

Minutes: ERA Board of Directors Wednesday December 15th, 2010

Start time 6:30pm CST

Attendees: Jim Thomas, Larry Hagemeister, Dean Conner, Alan Reynolds, Mike Schroeder, Ronnie Charnes, Jerry Keifer, Chris Thompson, Wes Grueninger, Joe Bradish, Kenny Turner, Ken Plourde, Daren Roggentien

1: Treasurers Report:

Chris Thompson reported a balance of \$26,297.15 with all bills paid in full.

2: Membership Committee Report:

- a. Tom Barrett reported via email that there were 428 members as of the end of November.
- b. Tom has talked with Dick Vensel about sending information on the ERA to his Overseas customers. Dick would like to send information to his customers via email. Tom has also talked with Wes Grueninger on the possibility on producing a video on what global members could access on the ERA Web Site. Tom also thought a flyer with the same information would be good idea.
- c. Tom informed that he has not had any extra time to compile calling lists for the membership drive and would like to wait until the first part of January to start on the phone calls. Wes said it wouldn't be problem to extend the guest login information a month.
- d. Chris Thompson brought the idea of hiring someone on a part time basis to make membership phone calls on a regular basis. This was tabled until the January meeting.

3: Technical/Training Committee Report:

- a. Wes Grueninger finished a training video that Dick Vensel produced. Wes has also added 46 equipment manuals that Dick Vensel sent him.
- b. Wes reported that he is working on wiring diagrams on classic cars that he obtained from Jack Kirkland.
- c. Joe Bradish is producing a video on testing rectifiers for Niehoff alternators with dual wound stators.
- d. Wes approached the Technical Committee about purchasing a shop press to assist him in producing videos on solenoid rebuilding. After the Technical Committee meeting Dean and Mike Conner of Conner Repair offered to purchase the press and donate it to the ERA.
- e. Tom Barrett and Ken Plourde talked with Wes on producing a video on using the ERA Web Site. Wes informed that this would probably take up to three weeks to make the video. It was the Technical Committees suggestion to continue to work on current projects at this time.

- f. Gene Kaiser is producing videos on testing alternators with different com-type terminals.
- g. Mike Schroeder brought up problems in obtaining wiring hookups on alternators used on newer vehicles.
- h. The Tech Line has had normal usage.

4: Old Business:

a. ERA Trade Show.

1. Ken Plourde has talked with Polly Shea on the progress of the ERA Trade Show. She has made up flyers to send to suppliers. The suppliers will add these flyers to their parts shipments. Polly is still working on speakers and seminars for the Trade Show.
2. Larry Hagemeister asked if there was anything set up on the structure of the ERA's seminar for ERA Web Site usage. Jim Thomas volunteered to be the moderator for the seminar. It was brought up that the seminar should be videotaped so suppliers and their employees that are not able to attend could view the seminar. It was also noted that suppliers and their employees should be encouraged to attend the seminar if they are attending the Trade Show.

A motion was made by Ken Plourde to have Jim Thomas chair a committee on structuring the ERA seminar at the ERA Trade Show.

Second by Joe Bradish. All ayes motion carried.

b. ERA Office Computer.

1. Tabled until the January meeting.

c. ERA Budget 2011.

1. Mike Schroeder told attendees that the ERA accountants are finishing the update on the computer program that is used for budget purposes. The budget committee is finalizing the 2011 budget for board approval.

A motion was made by Ken Plourde to table until the January 2011 ERA board meeting the vote on approval of the 2011 budget.

Second by Mike Schroeder all ayes motion approved.

5: New Business:

- a. There was no new business to discuss.

Being no further business a motion was made by Mike Schroeder to adjourn.
Second by Joe Bradish all ayes meeting adjourned @ 8:07pm CST

**NEXT ERA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19TH, 2011 @ 6:30 PM CST.**

Respectfully submitted

Daren Roggentien

Secretary

