

# West Side Rooters Social Club First Official Meeting

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JUNE 18, 2008 6:00PM

HARRY CARAY'S TAVERN

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	West Side Rooters Social Club Committee
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	First Official Meeting
<b>FACILITATORS</b>	Ernie Banks, Grant DePorter and Dutchie Caray
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	West Side Rooters Social Club Members

## Agenda topics

6:00PM

RONNIE WOO WOO

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Welcome to all Rooters members, meeting will start shortly
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6:30PM

OFFICIAL MEETING

GRANT DEPORTER, ERNIE  
BANKS, DUTCHIE CARAY  
AND RONNIE WOO WOO

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Welcome to the first official meeting of the West Side Rooters Social Club!
6:32	(cartoon of 1908 horse and carriage with Rooters fans shown)
6:33	2008 Rooters Committee Announced: Ernie Banks - Chairman and Hall of Fame Cub, Grant DePorter - West Side Rooters President and Harry Caray's Restaurant Group President, Dutchie Caray - Treasurer and Harry's widow, Ryne Sandberg - Secretary and Hall of Fame Cub and Rob Glaubke - Assistant Secretary
6:34	1908 Rooters Committee Announced: Joe Tinker - Chairman and Hall of Fame Cub, Thomas Johnson - President , Al Phillips – Treasurer, Al Germann - Secretary
6:35	Cartoon of 1908 Cubs club shown
6:36	Cartoons of 1908 West Side Rooters shown
6:38	Ernie Banks elected Ronnie Woo Woo Sergeant at Arms and then swore in the West Side Rooters. Ernie pledged the 2008 Rooters contract while everyone raised their right hand and took oath: "I do hereby agree to attend each and every home game during the 2008 season providing laws of health, nature and coinage permit- that I will not allow domestic or business affairs to be sufficient excuse for breaking of this contract so help me."
6:40	Oof Wah explained (official battlecry of Rooters)
6:41	1908 Rooters Superstitions explained and cartoon shown
6:42	Goat Club cartoon shown and goat explained
6:43	2008 Rooters explained: Join in "Scientific Rooting." Be the first to hear about upcoming events. Receive invitations to social events such as Tallyho, Dedication of West Side Grounds and Rooters Ball. Show your Rooters pin for "in the know" drink specials. Tallyho – tentative date July 10 <sup>th</sup> . Dedication of West Side Grounds –

September 6<sup>th</sup>. Rooters ball – September 15<sup>th</sup>

(ball will raise money for charity and current and past cubs players will be in attendance)

6:46 Rooters Spirit Challenge Reminder: Grand prize: dinner for four at Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse with Ernie Banks, AND four front row tickets to a Cubs game, with your name on the scoreboard and a trip on the field. Runner-up prizes include an autographed Ryne Sandberg baseball, an autographed Ernie Banks baseball and Cubs tickets. Tell all your Cub fan friends to sign up... MEMBERSHIP IS FREE! Make sure they put your name in "who referred you?" Standings so far:

Dan Schmidt of Streamwood 91 recruits, Chris Couch of Barrington 47 recruits, Betsy and Sal 47 recruits, Jonelle Nowak of Chicago 40 recruits, Chad Gordon of Chicago 28 recruits

6:48 Grant introduced Brian Bernardoni from the Way Out in Left Field Society: formed to recognize the West Side Grounds and Brian presented information on their society

7:30PM

7<sup>TH</sup> INNING STRETCH

7<sup>th</sup> Inning Stretch sung by all Rooters members (Harry Caray singing at a Cubs game on 123" television in background)

Song led by Rooters Committee

7:35PM

CUBS GAME

ERNIE, GRANT, DUTCHIE  
AND RONNIE

All Rooters continue to mingle and watch Cubs game

Rooters continue to get Ernie's autograph and mingle with all committee members

9:05PM

CUBS GAME

ERNIE, GRANT AND  
DUTCHIE

Cubs game ends