



26 November 2005 Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Kevin Keay Smith	ORRA Chair	Brampton Motorcycle Association
Mike Raber	ORRA Public Relations	Zenriders
David Snodgrass	ORRA Editor	ICBA
Robert Smith		NA40+ Riders
Robert Treasure		Abate Ontario
Mike Bossio		French Connection Riders
Brian Seltzer		Ride4pets
Renè Landry		WCMC
Rod Dorè		NA40+rRders
Mike Gnoyke		BMW MCOO
Bruce Pooler		MTA1

Guests

- Septembers meeting minutes were accepted by Mike Bossio (FCR) and seconded by Brian Seltzer (ride4pets).
- The Executive asked if any members wished to step forth and fill the vacant Members Relations Position. No takers at this time.
- The Executive asked if anyone would be interested in filling the position of Ontario chair for the MCC. An Ontario election will be held in January, and ORRA should put forth a member. There was discussion about MOO (Motorcyclists of Ontario) which would only meet to elect the MCC Ontario rep. A brief description of what it may entail and the amount of time required was given by Kevin. There was also talk about any interested parties participating in sub-committees as these would entail less time and be of shorter durations. It was determined that interested parties would put forth their curriculum vitae by Mid December to the current Executive for review by them. A vote would take place at the January Meeting.
- Mike gave an update on the current financial status of ORRA on behalf of Marlene.
- Mike gave an elaboration on a possible tutorial ride to be run by ORRA in April 2006 as a way to commence the season and meet or fellow members. He also outlined our safety focus for the upcoming year. Look for a detailed report at the January meeting. He also discussed the distribution of a group riding pamphlet for distribution to the members. A great deal of time was spent discussing group riding and associated protocols involved. The pamphlet is e-mailable currently. CD's could be distributed at the January meeting.

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Mike Bossio also stated that he would forward exercises that you can perform while riding that minimize rider fatigue and thus maximize rider comfort.

- There was discussion about the booth backdrop purchase. Some of the Executive felt that the money would be better spent on the web site as it is the primary means of contact, while the booth is only used twice a year, and mainly targets individual riders, which is not our demographic. The Executive are to find a webmaster for a proposal. It should include a report on the number of hits per month and click-throughs.
- The December show is next weekend and the MCC will have a booth there for those members looking for more information. The Rider nation part of the show is free to enter for those parties interested.
- There was more discussion on the regional model currently under review. Another suggestion was that ORRA approach non-members with the statement that if you can get 3 groups to join in the area, it could be its own region. Further review and discussion is required.
- Insurance was discussed. Welland County MC and ORRA are to draft a response to MPP Toby Bennett clarifying what our position is insurance. It should include statements about older bikes being denied coverage, 2nd vehicle premium reductions, de-listing bikes, modification clarifications, mandatory rider training prior to licensing etc. Ideally manufacturers should be buying into this as new ridership is way down. Use MCC to help.
- Welland County complained about the lack of written response to an insurance inquiry. The Executive will respond to this shortly, but was very surprised to hear this, as they are generally quite diligent about returning requested information. WCMC may pull out of ORRA if the response is not issued quickly.
- MTA1 commented that the newsletter is in 2 different places on the web site. The Executive will review the matter. The Executive comment that Members should not wait until meetings to bring up these small issues, as if the Executive are contacted through the web site, these issues can be dealt with immediately.
- ORRA are to generate a benefit statement for distribution to the members.
- French Connection Riders require pamphlets for the next meeting.

Please note that the next scheduled ORRA meeting is for 7 January, 2006

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