

Minutes: ERA Board of Directors Wednesday June 20, 2012

Start Time 6:30pm CDT

Attendees: Bob Thomas, Ronnie Charnes, Wes Grueninger, Tom Barrett, Joe Bradish, Henry Henke, Kenny Turner, Bill Ernst, Darlene Schroeder, Drew Withrow, Dean Conner, Mike Dietrich, Ken Plourde, Chris Thompson, Jerry Kieffer, Daren Roggentien.

1: Treasurers Report:

- a. Chris Thompson reported a balance in the ERA checking of \$28,628.40 with all bills paid in full.
- b. Chris informed attendees that taxes for the 2011 year were complete and filed.

2: Membership Committee Report:

- a. Ken Plourde reported that he and Darlene Schroeder have finished a preliminary form for delinquent members for the Membership Committee to work with. After discussion Wes Grueninger would like to have a column added to the form that shows when a delinquent member has paid. Bob Thomas would like members that haven't paid and are not interested at the time to be left on the form for future use. Ken informed that he would make the changes to the form and repost.
- b. Tom Barrett reported that Darlene had sent him the following membership information. For the month of May there were 445 current members. There were 28 renewals and 3 new members.

3: Technical/Training Committee Report:

- a. Bob Thomas reported that the ERA Tech. Line is working fine and has had normal usage. The normal number of calls this time of year are 4-5 per day.
- b. Bob Thomas and Gene Kaiser talked about an upcoming article on diode leakage for stator activated voltage regulators.
- c. Bob informed that Wes had finished up several projects in the last 30 days and is currently working on scanning old industry catalogs like Ace Field Coils and Accurate Starter Drives. This will start a resources library for members looking for parts for older starter and generators.

4: Old Business:

a. ERA Office Software:

1. Ken Plourde reported that the ERA Office is still using the same software. Ken informed that several problems have been corrected.
2. Darlene Schroeder informed that the computer and software are working well.

b. Exide Buying Group:

1. Tom Barrett informed that he has been in contact with a representative from Exide. The Exide Buying Group is being put together and Tom will have more information as it becomes available.

c. Membership Calls to Suppliers:

1. Henry Henke reported that he has been in contact with suppliers that are delinquent on their membership dues and is awaiting return phone calls. Darlene informed that there has been 1 supplier that Henry had contacted that had sent in their membership dues. Wes Grueninger added that he would like to be informed when a delinquent member or supplier renews their membership so they can be reinstated to have access to the ERA Forums.

5: New Business:

a. Letter of Resignation:

1. Ken Plourde informed attendees that he had received a letter of resignation from Jean Harbrige who had been making membership calls for the ERA. Ken informed that Jean expressed that she has enjoyed working with the ERA and will continue to promote the ERA when making sales calls.
2. Jerry Kieffer offered to talk with an employee of his about assuming the duties of making membership calls.

b. Constant Contact Email to Members:

1. Tabled.

c. ERA Tech Line Phone Number:

1. Ken Plourde reported that he has had a member contact him about adding the ERA Tech. Line phone number and hours of operation to the ERA Forums home page. The discussion was that member's bookmark the Forums home page and go directly there instead of the ERA Web Site home page. Wes Grueninger informed that when the ERA Web Site is updated members would not be able to go to the Forums without going to the ERA Web Site home page. Wes informed that the update is on his list of things to get done.

d. Dixie Electric Tech Bulletins:

1. Wes Grueninger reported that Ken Plourde had contacted him about Dixie Electric wanting to offer putting their Tech. Tips and Tech Bulletins on the ERA Web Site.

A motion was made by Joe Bradish to have Wes move forward with this and contact Dixie Electric. Mike Dietrich made a second.

All ayes. Motion approved.

Being no further business a motion was made by Tom Barrett to adjourn the meeting. Ken Plourde made a second. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

**THE NEXT ERA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR
JULY 18TH 2012 @ 6:30 PM CDT.**

Respectfully Submitted.

Daren Roggentien.

Secretary.