish to become active members.

Dominic announced that it has been 2 years since we received the big grant that we used for Hines and Manteno. We are now eligible to reapply for another grant. Dominic stated we will be looking for benefactors and if anyone has suggestions to notify any board member.

Dominic recognized Snickers for his contribution of "in Memory of" patches for Dale "Curly" Evanovich. They are on sale for \$5.00 each for those that would like to have one.

Dominic emphasized that we need to make sure that if we take raffle tickets to sell, we sell them and be prompt about getting the stubs and money back in to our treasurer.

Dominic stated that we are diligently working on the commemorative POW/MIA plaques that we wish to place around the state.

Treasurer's Report - Richard "Popeye" Montgomery substituting for Jim "Snipe" Murray

At the beginning of February we started with \$. We subsequently bought and paid for our Big Thunder Run raffle bike. We now have a balance of \$ in our account. The 4000 tickets are now available to be sold. Please see Popeye for books.

Chairman of the Board- Richard “Popeye” Montgomery

Popeye thanked all members for helping to sell raffle tickets for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation at the Donald E Steven Convention Center. \$5000.00 dollars was raised.

Because of the recent 8 to 1 Supreme Court ruling in favor of the Westboro Baptist Church right to free speech, Popeye encouraged everyone to join Patriot Guard to protect the families of fallen warriors from the vicious and hate filled verbal attacks that occur during their funerals.

Secretary’s Report - Tony “Clutch” Leone

Boot patch was presented to Joseph Yonek.

An announcement was made that dues for 2011 are in the process of being collected. I would like to put this issue to rest before the end of the 1st quarter.

Other Concerns

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Leone, Secretary
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