

Minutes of the Rolling Thunder – Florida Chapter 7 meeting held June 09, 2007. Meeting was called to order at 10:03am by President Thompson. All were present except COB Orr, Directors Harris, Strange, and Alternate Director Dumont. A quorum was present and declared an official meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance recited, a moment of silence of our POW/MIAs was held, mission statement was read, members and guests were welcomed.

**Motion** to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2007 meeting as presented by Director Parker and seconded by Will Harris. **Passed.**

Treasurer's report was presented.

**Motion** to accept the treasurer's report as presented and file for audit by Director Ealey and seconded by Chris King. **Passed.**

Plans are well under way for Andersonville, GA. Members who are attending should be getting their hotel reservations soon. Call the Jamison Inn at 229-924-2726.

Approximately 60 members attended the Sgt. Robert Surber escort ride prior to the meeting. We had an excellent turnout with a very short notice.

The Dunnellon Air Show brought out about twenty (20) chapter volunteers.

Rolling Thunder XX had about eighteen chapter members in attendance.

Since the meeting was expected to start late, committee reports will be suspended.

The chapter will be providing POW/MIA flags for the Florida State parks. A question was raised about replacement flags.

**Motion** to cover the cost of purchasing double sided POW/MIA flags for the Florida State parks at a cost of approximately \$1800.00 by Bob Bruno and seconded by Will Harris. **Passed.**

Ray Knisley suggested starting a POW/MIA flag replacement fund. Further discussion suggested taking a percentage of our fundraisers for the fund. Others suggested earmarking the 50/50 raffle money.

The 2007 Nomination/Election Committee was selected. Denise Garnett (chair), Kathy Whitley, Bob Bruno, Bill Bragg. Nominations for president, secretary, and three (3) directors will be open at the July and August 2007 chapter meetings. Elections will be held at the September 2007 meeting.

The Key Training Center has invited RT to their Run for the Money fundraiser to be held on July 28, 2007. The chapter agreed to once again participate in the Human Foosball Tournament. We'll be looking for five (5) players for the single elimination tournament. Players must wear gym shoes (tennis shoes). No boots!

President Thompson went over all the particulars for our upcoming golf tournament and everything looks to be going very well. President Thompson suggested the purchase of a perpetual trophy that can have engraved plaques added every year.

**Motion** to purchase a perpetual golf trophy for approximately \$75.00 by Jack Gresham and seconded by Maria Parker. **Passed.**

June 16, 2007 will be the cutoff for golf tournament sponsorships and food will be available to the general public for \$5.00 per meal.

Sgt. Robert Surber will be buried Monday, June 12, 2007. The chapter will meet at the Charles Davis Funeral Home at 1:00pm to provide an escort.

Director Ealey suggested a mid-month ride on a Saturday or Sunday as a way of getting to know each other better. Director Ealey will chair this committee.

**Motion** to donate a POW/MIA flag to the Lecanto VA by Chris King and seconded by Bob Bruno. **Passed.**

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE JULY 14, 2007 AT THE BEVERLY HILLS VFW POST 10087 AND WILL START AT 10:00AM.**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

Submitted by

Jim Stepanek