

CHICAGOLAND TOYS FOR TOTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

(Recorded by Nicole Rehak)

I. MEETING DETAILS

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Rhine VFW

II. ATTENDEES

Scott Rehak #1935, Sharon Choate #1798, Nicole Rehak #2028 (in place of Jeannette Roberts #2123), Kelly Doherty #1759, Shelby Sullivan #1707, Thunder Rathbun-Cakos #2060, Sandy Scheel #491, Bruce Weaver #843, Richard Link #1853 (via Teams call)

Guests/General Members in Attendance

Jack Voss #415, Santiago Castillo #2110, Tom Dertz #455, Jeff Simons #2029

III. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by Thunder Rathbun-Cakos #2060. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- Scott Rehak #1935
 - Bank Statement – All Reviewed and approved
 - Meeting Minutes – All reviewed and approved?
 - Roberts Rule – Sharon mentioned that she has been assigned to a representative and the person will get back to her on dates. She asked for dates at the end of July or in August.
 - Opening investment at the Bank – Sharon said that her and Scott can go to the Bank. The bank can send documents via FedEx to Sandy to sign and then she can return to the bank. Date is scheduled for Monday, June 22nd. Sharon mentioned Articles of Court is needed.
 - *Brothers – Sharon asked Sandy if Flood Brothers was put in vacation mode, so we are not charged. Sandy will call them to put in vacation mode.

- V. MOTION TO CLOSE OLD BUSINESS – Scott closed business, did not do official
* Motion. **Need to ensure this is done every time! (per JKR)**

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Vice President: Sharon Choate #1798

- Trailer needs to get emptied so that Guy can repair it. Tom Dertz mentioned that it will need a tire. The trailer will be needed for the Funeral Home event in July. Bruce mentioned that he will take the bags to the campground that are needed for Christmas in July.
- Poker Run – copies of the tickets will be printed and ready in a week so they can be dropped off at bars. Tickets being printed on 65lb cardstock. Poster is needed. It was discussed that 8 Posters be made, 2 dropped off at each participating bar. Smaller size posters can be made to drop off at other locations. Scott will ask Full Line printing to do posters. Max of six Raffle Baskets are needed for the Poker Run. Need to check with Jeannette if she has enough bracelets for the event.
- Sharon asked about black garbage bags. Thunder mentioned that he went to some stores but he is referred to a manager and they advise to send in a request. Richard is going to research getting bags.
- Secretary: Nicole Rehak #2028 in place of Jeannette Roberts #2123
 - Nicole mentioned that Jeannette has been working on the Roster and double checking it against paper copies. Hopefully it will be done by next meeting.
 - Nicole mentioned that CDOT permit is in process
 - Nicole mentioned Forest Preserve permit is in process. Jeannette will check the status with Jose within a week.
 - Insurance quote was presented. Scott and Sharon agreed it is good to proceed with it. Sandy mentioned it is the same price as last year. It was mentioned to remove Lane Tech.
 - Nicole mentioned that Northside dates are needed in order to get quote for the calendar. Richard Link said he is still trying to catch someone at the American Legion. The contacts he has, no one answers their phones.
 - Nicole will remind Jeannette that Budget is due.
- Treasurer: Sandy Scheel #491
 - Sandy mentioned that she is still missing receipts. Scott asked if Board members should receive disciplinary action if missing receipts three times within a year. Sandy mentioned it should be two times or less. Sandy mentioned that as soon as a Board member using the Credit Card, send a copy of the receipt to her, via text. If a Board member uses a personal card, complete the form and send copy to her.
 - Sandy presented a Budget that has all recurring charges for the year; rent, utilities, costs for Kick-off party, insurance, etc. It costs about \$50,000 to run the parade.
 - Sandy mentioned that her employer is giving away furniture, Desks, bookcases, file cabinets and bookcases. If the Board wants any items, pick-

up needs to be scheduled ASAP. Scott will coordinate date with Sandy, but trailer needs to get emptied.

- Scott handed checks to Sandy since she was not at the last meeting. Plus one check from Niles.
- Sargeant of Arms: Thunder Rathbun-Cakos #2060
 - Thunder submitted a request for Toys for his Potawatomie Trails Pow Wow that they would give out at different events. He also collected some toys so he will keep those to give to the organization.
 - Thunder did an inventory of supplies. We have enough cones. He couldn't find the flashing orbs and requested to buy some. He will get quotes. Kelly asked if people working on 87th street could have orbs. Scott will ask Matt what happened to the orbs used at previous parade.
 - Thunder asked about a light up stop sign. Scott said to get quotes. These could come in handy for multiple locations.
 - Kelly mentioned about the ruckus that happened last year and that Diane wants Security to be wearing a vest or something that indicates who security is, at all meetings. Thunder asked how many security people do we need at each meeting? Scott said whoever is at the meeting should wear a vest if they are security.
 - Thunder questioned if we should change "security" to a different word. Majority of the discussion was to stick with "security".
- Parade Coordinator: Kelly Doherty #1759
 - Kelly mentioned that she found a box of size 2x-4x vests when she was at warehouse for the clean-up day. She should have enough vests for parade.
- Northside Parade Coordinator: Richard Link #1853
 - Richard said if we get insurance, he will proceed with getting permits for northside
 - Richard will meet with Professional Movers next week.
- Product Coordinator: Bruce Weaver #843
 - Bruce mentioned that a pipe was stolen off BB1 while it was outside, but it is fixed.
 - Bruce mentioned that he is going through an illness, but he is ok. He has Roy, Debbie, Brenda and Nicole to assist him.
 - It was discussed that going to the Harley Dealer is too much competition so BB1 will not be attending any future dates and Shelby will remove Harley dates from the website.
- Bylaws Historian: Shelby Sullivan #1707
 - New Tri-folds are done.

- Flash drive was given to Sandy, Sharon and Bruce since they were not at last meeting

Final Notes

- Scott mentioned TFT received a Thank-you note from DCFS so we must have provided toys.
- Kevin from Ground Control is having a benefit for his mom who had a fire and is asking for a few baskets.
- Scott reminded everyone about doing their signature in email.
- Board members have a link on their phone to access the cameras.
- Kelly mentioned there is an Orphanage in Tinley Park that we can probably give toys to. Sharon mentioned that she has a list of places to call to see if toys can be donated.
- Scott mentioned that Coloring Books are ready and can be sold for \$10. Some should go on BB1.
- Scott discussed our responsibility as a Board to attend wakes for members. If a Board member cannot attend, he suggested sending their seconds. A blanket should be given to Richard in case there are any wakes on the northside.
- Scott asked everyone to look over the Woods Coordinator position description and bring edits/suggestions to the next meeting.
- Sharon mentioned that BB1 will need to be moved out when Tom Dertz and Tom Mantel work on building the loft area. Tom Dertz suggested that everyone involved should get together and discuss the plan and cost.

Jack Voss

- Jack asked what really happened to Billy Naughton. No one really knows. It's a motorcycle accident.
- Jack thanked everyone that showed up for Frank's wake. Jack had some patches.
- Jack asked why the Woods Coordinator is not a Board member.

* MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made at 8:51 pm. by Thunder Rathbun-Cakos, #2060 and 2nd by Kelly Doherty, #1759.