



6 January, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Kevin Keay Smith	ORRA Chair	Brampton Motorcycle Association
Mike Raber	ORRA Public Relations	Zenriders
Marlene Steele	ORRA Treasurer	Zenriders
Graham Morrison	ORRA Member Relations	ICBA London
Steve Platt		Blue Knights IV
Larry Doté		Blue Knights VIII
R. Cook		Blue Knights VIII
Mike Gnoyke		BMW Motorcycle Club of Ontario
Liz Jansen		Brampton Motorcycle Association/MCC
Derek Browne		Canadian Sidecar Owners Club
Jim Robinson		Freedom Riders Motorcycle Association
Mike Bossio		French Connection Riders
David Snodgrass	ORRA Editor	ICBA Hamilton
Chad King		ICBA Hamilton
Rod Doré		NA40+ Riders
Minnie Dutcher		Nortown Motorcycle Club
Allan Henning		Oshawa Goldwing Riders
Brian Seltzer		Ride4pets
Mike Cutts		Spokes and Mags Motorcycle Club
Robert Lalonde		Sudbury Wings

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David Snodgrass	MTA1
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Guests

Doug	Ride for Compassion
Peter Jacobs	Motorcycle Confederation of Canada

• Membership

- Introductions of all present and acceptance of last meetings minutes. Accepted by Mike Bossio, seconded by Derek Browne.
- 2 Probationary Members are voted in to full status. Congratulations to Sudbury Wings and BMW Loonie-tic-riders
- Compassion Canada gave a very nice presentation of their ride
- Liz was late as she received a MAX Award for all of her work on behalf of motorcycling. Congratulations Liz!

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- **Executive**
 - a. Graham must still generate a Member benefit statement in the near future. He will keep the events list accurate and current and forward it to the Web Master for posting.
- **Web Site**
 - a. The Executive noted that David Snodgrass has stepped forward and filled the Webmaster position over the last few months. The website is due for a facelift and ORRA are taking steps to address this. The Executive are looking at the possibility of outsourcing this crucial service, as it may be too demanding on volunteers. Chad King stepped forward as a volunteer to assist David in this matter. Chad and David are to investigate potential outsourcing and make a recommendation to the Executive. Thank you Chad.
- **Treasurer**
 - a. Marlene presented the Treasurers report for discussion. Accepted as presented by Mike Cutts, seconded by Mike Bossio.
- **Public Relations**
 - a. Mike gave an elaboration on the 29 April 2007 Spring Tune-up, which will be run by ORRA. It is a good way to commence the season, improve our skills, and meet our fellow members. The event 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 likely be in attendance. 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. Attendance will likely be limited to 100 participants. It was suggested that a tractor be available for everyone to sit in, as this would give them a better appreciation of what those drivers go through daily.
 - b. The group riding hand-out was circulated, and will be available on the updated web site. Anyone interested in having it now, should contact Mike Raber through the web site.
- **Safety and Awareness**
 - a. ORRA Executive have determined that our niche is to focus on safety for the upcoming years. 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. This will go to the Toronto Star, the Toronto Sun, and Mojo Magazine. The membership asked if it could be forwarded to them for their local papers. The Executive will comply.
- **Motorcyclists Confederation of Canada**

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- a. Liz Jansen gave an update on the MCC, which included updates on the Offroad Council, the Womens Riders Council, which Liz chairs, the pending United Nations legislation which will affect motorcycling in the future, in terms on noise emissions, carbon emissions, braking, lighting, seatbelts, airbags, etc, the sponsorship of the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame Banquet, and protection of motorcyc lists rights.
 - b. There were many questions about the lack of insurance options in Ontario. Members question what MCC can offer. See Insurance heading.
 - c. MCC has partnered with the British Columbia safety council for the inaugural national motorcycle safety symposium, which is to be held in British Columbia in spring 2007. There was some discussion about ORRA sponsoring at the minimum level to increase awareness. Further review is required. It was noted that some Industry sponsors may not use all of their tickets and that some may be available at no charge for associations like ORRA.
- **IMSS Booth and other shows**
 - a. The staffing at the shows was discussed. North American 40+ Riders volunteered to take some shifts. Thank you. Anyone volunteering, can get into the show free, and out of town staff, are offered discounts at local hotels. It is a good way to promote ORRA, and your local club rides, events, etc. and usually all of your friends walk by the booth over the course of the days. See Marlene for a refund of your entry ticket.
 - b. Mike Bossio noted that the Ottawa show is happening 2,3 June and he has booked a space for ORRA and the Freedom riders.
 - c. It is also likely that the MTA1 will be at the London Show.
 - **Regional Model**
 - a. Further discussion took place regarding the decentralization of ORRA from the Toronto area. The model was discussed, and it was determined that the meeting in London was a success. Thank you to Mike Bossio for driving all of the way in from Ottawa. The Executive will move the meetings around the province as a continuing initiative. See Meetings heading below for locations.
 - **Insurance**
 - a. Mike Raber noted that another Insurer was entering the market and may help drive the cost of insurance down. At this time, only positive response has been forwarded to the Executive regarding this.
 - b. It was also discussed about what role the MCC will play in the province. It was determined that MCC will assist ORRA in its actions when asked. They will not play the primary role, but will provide support to ORRA and other interested parties. Mike is to talk to Kevin after the meeting to discuss the matter further.
 - **Upcoming Meetings**

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- a. The next meetings are schedules as follows:
 - b. 14 April, 2007 at Noon at the IMSS
 - c. 19 May, 2007 – To be hosted by the French Connection Riders in Ottawa
 - d. 15 Sept 2007 – To be hosted by the Spokes and Mags in Cornwall
 - e. 10 Nov 2007 – Location to be determined.(Sudbury?)
- **Renewal**
 - a. The renewal costs for ORRA will remain at \$5.00 for the 3rd consecutive year. Renewals are to be forwarded to Marlene today. Any received after this meeting, will be considered late, and the penalty will apply. Members must fill out the MCC form as part of their renewal, but are not required to provide members names, but an accurate count of club members, and list of club events is necessary.

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