

Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Illinois Chapter One

General Membership Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2014

The Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter Meeting of August 6, 2014 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. The mission statement was read by Vice President Dominic Ruggerio.

The Board attendance is listed below:

Attending	Name	Position
Yes	Bill Sharpness (Hawk)	President
Yes	Dominic Ruggerio (Hard Core)	Vice-President
Yes	Jim Murray (Snipe)	Treasurer
No	Alen Zdralic	Secretary
Yes	Richard Montgomery (Popeye)	Chairman of the Board
No	Kristina Sedlacek (Kriss)	Board Member
Excused	Knute Weick	Board Member
Yes	Bill Atkinson (Fall Out)	Board Member
Yes	John Mikuski (Raffles)	Board Member
No	Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)	Board Member
Yes	Dan Thomas (Cage)	Board Member
No	Gary Stengler	Assistant Treasurer

President Bill Sharpness (Hawk)

If you bring up an event, have all the details to share with everyone. If you bring it up, you take ownership of it.

Vice-President Dominic Ruggerio-(Hardcore)

- The stage for BTR is arranged, and has been paid for by UTXL. The final details still need to be worked out.
- We should be seeing the Grant check for the Lasalle van this week.
- Bowe was to appear in front of the investigators today.

Chairman of the Board-Rick Montgomery (Popeye)

- The Ride for Kids was a success. Over \$191,000.00 was raised to help fight pediatric brain cancer.
- The Oscar Mike Ride raised over \$2,000.00 for paralyzed veterans

NOMINATIONS:

President: Hawk

Treasurer: Snipe

C.O.B.: Popeye

Board: Names, Raffles, Buttercup, Beau

Treasurers Report-Jim Murray (Snipe)

- Bike Raffle: Paid \$17,000 for the bike. To date we have taken in only \$7000. There are still \$7700 of tickets that have been assigned. 62% of the tickets are unassigned. We don't want to lose money on the bike. This is one of our big fundraisers that allow us to do what we do.
- Midwest Salt has donated to us their table space at two Cougar games. We can bring the Bike into the Stadium, and sell Bike Raffle Tickets. They will make announcements for us to bring more attention. The dates are Aug 12 & 31. 5pm show up time.
- Names has stepped up to be the Event Coordinator for the Chapter. We will be selling Bike Tickets at Wild Fire on the 23rd of August.
- 2 Events had to be cancelled because of lack of people. We need 14 people to perform the table. If you raise your hand that you will be there, you better be there. It is a commitment.
- We have \$47K in the bank, possibly we can spend more at Concord Place.
- The turn out for Roadkill's funeral was awesome.
- Raisin received his Rocker and Eagle patches.
- Iraq/Afghanistan patches were handed out

Board Member John Mikuski (Raffles)

- Bring raffle prizes for BTR to the next meeting or on Set-up Saturday Oct 4. Sunday is too late

Board Member Bill Atkinson (Fallout)

- No Report

Board Member Dan Thomas (Cage)

- Welcome Home Veterans Sept 27 at Villa Park VFW. We will be doing the Table Ceremony.
- There is going to be an ALS walk in Chicago next month, and Janet Ross will be participating on behalf of Don "Old Man" Ross. I will get details and forward to the membership as to how you can donate to the cause.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Beau said we should do Glendale Height next year for sure. It's always a good event.

Kandice thanked everyone that showed up for the Walter & Connie Payton Foundation Bowling event. \$1600 was raised and Inland Bank will be giving an additional \$900 to the foundation.

Manny Lopez brought up the alarming rate of Veterans Suicides. 22 veterans commit suicide everyday. There needs to be a way we can help bring awareness to this tragedy.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Thomas, for
Alen Zdralic, Secretary
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