



## 15 September, 2007 Meeting Minutes

### Attendees

Kevin Keay Smith	ORRA Chair	Brampton Motorcycle Association
Marlene Steele	ORRA Treasurer	Zenriders
David Snodgrass	ORRA Webmaster	ICBA-Hamilton
Mike Cutts		Spokes and Mags
Hurley Richer		Spokes and Mags
Bill Barnhart		Spokes and Mags
John		Spokes and Mags

### Absentia Rights

Marlene Steele	NA40+Riders
Kevin Keay Smith	French Connection Riders
David Snodgrass	IBCA-London

Thanks were given to Mike Cutts, The Spokes and Mags, and the Knights of Columbus Hall for hosting to meeting.

#### • **Motorcyclists Confederation of Canada**

- Kevin gave an update on the MCC, which included updates on:
  - The Offroad Council, which is currently fighting land use issues and noise issues, which has already started to infect road riding,
  - The Womens Riders Council whose first electronic survey results have been published and second more elaborate survey is currently underway,
  - ORRA has made a small sponsorship of the RPM Symposium taking place later this month in British Columbia. This will enable ORRA's logo to be used in the literature given out at the symposium, and the ORRA pamphlet will be distributed to all attendees as part of their literature package.
  - The continuing protection of motorcyclists rights at all levels municipally, regionally, and federally.
  - An update was given on the HOV lane petition, and discussion of HOV lanes, versus bus lanes, or commuter lanes.

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- Discussion took place around MCC's sponsorship of the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame awards and members should consider putting forth inductees for consideration in 2008.
  - MCC's guaranteed funding by MMIC comes to an end this year and an incremental fee increase is likely for individual participation. It should be finalized at their AGM in October 2007. This will result in a small increase in ORRA fees this year.
  - For the new participants, the formation and successes of MCC to date were reviewed.
- **Treasurers Report**
    - A detailed review of the financial report took place.
    - It was noted that new pamphlets and Crests will have to be ordered this year.
- **Public Relations Report**
    - Discussion took place around the proposed awareness campaign for ORRA involving roadside posters that Member Clubs can post along well traveled roads
    - The Spring Tune-up will continue and is to be held in late April, 2008.
    - ORRA is considering producing handouts for safety and awareness to handout at the booth during the show season.
- **Webmaster Report/Newsletter Report**
  - Davis gave an update on the progress of the new web site and discussed his search for suitable web servers with at least 2003 Windows based servers. He also wants the ability for each club to have an e-mail through the ORRA website.
  - The new website will include a standard format description of the ORRA Executive.
  - The new website will also include a standard format description of each ORRA Member Club.
  - There was discussion about revising the Newsletter schedule to twice a year. Once at the commencement of the riding season listing rides, events and the like, and once at the termination of the season summarizing the season and each ride. Member participation is required. It should also be posted on the website.
  - It was felt that information contained in the newsletter is to be considered "public domain" and all members should be allowed to reproduce it, as long as proper credit is given. ORRA would like to be able to do the same with member newsletter items.

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- David commented that MCC changed some of their links frequently, so that ORRA links are constantly being broken. ORRA Executive are to try to alleviate this matter.
- **IMSS Booth and other shows**
  - Ottawa show took place 2,3 June and ORRA had a booth there courtesy of the French Connection Riders. The show was small, but appeared to be well attended. Good contacts were made. ORRA met with The C.A.V. MA (the Canadian Army Veterans Motorcycle Association) shortly after the show regarding their potential membership in ORRA (5,000 members and counting).
  - The January IMSS is happening 4,5,6 January. Booth help is required.
  - The April show is
- **Regional Model**
  - Kevin elaborated ORRA's continuing efforts to become truly provincial in nature with today's meeting was the second outside the GTA. Based on attendance, it was noted that the perception is that things are starting to decentralize, and this is a long overdue and welcome change. The Executive noted that even though most of the membership reside in the GTA, we consider ourselves custodians of a provincial body, and look forward to the time, when we will more accurately reflect the provincial motorcycling community. See attached for the proposed regional model. Comments are welcome and expected.
- **Insurance**
  - ORRA has submitted their application to Dalton Timmis in an effort to leverage a group discount for ORRA Members through Dalton Timmis with Aviva Insurance. Look for an update at the next meeting. It was noted that GWRRA has attained a group rate.
- **Benefit Statement**
  - The Benefit Statement included with the minutes was ratified with some minor modifications. It was recognized that this is not a static document, so minor changes will have to be made as items become addressed.
- **Incorporation**
  - The ORRA Executive are looking at the possibility of becoming a "Not for Profit Corporation" to better protect ORRA and its assets. Stay tuned.

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- **Incentives**
  - ORRA are looking at modifying the enrollment incentives offered to Members at the beginning of every season, as some are not being taken advantage of. This obviously defeats their purpose.
  - Spokes and Mags suggested a gas rebate for Members traveling long distances to participate. The ORRA Executive will discuss this possibility.
- **Title Changes**
  - The following title changes were passed by a show of hands:
    - Chair to President
    - Treasurer to Controller
    - Public Relations to Director of Safety and Public Awareness
    - Member Relations to Director of Member Relations
    - Webmaster/Newsletter Editor to Director of Communications.
- **Upcoming Meetings**
  - The next meetings are scheduled as follows:
  - 10 Nov 2007 – Location to be determined. (Pickering, Whitby area to be targeted)
  - 5 Jan 2008 – International Motorcycle Supershow at noon
  - April 2008 – International Motorcycle Supershow
- **Events**
  - Spokes and Mags raised over 11,000.00 dollars on their ride. Congratulations! They did ask what to do with their waivers. Their last insurance provider required hard copies be given to them. ORRA Executive will make some enquiries and get back to them.

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### Proposed Regional Model

<b>West</b>	<b>West Centre</b>	<b>Centre</b>	<b>East Centre</b>	<b>East</b>	
Rainy River (Dryden) (Kenora) (Madsen) and surrounding area	Algoma Sudbury Timiskaming Cochrane Manitoulin				<b>Centre North</b>
Grey Bruce	Simcoe Muskoka Parry sound		Renfrew Nipissing		<b>Centre</b>
Huron Perth Waterloo Wellington	Halton Peel Dufferin Metro Toronto York	Durham Victoria Northumberland Haliburton	Hastings Lennox Addington Frontenac	Lanark Leeds Grenville Ottawa Carleton Prescott Russell Stormont Dundas Glengarry	<b>Centre South</b>
Essex Kent Lambton Elgin Middlesex	Haldimand Norfolk Niagara Hamilton Wentworth Brant				<b>South</b>

The titles across the top are to be read first, then the titles down the right. For example, Cornwall is in the County of Stormont, so it is ORRA region East, Centre South. Brampton is in Peel, so it is ORRA Region West Centre, Centre South. Member Clubs should meet locally within their region, forward the minutes to the ORRA Executive, and the full meetings could be changed to twice per year.

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