

25 May, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Kevin Keay Smith	ORRA President	Brampton Motorcycle Association
Marlene Steele	ORRA Controller	Zen Riders MC
Mike Bossio		French Connection Riders/Ottawa Vulcan
Adele Bossio		French Connection Riders/Ottawa Vulcan
Mike Cutts		Spokes and Mags MC
Mike Russel		Ottawa Vulcan MC
Marlon Landry		Ottawa Vulcan MC
Rob Dale		Capital City Bikers Church

Absentia Rights

Marlene Steele
ICBA - Hamilton

Guests

The ORRA Executive welcomed everyone and all attendees introduced themselves. Special thanks to Pastor Rob Dale and the Bikers Church for donating the space for ORRA and hosting the meeting along with the Mike Bossio and the French Connection Riders.

The previous meetings minutes were accepted as printed by Mike Bossio and seconded by Mike Cutts.

Controllers Report

Marlene provided a detailed breakdown of our financial standing and a spreadsheet was available for the assembled members to review. A discussion was held regarding the surplus. New badges, pins, letterhead, pamphlets, banner, and business cards will have to be purchased now that the logo has been finalized. Much of the surplus is money committed to the safety and awareness campaign that ORRA pitched to the MMIC last year. This money must be spent this year.

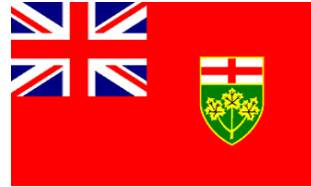
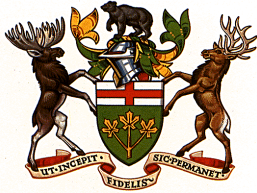
Safety and Awareness Report

The Spring Tune-up was held in late April and was similar to last year's exercises with about 60 riders taking advantage of the opportunity graciously provided by the volunteer instructors. Rosey Toes gave bikes a quick inspection and tune-up, with the White Knights providing an accident scene management lecture and demonstration. When questioned further by the Ottawa Valley groups about the event, a more detailed description was provided. ORRA also noted that the Ottawa Safety Council was likely the oldest motorcycle council in Canada, and that the Ottawa Valley Groups should try to get them to volunteer their time for a spring tune-up in the valley. Every ORRA region could easily do this. It is a great opportunity to refresh your riding skills and meet other ORRA clubs members. There was some discussion about the bumper stickers on the trailers of Canada Cartage vehicles. Now that the logo has been finalized, this should happen next month.

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Web-site

Certain parts of the website are incorrect and need attention. Spokes and Mags questioned when their front page will go up on the ORRA hosted site. The ORRA executive are to reviewed the situation and respond to Spokes and Mags. Other members questioned why their ride events do not appear on the events calendar. The ORRA Executive are to investigate and remedy this situation. If we are unable to meet the Members needs, the ORRA Executive have been mandated to outsource the web site maintenance. Pastor Rob offered his assistance in the interim.

MCC Update

Kevin former MCC Director for Ontario, as well as Newfoundland and Labrador announced that he had successfully replaced himself on the MCC board, so that he could concentrate on ORRA. ORRA still has full access to MCC through the Ontario representative Liz Jansen, whose business cards were distributed.

Kevin also gave an update on the Women Riders Council and handed out their business cards. Kevin pontificated on the 26 March 2008 News Release that 3 race groups recently joined the MCC, Parts Canada Superbike, Moto GP, and CMRC.

He also reiterated that MCC will receive a 1 year membership for every new motorcycle purchased directly from the MMIC on behalf of the new rider. This will provide a consistent source of financing for MCC.

Kevin went on to say that the next RPM Symposium will be held in the Ottawa Valley Region in 2009.

Some Members asked if MCC has been able to get an insurance discount package together. Kevin noted that people are having sporadic success depending on the Brokers awareness. Kevin asked that all Members ask their Broker for the MCC discount, and he will push MCC to write a letter to Insurers requesting the same.

Open Floor

The Executive noted that they were still trying to purchase a short term policy that will change our renewal date from mid-November to Mid January. That way the same thing won't happen next year. The Executive re-iterated that Mike Bossio write a description of their sponsored event for our Insurance agent to review as the ORRA policy has a liquor exclusion. A supplementary policy is available and very likely required to mitigate any risk for the host club.

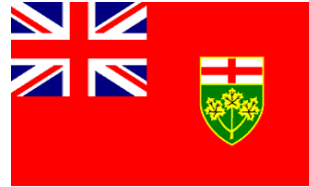
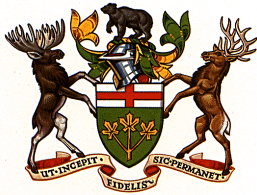
Mike Bossio asked if ORRA banners and flyers were available for Ottawa Show coming up next weekend. Pamphlets were provided, although they have the old logo. The banner will be couriered to Mikes shop. An electronic copy of the new pamphlet will be sent to Mike to use as he sees fit.

The Ottawa Vulcans suggested that a scenario of an incident at an insured event versus an incident at an uninsured event would likely clarify to all prospective clubs the need to join ORRA and purchase the insurance package. The ORRA Executive will attempt to provide this.

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Rob Dale described the Bikers Church Information Day that they host. The church is open to all motorcycle groups who wish to participate in an effort to promote inter club discourse, swap parts and stories, discuss basic maintenance, and generally just hang out. This year the mayor promised to look into providing free parking for motorcycles. Rob also went on to talk about the Bikers Appreciation Day that they are hosting on the 4 August. The local dealers sponsor the Bikers Church for this completely free event. There is a theme and games through out the day, with a barbeque in the evening. This years theme – The Seven Deadly Sins! Last years Carnival theme had events like pin the beard on the biker and toss the rubber frogs into the toilet. Crazy stuff.

He also went on to talk about their upcoming “Bug Run”. A 2” piece of tape is fastened to every participants headlight. Whoever has the most “hits” on the tape wins the prize. No dinner required after the ride.

The ORRA Executive officially announced that the Ottawa River Riders have joined the group. Welcome to ORRA folks. We now stand at 23 clubs with 778 total members.

The ORRA Executive are continuing to look into a Dalton Timmis Insurance discount for ORRA Members members. Stay tuned.

Mike Cutts won the first ever ORRA t-shirt with our new logo. Congratulations Mike.

Marlene provided samples of badges and pins that ORRA can order based on the new logo. Approximate cost is 2.50 each. The quality seemed fine. The ORRA Executive will place a bulk order shortly.

The ORRA Member Relations on the Executive is vacant. Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact us through the website. Thanks to Graham for all his previous work.

Upcoming Meetings

5 January 2008, International Motorcycle Supershow at noon - Completed

5 April, 2008 April Motorcycle show at 4pm to 6pm - Completed

25 May 2008 – Nepean – 1 PM – Bikers Church

September – Likely Cornwall

November – TBD

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