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potential outsourcing and make a recommendation to the Executive. They also unveiled a prototype website currently under construction for ORRA. Members put forth comments, and the new site was favourably received. Chad and David will continue along their current path.

- b. There was extensive discussion about privacy rights and the posting of personal contact information on the website. The waiver must be signed by the Club authorizing ORRA to use this information. If it is not to be used, please mark this part of the application accordingly. On the new web site, POP addresses will be set up to prevent this problem. Members suggested that perhaps initials could be used, making it more difficult for internet searches.

- **Treasurer**

- a. Marlene was ill and unable to attend the meeting. Her notes were not forwarded, so financials will be given at the next meeting.

- **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 have confirmed 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. CSOC RSVP'd for 2 attendees. All other RSVP's are to be sent via the website.
- b. The group riding hand-out was discussed, as it is currently in Powerpoint and difficult to manipulate. The PDF version will be available on the updated web site for all viewers. The modifiable version will be available to Members only. Anyone interested in having it now, should contact Mike Raber through the web site.

- **Safety and Awareness**

- a. ORRA Executive have determined that our continuing 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. They will also make available the SMART goals.
- b. Mike noted that the Ministry of transportation has started to put up their "Leave room for Motorcycles" signage on the 400 series highway electronic signs.

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- **Motorcyclists Confederation of Canada**

- 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 and standardized testing for such, carbon emissions, braking, lighting, seatbelts, airbags, and the like, and protection of motorcyclists rights.
- b. Liz discussed the continuing support of the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame and banquet. The MCC are soliciting Members to put forth names for consideration. The forms were left with the executive.
- c. MCC has partnered with the British Columbia Safety Council for the inaugural national motorcycle safety symposium, which was originally to be held in spring 2007. This has now been changed to September 2007.
- d. The MCC will be ramping up their forces for the HOV lane discussion. A local radio celebrity has offered to take the Minister up in the traffic helicopter to demonstrate the MCC position on safety. The petition will be submitted, and they have asked ORRA to send a letter in support of their motion. Various Members described personal incidents on the matter. It seems that even with 2 riders, motorcycles are not allowed in the lane. MCC are to review the matter, and report back to ORRA accordingly.
- e. Liz hinted that a detailed survey of women riders will be next on her to do list, due to the promising response to the first survey, and the potential for growth in ridership in that area.
- f. Liz discussed the introduction of the Individual membership in MCC, which would allow individuals to support MCC, but not vote.
- g. Liz handed out her MCC business card to all Members present.

- **IMSS Booth and other shows**

- a. Mike Bossio noted that the Ottawa show is happening 2,3 June and he has booked a space for ORRA and the French Connection Riders.

- **Regional Model**

- a. Mike Bossio noted that SOAR had finally held its meeting, and minutes have been prepared. Some of their members may attend the next ORRA meeting.

- **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 responses have been forwarded to the Executive regarding this.
- b. ORRA is also trying to leverage a group discount for ORRA Members through Dalton Timmis with Aviva Insurance. Look for an update next meeting.

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- **Upcoming Meetings**

- a. The next meetings are scheduled as follows:
- b. 19 May, 2007 – To be hosted by the French Connection Riders in Ottawa. Info to location is to be posted on the website.
- c. 15 Sept 2007 – To be hosted by the Spokes and Mags in Cornwall
- d. 10 Nov 2007 – Location to be determined.(Sudbury?)

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