

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

September 7th, 2011

The Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter Meeting of July 6th 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 September, 2011. Bowe Bergdahl was also mentioned as going MIA on September 30th 2009. The Rolling Thunder® Mission Statement was read. The Board attendance is listed below:

Attending	Name	Position
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 "Kriss" Sedlacek	Board Member
Yes	Richy "Fr. Guido" Zayat	Board Member
No	Doug "Skippy" Mahar	Board Member
Yes	Dennis "LT" Reiter	Board Member
Yes	Bill "B.B." Houghtaling	Board Member

40 of 75 adult members were in attendance. Guest Greg Cavin was recognized.

President- Bill "Hawk" Sharpness

Elections tonight

Thank you letter from Task Force Omega was read, thanking us for the \$ contribution.

Hawk emphasized the importance of using our bumper stickers to bring awareness of POW Bowe Bergdahl and all other POW/MIA's.

Hawk has 67 flags for each Illinois MIA that will be held during the table ceremony at the Big Thunder Run.

Vice President-Dominic "Hard Core" Ruggerio

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report - Jim "Snipe" Murray

At the end of July we had a balance of \$, we wrote 3 checks during the period of August one for flyers and mailing reimbursement for \$, one for Task Force Omega a donation \$, and a check to Best Buy for a boom box for \$, for a total of \$. Our current account balance at the end of August was \$.

Secretary's Report - Tony "Clutch" Leone

Boot patch was award to Derek Hudgins.

Previous member missing patch and current delinquent dues issues were discussed.

Chairman of the Board- Richard "Popeye" Montgomery

Elections are tonight and Popeye reviewed the nominees and asked for any more nominations.

Results of the elections are: President - Bill Sharpness, Secretary - Tony Leone, Board Members - Bill Atkinson and Charles Kimber, replacing Kriss Sedlacek and Douglas Mahar. Bill Houghtaling retains his position as board member.

Board Member-Kristina “Kriss” Sedlacek

Kriss discussed details on the Pre-Run.

Kriss also discussed all issues with regards to the upcoming Big Thunder Run.

Board Member-Richy “Father Guido” Zayat

Nothing to report.

Board Member-Doug “Skippy” Mahar

Excused.

Board Member-Dennis “LT” Reiter

LT reviewed the time frame for the remembrance table at Vet Fest.

LT informed the membership that we would be having the POW/MIA actor Gerald attend the Big Thunder Run.

Table was performed at this meeting, in preparation for the Big Thunder Run.

Board Member-Bill “B.B.” Houghtaling

B.B spoke to the director of the Painters District Counsel with regards to the billboard at I88 and Orchard Rd. B.B explained our mission in regards to POW/MIA issues and would like to get a banner up for POW/MIA Remembrance Day. After this is done B.B would like to present them with a POW flag and a Thank You Certificate. We hope that we can use this as a vehicle to advertise events, individuals, and remembrance days etc.

B.B would like to showcase our accomplishments on the website and would like to begin collecting pictures of events.

B.B described the upcoming events and asked the membership to review calendar on the website for upcoming events.

Other Concerns

None discussed.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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