

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

June 1st, 2011

The Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter Meeting of June 1st 2011 was called to order by President Bill Sharpness 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 June, 2011. Bowe Bergdahl was also mentioned as going MIA on June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009. The Rolling Thunder® Mission Statement was read. The Board attendance is listed below:

<b>Attending</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Yes	Bill "Hawk" Sharpness	President
Yes	Dominic "Hard Core" Ruggerio	Acting Vice-President
Yes	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
Excused	Dennis "LT" Reiter	Board Member
Yes	Bill "B.B." Houghtaling	Board Member

36 of 75 adult members were in attendance.

**President- Bill "Hawk" Sharpness**

Bill thanked all members that were able to go to Washington D.C. We fulfilled our obligation to ride Gold Star and Blue Star mothers. Artie gave a good speech and the parade route was lined with many protesters. Overall a successful trip.

Remember to call your congressman concerning Bowe Bergdahl and the POW/MIA issues.

**Vice President-Dominic "Hard Core" Ruggerio**

Dominic stated that we are still waiting for an update for our grant for LaSalle Veterans Home. Our 30 day period is up. Dominic has contacted the law firm handling the grant and is waiting for the information.

**Treasurer's Report - Jim "Snipe" Murray**

We ended the month of April \$\$\$\$. With current deposits we are at \$\$\$\$. We still have tickets to sell and Snipe will be more than happy to make them available to the membership.

Snipe reminded all veterans that the event to remember the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Viet Nam Veterans Parade. Events will take place in down town Chicago on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Secretary's Report - Tony "Clutch" Leone**

Two boot patches were awarded. Boot patches were awarded to Dan Labelle and Knute Weick.

**Chairman of the Board- Richard “Popeye” Montgomery**

Popeye thanked everyone that came out for the Lisle Memorial Day Parade. We had 17 members and 20 bikes show up and participate in the Remembrance Table Ceremony. Jim “Snickers” Slenk did an excellent job of running the Table Ceremony in LT’s absence. He handled setting up and organizing the ceremony. He was thanked by the membership with a round of applause for his effort. Popeye thanked Hardcore for taking the time out of his day to come and speak about Memorial Day in front of a group called Valor at Popeye’s place of employment. The membership also thanked Hardcore for the effort with a round of applause.

**Board Member-Kristina “Kriss” Sedlacek**

Kriss reviewed some of the items that are still outstanding that need to be addressed for the Big Thunder Run. Items include, patch sewing, band procurement, registration, stage, worse poker hand, sound, ride route, parking, bike show, advertisers, vendors, merchandising and corporate sponsors. Posters, flyers, and raffles were also discussed.

Please contact Kriss with any help or ideas that you can provide. We need to support her hard work.

**Board Member-Richy “Father Guido” Zayat**

**Board Member-Doug “Skippy Mahar**

**Board Member-Dennis “LT” Reiter**

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**Board Member-Bill “B.B.” Houghtaling**

Bill reviewed upcoming events in the month of June. Events include two Honor Flights, the Wheaton VFW Poker Run and Remembrance Table, and Freedom Run. Please refer to the calendar on our website for details to these and any other events.

**Other Concerns**

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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