CHICAGOLAND TOYS FOR TOTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

I. MEETING DETAILS
Tuesday, October 20,2026
Rhine VFW

II. ATTENDEES

Attendees:
Scott Rehak #1935, Sharon Choate #1798 (via Teams), Jeannette Roberts #2123, Shelby Sullivan #1707, Thunder Rathbun-Cakos #2060, Sandy Scheel #491, Bruce Weaver #843 (via Teams), Kelly Doherty #1759, Richard Link #1853.

Guests/General Members in Attendance:
Jack Voss #415, Sam Eassa #610, Nicole Rehak #2028, Santiago Castillo #2112, Jim Fanello #435, Tom Dertz #455.

III. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Thunder Rathbun-Cakos #2060.
Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- Scott Rehak #1935:
  - Bank Statement – All reviewed and approved? All Board approved.
  - Meeting Minutes – All reviewed and approved? All Board approved.
  - Roberts Rules – Who not completed? Kelly did not. Will complete this weekend. Sandy, got email w/link but no password. Should have completed this weekend.
  - Black bags – Thunder & Rich, neither have gotten any donated right now.

* V. MOTION TO CLOSE OLD BUSINESS. Made at 7:18pm by Scott Rehak #1935, 2nd by Kelly Doherty # 1759 & Thunder Rathbun-Cakos #2060.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Vice President: Sharon Choate #1798
  - Warehouse – Tom Mantel gave list of supplies needed to do build of stairs/deck.
  - Toy Boxes – In addition to Frank handling, he has 2 guys on Northside to help. Need more on Southside. Talk to Frank Friday ask him to talk to group and get help. Load boxes in trailer for Rick to take to Northside.
  - Parade Day:
    - Need 2 more volunteers for Front Gate

        - Santa – only has certain people he wants/allows to ride with him. All other need to be staged in the woods with other bikes. Need something to differentiate them this year that stands out (i.e., lanyards, clips for front of bike, arm band, other options?)
        - Sound – Have not DJ or speaker system. Have FM transmitter, need someone to handle/operate/be responsible for transmitting.

- Secretary: Jeannette Roberts #2123
    - Forest Preserve- Spoke w/Jose re: map & security/cops – have confirmed. Will be working on timeline of other items needed w/him. Will set meeting with them for early/mid November for Board to attend (walk thru).
    - City of Chicago – Received reply to my email to Susan from both her and Joseph Fonzino. He will contact me and setup appointment for 1 week before parade.
    - Buttons – Are set to arrive by next week.

- Treasurer: Sandy Scheel #491
    - Old Business – Has received checks for the product account. Ordered checks for general account but have not received.
    - Calendar Invoice – will pay this week.
    - Military Party – needs raffle items still.
    - Parade Day – will work in pavilion with product to collect money.
    - Scott gave her mail from office.
    - Scott asked to make sure to change email addresses for bank statements.
    - VFW donated $500.00, gave check to Sandy.
    - EPI Donation – Who/how are we receiving this. Need to figure out.
    - Sam's Club membership – Do we have…Yes on Northside, Need to check to see about one for Southside.
    - Military Party – Need more raffles/help. Push more at meetings. Nicole has 4 gift cards, use rest for $1 and $5 baskets. Also have 50/50.

- Sargeant at Arms: Thunder Rathbun-Cakos #2060
    - Safety Equipment Inventory – received partial delivery. Still need lights for cones, should be here Tuesday or Wednesday.
    - Parade Day – Need clarification of what is expected of him and his team. Need presence at Pavilion, Northside. Some volunteers don't come until day of parade. Need to check in with him. Has 5 now possibly 3 more Thunder to stay in the woods until bikes leave then go to Northside. Set 1 or 2 people to stay behind. Bruce and Sandy to handle money from Pavillion to truck.
    - Route check – Matt was doing. Kelly & Thunder need to perform checks of streets beginning in November and up to date of parade. Take photos and mark areas of bad streets.

- Parade Coordinator: Kelly Doherty #1759
    - Parade Package – do we need alternate route in there. Per Scott we do not setup alternate route, the police do. But we need to keep putting it in the package to show that we have a plan. Kelly will update.
    - Signs for tables – Do we need to have the signs on each table. Kelly has ones for Tiers do we need ones for front gate, etc. Jeannette will check, thought she saw them in secretary files.
    - Board Vests – Need sizes for new board members she is ordering.
    - Fire Extinguishers – do we need to order and where from. Amazon, need 1 for each tier and 1 for Sam. Sand can order and deliver to Scott.
    - Military Party – Would like to invite a few members from the Jeep Club and TFT pay, Made Motion, Shelby Sullivan 1707 2nd.
    - Quotes – received for Radios and Message Boards. Up a little from last year. Need to solidity number at next meeting and need $1,500 deposit. Radios need final by November 10th. Message boards, last year city moved one and another had to be moved from work zone. Some areas don't work, need to look at new locations Rich will send information for city contact to Kelly. Monday, November 3rd the need to go out…all will be electronic with locking system.
    - Billy Naughton Patches – Decided on design and ordering 100. Cost is $9 each, sell for $10 or $15. Roy Ordering. Also save 15 for family.

