

# Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter One

## General Membership Meeting Minutes

### July 3, 2013

The Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter Meeting of July 3, 2013 was called to order by Bill Sharpness at 18:45 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 Vietnam War, and are still missing in the month of July 2013.

The Board attendance is listed below:

| Attending | Name                         | Position              |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Yes       | Bill Sharpness (Hawk)        | President             |
| No        | Dominic Ruggerio (Hard Core) | Acting Vice-President |
| Yes       | Jim Murray (Snipe)           | Treasurer             |
| No        | Robert Leskovar              | Secretary             |
| Yes       | Richard Montgomery (Popeye)  | Chairman of the Board |
| No        | Kristina Sedlacek (Kriss)    | Board Member          |
| No        | John Mikuski (Raffles)       | Board Member          |
| Yes       | Chuck Kimber (Boat Sides)    | Board Member          |
| Yes       | Bill Atkinson (Fall Out)     | Board Member          |
| Yes       | Knute Weick                  | Board Member          |
| Yes       | Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)      | Board Member          |
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Due to the July 4 weekend attendance was sparse. The following members attended the chapter meeting.

*BB, Popeye, Fallout, Snickers, LT, Snipe, Boatsides, Moe, Moe Knows, Oldman, Janet, RKO, Spilz, Sandi, Knute, Dan - somebody get him a nickname - Thomas, Wiz, Mel, Nancy, Hawk, Beau and Fr. Guido*

#### **President's Report - Bill Sharpness (Hawk)**

Hawk shared stories of the trip that he and Fallout took to Hailey, Idaho. They went as part of a gathering to make note of Bowe Bergdahl's fourth year in captivity. They met with Bowe's parents and represented our

chapter well. They knew of Illinois Chapter One because of our work with the billboards.

There was a light turnout by local politicians but the town of Hailey was decorated in yellow ribbons. Hawk and Fallout handed out bumper stickers and a few T-shirts.

### **Treasurer's Report - Jim Murray (Snipe)**

The mid-year financial review was covered in brief.  
Reminded chapter of possible ticket sales opportunities at Cerney Park after the meeting.

### **Board Member - Bill Houghtaling (BBguns)**

Suggested the Peotone swap meet as a possible ticket sales opportunity. Discussion with the membership identified some issues and the meet was not pursued.

Told the chapter of our breakfast meeting with Inland bank. The chapter opened an account with Inland. They have offered to sell raffle tickets at their locations. There is also a grant program that Hardcore will look into.

### **Chairman of the Board - Rick Montgomery (Popeye)**

Thank everyone that made it to the Freedom Run  
Reminded the chapter of the Ride For Kids on July 21. KSU at 0815 Fox River Harley.  
Ask the membership to find ticket sales opportunities for bike raffle tickets.  
Next Honor Flight coming up July 10.

### **Board Member -Knut Weick**

Reminded the chapter that we will be doing the Remembrance Table at the Glendale Heights VFW on Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>. We need a good turnout for the table ceremony.

## Chapter at Large

LT accepted a donation from an Elburn lady for \$1,000. Snipe will write a thank you letter for the generous donation.

Steve T. would like to schedule a day for a ride to downtown Chicago and educate the citizens as to the plight of Bowe Bergdahl. It was decided that the ride (gathering) would take place on National POW/MIA day which is September 20 this year. More info to follow.

Alas, no raffle.

Meeting was adjourned at \_1945hrs.

Respectfully submitted for R. Leskovar

Jim "Snipe" Murray Treasurer  
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