

6 June, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Kevin Key Smith	ORRA President	Brampton Motorcycle Association
Marlene Steele	ORRA Controller	Zen Riders MC
Mike Bossio		French Connection Riders
Adele Bossio		French Connection Riders
Rod Dore		NA 40+ Riders
Cathie Dore		NA 40+ Riders
Bill Noel (Late)		Ottawa River Riders

Absentia Rights

Marlene	Blue Knights VI
Marlene	ICBA Hamilton Chapter

Guests

Debbie (Late)	Capital City Bikers Church
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The ORRA Executive welcomed everyone and all attendees introduced themselves. Special thanks to Mike and Adele Bossio for hosting the meeting and billeting some of the attendees. Kevin thanks Mike for the loan of the bike for the National Memorial Ride.

The previous meetings minutes were accepted by Mike Bossio and Rod Dore.

Controllers Report

Marlene provided a detailed breakdown of our financial standing. It was accepted as read. Marlene noted that about half of the grant money has been committed to date.

Safety and Awareness Report

The Spring Tune-up was held on 26 April 2009 at 11:00 and was a success although attendance was down due to the inclement weather. There was a general discussion about possibly moving the event to another area to peek new rider interest. This will be reviewed further by the Executive.

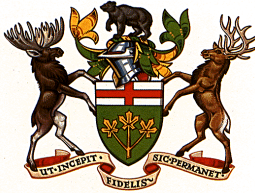
The new pamphlet is completed and awaiting printing.

The poster campaign have been finalized and Rod Dore, who graciously offered his assistance, had a hard of the posters to pass around for comments. Hard copies of each were available for Members to take in both sizes. Marlene noted that she has contacted the Ministry of Transportation who have instructed us that funds can be made available for safety campaigns if deemed appropriate. Marlene has been provided with a 25 page application. The consensus was that the poster aimed at car drivers would make a great billboard. Good work Marlene.

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Marlene presented a bumper sticker for review. 3,000 have been printed and we will be meeting with Canada Cartage next week to turn them over for placement on the trailers.

The road signs are complete and about 500 have been distributed. More are available if requested.

There was a short discussion about Bill 117 which limits the age of a passenger to 14 or older. It appears that the Bill is in limbo right now. 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 or call him at 416-325-3500.

Once ORRA confirms Bill 117 is unsuccessful, ORRA should continue to pursue motorcycle access to the HOV lanes in keeping with the petitions signed a few years ago. It was agreed that once the urgency of Bill 117 had passed we would recommence our efforts on the HOV lanes. It was also noted again that this only applies to 400 series roads and that some “diamond” lanes are under regional control and therefore different rules apply. Check your regional requirements and report back to us.

Web-site

Members are requested to use the online form to input their events as right now the events list is sparse.

MCC Update

The Women Riders Council attended the AMA Womens Congress last month. They will give us an update for the next meeting.

MCC is also promoting International “Ride Your Motorcycle To Work Day” on 15 June, 2009. Postcards with the details were handed out to attendees. If you e-mail them details of your ride, you are entered into a raffle for MCC loot.

Open Floor

The Executive noted they finalized the purchase of a policy that will change our insurance renewal date from mid-November to 30 January. Rick asked is anyone has requested increased coverage for their event this year. The answer is not yet. The Members collectively asked for the copy of certificate. ORRA executive will continue to pursue this and it will be forwarded via mail. ORRA remind everyone to give us at least 2 weeks notice if a named third party is required on a certificate.

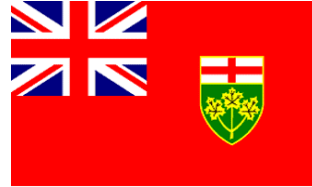
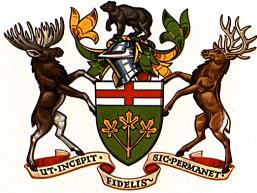
The ORRA Member Relations on the Executive is vacant. Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact us through the website or talk to the executive after the meeting.

The Executive noted that the Independent Freedom Riders, who were guests at our last meeting, have elected to join ORRA. Welcome aboard guys!

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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

12 September 2009 – Parry Sound, Location Don Cherry's

24 October, 2009 – possibly St. Thomas, Location tbd

Presidents note;

While in Ottawa some ORRA Members attended the inaugural National Memorial Ride. The weather and ride were great and the speeches were very moving. The CAV and the National Memorial Riders Club hosted the event which commenced at the National Aviation Museum and finished at Beechwood Cemetery which also houses the National Military Cemetery for those soldiers who have made the supreme sacrifice for their country. Prior to departure The CAV national president Trapper gave a stirring speech about former General Hillier challenging outgoing military personnel to go into their communities and make a difference, by demonstrating honour, duty, integrity, and selfless behaviour. Even though every single individual had already given so much of themselves for our freedoms, it seems that every single one of them has taken the general's challenge to heart. They are the fastest growing motorcycle organization, with a lot of community support for their many and varied works. We should all take heed of former General Hillier's comments and support the CAV and their fine endeavors, and I will challenge you even further by asking you to go forth into your own communities, and utilizing the CAV's model, make yourselves and your own communities even better!

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