

April 10 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/National Mem.
Bruce Pooler		MTA1 Ontario
Debbie		Capital City Bikers Church
John McCormick		Parry Sound Motorcycle Association
Derek Brown		Nortown Motorcycle Club
Kelly Ripley		ICBA London
Chad King	ORRA Webmaster	ICBA Hamilton
Rick McCalla		Brampton Motorcycle Association

Absentia Rights

Guests

John Milner
Sheridan Motorcycle Instructors

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 and providing free booths for all clubs and associations.

All present introduced themselves and ORRA welcomed the Durham Divas Motorcycle Club as our newest member.

The previous meetings minutes distributed and were accepted with one revision: Mike Bossio was also representing the National Memorial Riders Club. Accepted as modified by Mike Bossio and seconded by Kelly.

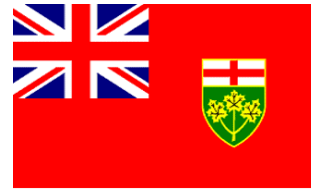
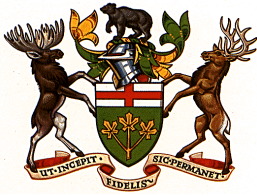
Controllers Report

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. Ideas for the balance were requested.

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Safety and Awareness Report

Mike Raber started the discussion on the recent fatalities over the last few weeks and reminded all attendees that it is early in the season as a result of the nice weather, but the roads are still salty and covered with sand so please take care.

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.

The new pamphlet is being distributed at the booth today and copies were mailed to the French Connection for distribution to SOAR for possible affiliation with ORRA.

The road signs are on site. About 600 were distributed in 2009 and more are available for May 2010. 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. Replacements can be requested or Kevin has them in his truck if you wish to pick them up today. One of the members suggested ORRA flags or static stickers for an awareness campaign. The Executive are to investigate both.

At the last meeting there was a short discussion about Bill 117 which limits the age of a passenger to 14 or older. ORRA note that the time frame for the Bill may have lapsed. The MCC note that the Bill was still active. Since the last ORRA meeting Bill 117 has lapsed without being read and is officially dead. It will have to be re-introduced and start again if the private member wishes to do so.

Mike Bossio asked if a Motorcycle Awareness Month press release was going to be issued as it has to get to the newspapers soon. The Executive will prepare this. Also, they were asked to look at promotional avenues that were inexpensive such as CMG online, and public television.

Web-site

Members had previously asked if the website could host a private forum where the ORRA representatives could communicate with each other and leave posts. ORRA Webmaster Chad has finished the forum. Chad noted that only 4 members signed on to use the forum. If the forum site is sparingly utilized it will be abandoned so please sign up to use it.

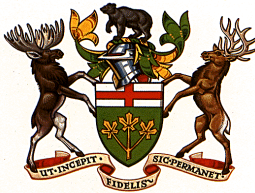
Chad asks that all clubs provide a biography of the club for posting on the website.

Chad will work on a special flashy feature for the website for Motorcycle awareness month. Stay tuned.

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MCC Update

The MCC is hosting a Canadian WRC at Deerhurst Inn 11 to 15 August 2010. All are welcome to attend. Some present question whether the MCC should be funding something divisive as all riders are considered equal. There was extensive discussion on the matter. The Executive are to get a financial accounting of the matter for the next meeting.

MCC is also encouraging all people to participate in "Ride to Work Day" on 21 June, 2010. For more information see <http://motorcycling.ca/mcc/ridetoworkday/?lang=en>

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 has closed nominee recommendations. Book your tickets now for this great event.

Insurance

The insurance is purchased in bulk for the association based on our numbers at the end of each January. New clubs or late renewing members pay the full amount and not a prorated amount no matter when they join. The Executive are to send out a letter with a generic insurance certificate stating that the "Member Club" is in good standing and if the insurance option is chosen a second line will indicate that they are covered by our insurance. If a Club requires a specific certificate naming a third party as additionally insured, they must notify the Executive 14 days in advance with the proper legal name of the entity, address, and date of the event. A custom certificate will then be generated.

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.

Mike Raber noted that enrollment in the motorcycle courses was up 33% this year so lots of new riders are available to join clubs if clubs can maintain their appeal to the individual.

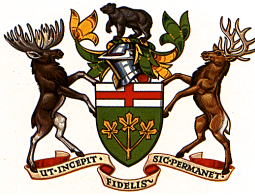
Chad gave a brief description of the London show and talked about the perception of ORRA. A lot of pamphlets were handed out so it was a worthwhile endeavor. Special thanks to ICBA and Chad for setting up the booth and staffing it through-out the show.

Mike Bossio noted that SOAR is revamped and becoming active again. Kevin is to go to their next meeting to discuss them joining ORRA as the North East region rather than SOAR re-inventing the wheel. Stay tuned.

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One of the members commented on ORRA having a Facebook page. This may be the wave of the future as the younger members felt that web sites are becoming antiquated and that social networking is the new vanguard. 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 (Location to be confirmed)

October, 2010 – Parry Sound (Location to be confirmed)

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