



8 April 2006 Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Kevin Keay Smith	ORRA Chair	Brampton Motorcycle Association
Mike Raber	ORRA Public Relations	Zenriders
Marlene Steele	ORRA Treasurer	Zenriders
Larry Dotey		Blue Knights VIII
Derek Browne		Canadian Sidecar Owners Club
Graham Morrison		ICBA-London
M. Mullen		ICBA - London
Al Savoury		NA40+ Riders
Keith Formosa		Nortown Motorcycle Club
Brian Seltzer		Ride4pets
Mike Gnoyke		BMW Motorcycle Club Of Ontario
Bruce Pooler		MTA1
Mike Cutts		Spokes and Mags Motorcycle Club

Guests

Katherine Stoddart	Guest of BK VIII
Peter Jacobs	Motorcyclists Confederation of Canada
John Milner	Sheridan Instructors

Absentia Rights

ICBA – Hamilton	Marlene Steele
French Connection Riders	Marlene Steele

- January meeting minutes were accepted by Larry Dotey (BK VIII) and seconded by Bruce Pooler (MTA 1).
- Probationary members Spokes and Mags introduced themselves as being in their 19th year, they run a charity poker run in Cornwall for the Childrens Wish and raise about 20,000 dollars per year for their charity. Welcome aboard.
- Probationary members ICBA London Chapter introduced themselves and they raise money for Compassion Canada, which provides housing, fresh water, and swage systems for a village in Uganda. ORRA welcomes you.
- The Executive asked if any members wished to step forth and fill the vacant Members Relations Position. Graham Morrison expressed interest. Further discussion will take place after the meeting.

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- The Executive notified the assembled Members that after 2.5 years David Gross was stepping down as Web Master. David was thanked for his contribution. The Executive asked for Members to step forward to fill this position. No takers at this time.
- Mike gave an elaboration on the Spring Tune-up, which is to be run by ORRA on 30 April 2006 at 10:30 am as a way to commence the season, improve our skills, and meet our fellow members. It will take place in the GO Station parking lot at Rutherford Road and Keele Street in Vaughn. Text directions and a map will be posted on the web site. The White Knights will be in attendance. There will likely be a helmet removal demonstration, Accident scene management discussion, slow speed skills, and group ride manuals will be available. A waiver will have to be signed. ORRA will also send out a mass mailing reminding people of the event. Members are asked to RSVP so that proper plans can be made. Volunteers are also required to work the event.
- ORRA Executive have determined that our niche is to focus on safety for the upcoming year. ORRA will be putting out a press release about the upcoming Spring Tune-up. We will follow that with a press release to the media about May being motorcycle awareness month. A draft of the release was presented. The Members asked for it to be posted on the web site. The Executive will comply.
- Peter Jacobs gave an update on the MCC
 - a. ORRA member through the BMA, Liz Jansen was successful in her bid to be the Ontario representative for the MCC. Congratulations Liz.
 - b. The MCC's first AGM will take place on 6 May, 2006.
 - c. The MCC is actively working towards the HOV lane issue by providing a petition to the Ministry of Transportation. They feel that is a safety issue, and the manufacturers are preparing to back up this position.
 - d. Peter just attended a safety seminar in the US, the most remarkable fact is that drunk riding is on the increase among cruiser class riders who are middle aged. He suggested a zero tolerance policy for organized rides.
 - e. Peter was questioned about the lack of insurance options in Ontario. He stated that Riders Plus now offers a fourth choice through Echelon Insurance.
- Peter noted that the Jones Brown web site has a manual on risk management that is very good, and it is available for downloading at Jonesbrown.com
- The next meetings are schedules as follows:
 - a. 6 May, 2006 – Note this conflicts with MCC AGM and will likely be rescheduled
 - b. 16 September, 2006
 - c. 4 November, 2006

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Please note that the next scheduled ORRA meeting is for 6 May, 2006 - This will be rescheduled due to a conflict with the MCC AGM.

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