

## September 2009 Meeting Minutes

### Attendees

Kevin Key Smith	ORRA President	Brampton Motorcycle Association
Marlene Steele	ORRA Controller	Zen Riders MC
Mike Raber	ORRA Safety Director	Zen Riders MC
Mike Bossio		French Connection Riders
Debbie Davis		Capital City Bikers Church
Mike Gnoyke		BMW Riders
Lealand Johnston		Freedom Riders
Jim Robinson		Freedom Riders
Janet Borneman		Parry Sound MA

### Absentia Rights

Marlene ICBA Hamilton Chapter

### Guests

N/A

The ORRA Executive welcomed everyone and all attendees introduced themselves. Special thanks to Janet and the Parry Sound Motorcycle Association for hosting today's meeting.

The previous meetings minutes were accepted by Mike Bossio and Debbie Davis.

### Controllers Report

Marlene provided a detailed breakdown of our financial standing. A hard copy was circulated amongst the attendees for review. 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 will be held on 25 April, 2010. 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.

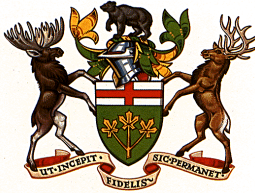
The new pamphlet is completed and awaiting printing.

The poster campaign have been finalized thanks to Rod Dore, who graciously offered his assistance. Hard copies of each were available for Members to take in both sizes. The consensus was that the poster aimed at car drivers would make a great billboard. The poster aimed at motorcyclists may be too subtle. Further review of target market and message are to be reviewed. It was not obvious that it was aimed at motorcycles. Perhaps some text on recommended gear could be added.

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Marlene presented a bumper sticker for review. 3,000 have been printed and have been turned over to Canada Cartage for placement on the trailers. This will be done through attrition as the trailers come in for routine servicing or maintenance.

The road signs are complete and about 500 have been distributed. More are available if requested. Riders have seen them on their rides.

There was a short discussion about Bill 117 which limits the age of a passenger to 14 or older. It appears that the timeframe for the Bill has lapsed. For it to come forth again it must start at the first reading again. We will be better prepared for them this time if the need arises.

Mike brought up Bill 118 which is regarding the use of hands free devices in vehicles. It was noted that GPS systems mounted on motorcycles have been caught in this legislation. Apparently the GPS has to be set completely prior to commencing the ride. Changing it during the ride is not permitted. The Bill comes into effect 26 October, and during a 30 day grace period the authorities may choose to give warnings instead of tickets.

### **Web-site**

Members are requested to use the online form to input their events as right now the events list is sparse. The Members asked that the 2010 renewal forms be uploaded as soon as possible. Some Members noted that they struggle with posting their events through the website. The Executive will address this.

Members asked what the number of hits were on the website. The Executive will review and advise.

Some Members asked if the website could host a private forum where the ORRA representatives could communicate with each other and leave posts. The Executive will review and advise.

### **MCC Update**

The Ride to Work day in June was by all accounts a hit. Look for it to continue next year.

The MCC representative for ORRA attended the Womens Riders Council meeting in the US.

She wrote an article about it which appeared in the Toronto Star.

The MCC Annual General Meeting will be held on 25 October, 2009. The Hall of Fame Banquet will be held at the same time.

### **Open Floor**

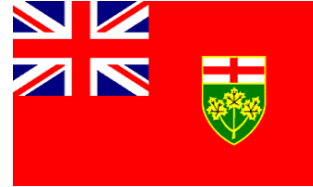
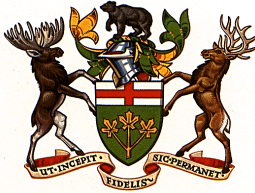
The ORRA Member Relations on the Executive is vacant. Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact us through the website or talk to the executive after the meeting.

The Executive note that the Parry Sound Motorcycle Association have completed the probationary period. The attendees voted unanimously to accept them as full members. Congratulations to the PSMA.

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Kevin noted that long time Brampton Motorcycle Association executive Julie Beacock was tragically killed while on a ride in the United States. Our thoughts and prayers go out the family and friends.

Mike Bossio noted that the City of Ottawa has changed its parking laws to allow 2 motorcycles per stall and cut the cost to half of that for cars, including stalls at City Hall.

Jim Robinson was present when ORRA was founded and offered to write a brief history. Thank you Jim.

There was discussion about changing the meeting to quarterly. The executive will review and make a recommendation for the next meeting.

### Upcoming Meetings

16 January 2010 – Mississauga at the International Motorcycle Supershow

10 April 2010 – Mississauga at the International Motorcycle Supershow

June 2010 – Ottawa Region

September 2010 – TBA

October, 2010 – TBA

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