

# Rolling Thunder® , Inc. Illinois Chapter One General Membership Meeting Minutes November 5, 2014

The Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter One Meeting of November 5, 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 for our MIA's.

**The Board attendance is listed below:**

Attendance	Member	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
Excused	Knute Weick	Board Member
Yes	Bill Atkinson (Fall Out)	Board Member
Yes	Kristina Sedlacek (Kriss)	Board Member
No	Bill Houghtaling (BB)	Board Member
Yes	Dan Thomas (Cage)	Board Member
Yes	John Mikuski (Raffles)	Board Member
No	Don Pugh (Spoiled)	Board Member
Yes	Kandice Jacobs	Assistant Secretary/Membership
No	Howard Bushnell (Weebles)	Assistant Secretary/Communications
Yes	Gary Vandebos (Names)	Activities Chairperson

## **President Bill Sharpness (Hawk)**

Hawk mentioned that we are looking at possibly changing the date and location for BTR2015. He also welcomed 2 guests.

## **Vice-President Dominic Ruggerio (Hardcore)**

Hardcore spoke about the Westchester 5K this Sunday. We're meeting at Volare Restaurant in Lombard on Meyers Road. KSU at 0730. There is a flag raising at 0815, and the run starts at 0900. He said he would send

out a detailed reminder for the event.

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

Popeye thanked Kriss for her work on BTR2014. January 16,17, 18 are the dates for the Pheasant Run Swap Meet. We will have a table to sell tickets as well as working the door.

**Treasurer Jim Murray (Snipe)**

Rolling Thunder IL Chapter 1 is not a tax deductible organization. Rolling Thunder Charities is the charitable organization. If you would like to make a donation or a ticket purchase and have it be tax deductible, make out the check to Rolling Thunder Charities. Snipe also talked about our fund raising activities over the past three years, and how much return on our expenses we realize. Snipe cleaned out the patch box and also found the 2014 BTR rockers. If you paid for one, come get it. Dues for 2015 are due now.

**Board Member John Mikuski (Raffles)**

I would like to buy everyone a drink in honor of the anniversary of my arriving in the United States.

**Board Member and BTR Chairperson Kriss Sedlacek**

Toby Food Truck will be back for BTR next year. We will also be looking into a new band. The VFW has some issues with us, and we will be meeting with them next Wednesday. The Poker Run will be part of BTR again. We should consider stopping the Bike Show, as we lost money on it this year. We will be sending out mailers for BTR2015 to get more attendance.

**Activities Chairperson Gary Vandebos (Names)**

Thank you to everyone that comes out to our events. Next year we will try to find new locations, so we don't see the same group of people. Names wants to spend \$100 a month for consumables for Concord Place. A motion was made by Cage and seconded by Moe Knows, with a unanimous vote by the membership. Concord Place has invited us to breakfast on Veterans Day at 8am. Let Gary know if you will be going so he can give them a head count. Concord is holding a clothing drive, he has flyers for the event.

## Other Business

**Wolfy:** I forgot to ask for a donation for Manteno, their ride is this weekend. There is a new addition to Manteno, they have added a homeless shelter. Cage made a motion to donate \$1500 to Manteno, Popeye made a second, and a unanimous vote by the membership was made.

**Manny -** Spoke to Anita at the VA Crisis Center. She gave us some items to hand out, the 800 # is on them. She will be invited to speak to us in March or April next year.

**Mark Ingalls:** Mark introduced himself as being part of Save-A-Vet. They rescue Military and Police Dogs that cannot be placed in homes due to behavioral issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 2050 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Thomas, for  
Alen Zdralic, Secretary  
Rolling Thunder Illinois Chapter 1