



### May 15, 2004 Meeting Minutes

- 12:10 hours - Chris Lee representing MAC gives the membership a brief history of MAC to date, and discusses the process as well as the proposed business plan to today. The Agreement In Principle (AIP) was completed in late 2003 in order to determine if there was sufficient interest to move forward with MAC. Chris was retained in March 2004 in order to expedite the execution of the Agreement In Principle, and is to issue his report to MAC in late June. All parties who sign the AIP will also receive a copy of his report. The AIP is a non binding document, and any party who signs it can back out at any time. To date Chris estimates that parties representing between 25,000 and 30,000 individuals have signed the AIP across all of Canada. The deadline for executing the AIP is 28 May, 2004 for interested parties. A congress of interested members will be selected from amongst the parties who signed the AIP, and it is to be held on the 28 June, to commence the MAC mandate and charter. As the program has not been set in place, the proposed funding formula is just an idea, but it clearly shows the minimum committed funding provided by Industry. If MAC has elaborate plan of action, the founding body will need to decide how to find the balance of the funds required. MAC can let us live vicariously through other members in our fights for fair insurance rates, helmet legislation, noise by-laws etc. by bringing the lessons learned through their experiences to aid in all our fights, and in general, lobby on a national level for issues affecting all motorcyclists. Note: After the Q&A was complete and Chris left, the attending Members were polled by a show of hands. All were in favour, with 3 members representing a second club, and one member abstaining. The ORRA Executive are to sign the AIP and forward it to MAC. Copies of the MAC pamphlet are to be distributed to the Members along with a cover letter. ORRA Executive did note that at a previous meeting, a Blue Knights member volunteered to be on the MAC steering committee on behalf of ORRA. The records must be checked for his name, and he must be accepted by all members.
- Gary Strange of Rai Grant Insurance discussed the ORRA Insurance policy in detail and did a Q&A session. Gary agreed that a generic certificate would be issued to each Member for their records. He stated that a copy of a proposed ORRA specific waiver, which is to be included for all ORRA member events, is at the Brokers for review and comment. A formal incident report will be circulated shortly with the ORRA waiver, so that certain minimum standards of information will be solicited in the event of an incident. If ORRA members are asked for insurance over the 2,000,000 policy, he will talk to the party requesting it. If he cannot persuade them that the ORRA policy is sufficient, he can arrange for a short term policy to cover the balance of the insurance required. **All** members are to review their insurance requirements for this year and next year and report them back to the ORRA Executive, as the requirements for policy coverage will directly impact the ORRA renewal fees. At current rates, a 100% increase would be required for 5,000,000. Even at these rates, ORRA's policy is far cheaper than insuring your own event.

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- A review of the April meeting minutes takes place.
- ORRA is still looking for a member to fill the vacant Secretary position on the Executive. The members were asked to volunteer. No one was willing at that time.
- It was agreed that the mandate ratification will be done later in the year. It will be revised to include comments from the Members to date.
- A motion was put forward regarding the attendance at the 5 yearly meetings. Any member club within 75KM of the meeting can miss one meeting, and any member club greater than 75KM can miss 2 meetings. If more meetings than this are missed, the member club does not qualify for the annual fee reduction. The motion is passed by a show of hands. The mandate is to be modified to reflect this. There was also some discussion about the September meeting being mandatory as this is the meeting when the Executive elections take place. No definitive answer was made on this.
- A discussion is held about the ORRA sanctioned event. It was agreed that it should be a ride and eat event roughly central to all members. It was noted that some local civic clubs will cook at these events to raise money for their charities thereby alleviating ORRA and its Members from any tasks other than riding. It was noted that it is too late to coordinate this event for this year, but it will be booked for next year. It was also suggested that a February social be held as a way to meet your fellow members. The Executive are to review these suggestions.
- MRTV and its cancellation were discussed. It potentially may be renewed next year. Members are to forward pictures of their events to the Executive for promotional use.
- Links to and from the website are discussed. The Webmaster is to review the current formatting.
- A discussion about insurance rates took place. The members were asked if they wanted any action over and above the new links added to the website ie: civil protest etc. It was noted that a past protest took place on a Saturday, and the media did not have enough staff to effectively cover the event, as it was held on a weekend, nor did it impact the Public at large. The consensus was that an event of this nature must be held during the week and that it must impact people. Gary Strange did note that if MAC was large enough, they could offer insurance directly to riders. This could also be a potential source of revenue for the MAC to sustain itself.
- The floor was opened to the membership. No comments were put forth at this time.
- The meeting was adjourned 14:45 hours

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### List of attendees

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|-------------------|---|------------------------|
| • Kevin Key Smith | BMA                                       | ORRA Chair             |
| • Kevin Key Smith | representing Zenriders                    |                        |
| • David Gross     | BMA                                       | ORRA Webmaster         |
| • David Gross     | representing Sheridan Instructors         |                        |
| • Chad            | ICBA – Hamilton                           | ORRA Communications    |
| • Darrell Steven  | MTA Ontario 1                             |                        |
| • Derek Browne    | Nortown Motorcycle Club                   |                        |
| • Derek Browne    | representing Canadian Sidecar Owners Club |                        |
| • David Snodgrass | ICBA – Hamilton                           | ORRA Newsletter Editor |
| • Allen Henning   | Oshawa Goldwing Riders                    |                        |
| • Brian Selzer    | Ride4pets                                 |                        |
| • Al Savory       | NA 40+ riders                             |                        |
| • Lee Spencer     | Brampton Motorcycle Association - rep     |                        |
| • Rick McCalla    | Brampton Motorcycle Association           |                        |
| • Ed Herr         | Blue Knights Ontario VI                   |                        |
| • Jim Meyer       | Blue Knights Ontario VI                   |                        |
| • Paul Croteau    | Blue Knights Ontario All                  |                        |
| • John Mahiques   | Blue Knights Ontario VI                   |                        |
| • Chris Lee       | MAC representative                        |                        |
| • Gary Strange    | Rai Grant Insurance                       |                        |

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