

### 3 January, 2009 Meeting Minutes

#### Attendees

Kevin Key Smith	ORRA President	Brampton Motorcycle Association
Marlene Steele	ORRA Controller	Zen Riders MC
Michael Raber	ORRA Safety Director	Zen Riders MC
Mike Gnoyke		BMW Motorcycle Club Ontario
Rick McCalla		Brampton Motorcycle Association
Mike Bossio		French Connection Riders
David Snodgrass	ORRA Editor	ICBA Hamilton Chapter
Chad King	ORRA Webmaster	ICBA Hamilton Chapter
Kelly Ripley		ICBA London Chapter
Bruce Pooler		MTA1 – Ontario
Al Savoury		NA 40+ Riders
Rod Dore		NA 40+ Riders
Derek Browne		Nortown Motorcycle Club
Elsa Dela Torre		Nortown Motorcycle Club
Allan Henning		Oshawa Gold Wing Riders
Leslie Downing		Parry Sound Motorcycle Association
Brian Downing		Parry Sound Motorcycle Association
John Milner		Sheridan Motorcycle Instructors

#### Absentia Rights

#### Guests

Michael Labute	ICBA Windsor Chapter
Carrie Labute	ICBA Windsor Chapter
Ivan Audette	ICBA Windsor Chapter
Irene Audette	ICBA Windsor Chapter

The ORRA Executive welcomed everyone and all attendees introduced themselves. Special thanks to Bar and Hedy Hodgson and the International Motorcycle Supershow for providing the meeting room today.

The previous meetings minutes were accepted by Bruce Pooler and seconded by Elsa.

#### Controllers Report

Marlene provided a detailed breakdown of our financial standing. It was accepted as read.

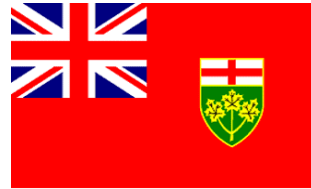
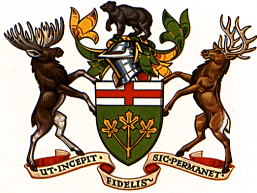
#### Safety and Awareness Report

The Spring Tune-up will be held on 26 April 2009 in the same successful format as before. Mike has confirmed that the White Knights will participate again as well as Rosy Toes.

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The new pamphlet, poster, bus campaign, and bumper sticker artwork is almost done but requires some clean-up. Rod from NA40+ has graciously offered his assistance and the ORRA Executive will be meeting with him soon to complete this item. Look for completed items to be rolled out at the next meeting.

The road signs are almost complete and will be ready for pick-up next week. Alternately they can be handed out at the next meeting.

Mike went on to state that ORRA will purchase safety riding videos that will be available to the Member groups upon request. Someone noted that Schnell has a free video available on helmets if requested online. ([www.smf.org](http://www.smf.org))

There was a lot of discussion about Bill 117 which limits the age of a passenger to 14 or older. All members are encouraged to sign the petition at the ORRA booth. As well a copy of the petition is appended to these minutes. Please return these to ORRA by 13 February, 2009. Clubs were encouraged to write and visit their local MPP as this bill breezed through 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on 4 December, 2008. One member suggested getting the names of the Select Committee members onto the ORRA website so that they could be contacted directly. The names are not public knowledge yet, although the transcript for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading is available online. The Select Committee hearing is not open to the general public so to get a position speaking or sit in the gallery you must contact Jonathan Brickwood at [jonathan\\_brickwood@ontla.ola.org](mailto:jonathan_brickwood@ontla.ola.org) or call him at 416-325-3500.

#### **Web-site**

The 2009 renewal form is now posted on the website. Chad took a quick poll of who used the online calculator and about 5 clubs took advantage of this. Derek asked if Paypal could be used next year to ease payments. ORRA executive are to look into this. Chad also asked for Clubs events and pictures of events. The size of the files may be preventing them from getting through. [www.mailbigfile.com](http://www.mailbigfile.com) may be utilized to expedite these photographs. Alternately, bring a memory stick and we will upload them.

#### **MCC Update**

ORRA has access to MCC through the Ontario representative Liz Jansen.

The Women Riders Council is in full swing and some MCC WRC members may attend the AMA Womens Congress later this year.

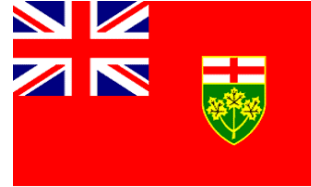
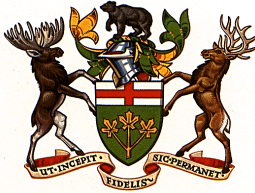
MCC will receive money for every new motorcycle purchased directly from the MMIC on behalf of the new rider. This will provide a consistent source of financing for MCC. The new rider can get a 1 year free MCC membership if so desired. ORRA will still have to pay 1 dollar per member to join MCC.

ORRA had the late Gerry German inducted into the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame. Gerry was one of ORRA's founding fathers. Congratulations go to Rod Dore and Al Savoury who each won a pair of tickets to the induction celebration. Look for a copy of the awards presentation on the website soon.

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The MTA1 commented that the MCC website has a Members area which requires a password that no-one has. MCC has stated that this area has nothing “behind it yet” as it is a work in progress. They will assign ORRA a password once construction has been completed. MCC has also negotiated service discounts for members at Sell off Vacations, Choice Hotels, Budget Car Rental, Inside Motorcycles magazine, Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame banquet, MCC Motorcycling RPM Conference, and MCC apparel.

#### **Open Floor**

The Executive noted they finalized the purchase of a policy that will change our insurance renewal date from mid-November to mid January. Kelly asked for a single page summary description of our coverage. ORRA executive will ask our insurance provider for this summary. ORRA Executive note that the current policy is available for review after the meeting.

Marlene provided samples of badges and pins that ORRA can order based on the new logo. Approximate cost is 2.50 each or a badge and a pin for 5.00.

The ORRA Member Relations on the Executive is vacant. Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact us through the website.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

3 January 2009 – Mississauga at the International Motorcycle Supershow

4 April 2009 – Mississauga at the International Motorcycle Supershow

6 June 2009 – Ottawa Region – Location tbd

12 September 2009 – Parry Sound, Location tbd

24 October, 2009 – St. Thomas, Location tbd

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