- Northside Coordinator: Richard Link #1853
    - Route – new route, may change and next board meeting. Kelly asked for map for passing out to tiers, etc.
    - Truck club – can't be in the parade with the bikes. Have separate location for Jeeps – go to overflow lot.
    - Ending lot – not same size lot this year. Need to reformat. Got contract, need $1,500 deposit for donation for use of lot.

- Product: Bruce Weaver #843
    - Inventory Sheet – Provided. In the hole -$36,766.50.
    - Product Issue – Saturday had woman from Northside bring back sweatshirt. Was sticky inside. Was told to wash and don't dry.
    - Events – Bears game Thursday at Tom's Tap. Friday at meeting and then witches walk. Saturday is Halloween Parade, will have details on Thursday. No mascot for parade need volunteer – Post on FB ask to contact Bruce.

- By Laws: Shelby Sullivan #1707
    - Tree Trimming – She will be in Peoria the 6th-8th, need someone to bring items to zoo. She will bring to meeting. Jeannette & Kelly offered to take/bring. If anyone wants to bring more ornaments they need to be plastic, wooden or cans. Jeannette to pick up patches at South Market day of Tree Trim.

- President: Scott Rehak #1935
    - Cameras – Starting installing new cameras today.
    - Military Party – Need food (Tom's?, Ask Diane what we normally get). We have servers. Need DJ or band. Sandy will check her records for food past food receipts. Need to give Diane food count by next Friday for Military party.
    - Will review Product Coordinator duties next meeting.
    - * Whiskey Road Event – getting 9 free tickets. Do we want to accept? Motion for each Board Member to pay for their own tickets, 2nd Sandy Scheel #491, all Board agreed.
        - Workers will get in free.
        - Use 2 tickets for raffle? Scott will ask Mike if they will do that.
        - Lyric requested pictures or videos from Jeannette to post on their site and FB. Scott said to have them request from Whiskey Road since it is their event.
        - Get list of who is going and have a table reserved?
        - We get all money and then we cut a check or cash for payouts. Let Sandy know which we will be doing.
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- Woods Coordinator: Sam Eassa #610
    - Questions:
        - Will he need contact for Portable Johns? Kelly will provide. Need to ensure all are zip tied until day of.
        - Asked for contact information for Tier Leaders, blockers etc. in woods. Kelly will provide information for Tier Leaders. Tier Leaders track/control their own teams. Sam will be invited to Tier meeting prior to parade.
        - Does he need Cook County contact info – No they will contact Scott of Sharon if they have questions and one of them will contact Sam if needed.
        - Will he receive radios – he will receive one and one or two for assistants.
        - Is he supposed to ride through woods to do checks – no only police are allowed to ride around the woods. He must walk the area.
        - Specialty Vehicles – Can Ams, etc.... stage in Tier 6 if we have them.

Guest:

- Jim Fanello #435
    - Has 5 cans of marking paint if we need and can give to Kelly. We can't use that on city streets or in forest preserve.
    - Suggestion for use of old toy boxes – make panels and make memorial boards for old members. Can place the panels in an old toy box and bring out for indoor events. Jim will handle.

- Worried about “crazy” bikers that come/sneak into the parade. How are we managing? Have more police presence.

- Tom Dertz #455
  - Elves – Need to have better way of control who is allowed in and marking them or their bikes. Stickers on headlights, etc.
  - Warehouse build – Will use as much of same lumber from old warehouse as possible. Will need additional lumber to complete. Believe should be around $697 on high end, will bring back anything unused for refund.
    - * Motion by Scott Rehak #1935 to commit to $1,000 for build assuming it will probably be less. 2nd by Thunder Rathbun #2060
    - Would like to start end of October and should be done in a few days if possible.
- Jack Voss #415
  - Suggests cost of Bill Naughton patches be set at $15.00.
  - Still has patches for Frank Schiddel if anyone wants
  - Asked when we would have ride posters. Per Scott should have proof by Friday then have produced once approved.
  - Post for Gina in hospital to say a prayer.
  - Post for Bob Wappel not doing well, please call or say a prayer.
  - Coloring books – Want we printed are nice but ones printed are for members, he made a couple more for general public. Make 3 book for older members, asked if we can print them out…not unless we sell the others first. He might be interested in paying for some depending on cost. Will keep it in mind.
  - Wheels through Time Museum – invited owner to parade. They gave us donations of shirts, hats, cups, etc. gave bags to Sandy to include in raffle baskets. Jeannette to send out Thank you Letter.

* VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made at 9:01pm by Thunder Rathbun-Cakos #2060, 2nd by Jeannette Roberts #2123.