

January 2010 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
Bruce Pooler		MTA1 Ontario
Janet Borneman	plus guest	Parry Sound Motorcycle Association
Derek Brown		Nortown Motorcycle Club
Al Savoury		NA 40 Plus Touring Association
Harold McMullen		NA 40 Plus Touring Association
Dan Desrosier		Independent Freedom Riders
Joel Nelson		Independent Freedom Riders
Liz Jansen	ORRA MCC Rep	Brampton Motorcycle Association
Kelly Ripley		ICBA London
Chad King	ORRA Webmaster	ICBA Hamilton

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Guests

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 for today's meeting.

The previous meetings minutes distributed and were accepted by Mike Bossio.

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.

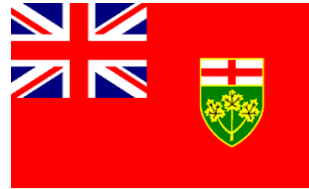
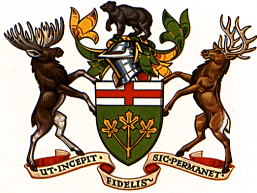
Safety and Awareness Report

The Spring Tune-up will be held on 25 April, 2010 commencing at 11am and lasting about 2.5 hours. 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. It was noted that the event is not a replacement for proper rider training but is in fact a quick refresher on select items done under a controlled environment to enhance existing skill sets. Mike confirmed that Rosey Toes and the White Knights will be participating again this year.

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The new pamphlet is being distributed at the booth today.

The poster campaign has 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. The Executive are to review the matter further.

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 600 have been distributed. More are available if requested. Riders have seen them on their rides in such far flung places as Brantford, Windsor, Brampton, Ottawa, Kitchener, Orangeville, Toronto and so on.

There was a short discussion about Bill 117 which limits the age of a passenger to 14 or older. ORRA noted that the time frame for the Bill may have lapsed. The MCC noted that it was still on the list for discussion so it is still active. ORRA are to confirm they are on the list of speakers. 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.

Web-site

Chad rolled out the latest and greatest version of the website.

Members are requested to use the online form to input their events as right now the events list is sparse. The input list has been streamlined as some Members noted that it was cumbersome to use.

The Members asked that the 2010 renewal forms be uploaded and they are on-line.

Members had previously asked what the number of hits were on the website. Chad noted they were running at about 6,000 per month.

Members had previously asked if the website could host a private forum where the ORRA representatives could communicate with each other and leave posts. Chad demonstrated this function. Any glitches in the system should be forwarded to Chad so that they can be corrected. Chad also noted that members must register with him to use the forum.

Chad asks that all clubs provide a biography of the club for posting on the website.

Chad is currently working on a live chat application through the ORRA website but it is still in the design phase.

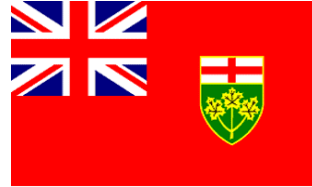
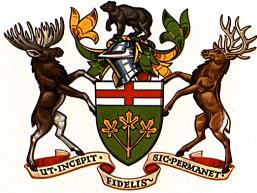
MCC Update

MCC Ontario representative Liz Jansen attended the meeting and noted that she was now the Chairperson for the next 2 years. She went on to note that MCC now represents 245 clubs and associations and expect more growth in the coming year.

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The MCC representative for ORRA attended the Womens Riders Council meeting in the US. And it was a great success. The MCC is hosting a Canadian WRC at Deerhurst Inn 11 to 15 August 2010. All are welcome to attend.

Liz went on to note that MCC is currently refining their by-laws, pursuing relationships with AMA, FEMA, UN, and the like.

The MCC Annual General Meeting will be held in October, 2010. The Hall of Fame Banquet will be held at the same time and the MCC is currently soliciting nominees.

Liz noted that the MCC will be receiving a MAX award later today for their work to date.

Finally she noted that the MCC has no Road Rider Committee and it is something that we should think about pursuing.

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.

There was discussion about changing the meetings to a quarterly format. The Executive have discussed the matter and concur with the recommendation. It was passed with a show of hands.

It was noted that ORRA will provide funding and the booth for the London Show at the end of February. ICBA and the IFR have agreed to staff it. Thanks.

Mike Bossio noted that SOAR is re-vamping and becoming active again. Good luck to them.

One of the members commented on ORRA having a Facebook page. The Executive are to review and advise.

Upcoming Meetings

16 January 2010 – Mississauga at the International Motorcycle Supershow

10 April 2010 – Mississauga at the International Motorcycle Supershow

19 June 2010 – Ottawa Region (to be confirmed)

September 2010 – No longer required

October, 2010 – Parry Sound (to be confirmed)

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