Minutes ERA Board of Directors Wednesday August 15th, 2012
Start Time 6:30 pm CDT

Attendees: Henry Henke, Ronnie Charnes, Chris Thompson, Wes Grueninger, Bill Ernst, Drew Withrow, Alan Reynolds, Jerry Keiffer, Mike Dietrich, Kenny Turner, Mike Schroeder, Bill Skillings, Ken Plourde, Rick King, Bob Thomas, Larry Hagemeister, Daren Roggentien.

1: Treasurers report:

a. Chris Thompson reported a balance of $26,523.04 in the ERA checking account with all bills paid in full.

2: Membership Report:

Tom Barrett forwarded the following information that he received from the ERA office.

a. The ERA has a current membership of 453. There were 35 renewals for the month and 4 new members.

b. Jerry Keiffer informed attendees that Kristina Hillegas had been ill and had not been able to begin her duties at the beginning of the month. Ken informed that he had spoken with Kristina and informed her that Bob Thomas and himself would be available to help her get started with membership calls. Bob Thomas also replied that he would forward any non members that he has contact with through the ERA Tech Line.

3: Technical/Training Committee Report:

a. Bob Thomas reported that the ERA Tech Line had normal usage the first 2 weeks of the month but has been very busy since with 6-7 calls per day.

b. Wes Grueninger reported that he has added a catalogue library to the ERA Web Site. So far there is a large collection of Ace, Aim, IPM and others available to members. Wes informed that he would continue to add catalogues as he receives them.

c. Bob informed that the committee had discussion on brushes, armatures and air starters. Dean Conner informed the committee that He and his son Mike are working on creating a video on 2.5 kw Denso starters. Dean also informed that they would do a video on Ingersol air starters.

4: Old Business:

a. Exide Buying Group:

1. Tabled until the September board meeting.

b. Membership Calls to Suppliers:

1. Larry Hagemeister reported that he had contacted a supplier from his area that was delinquent on there membership. After some conversation the Supplier informed Larry that they were going to renew.

c. Replacement Board Member:

1. Bill Ernst attended the meeting to inform attendees of his reason for resigning his position from the ERA Board. Bill informed that he had taken a new position with WAI that requires him to spend more time on the road and therefore wouldn't be able to put in the time that he felt was needed as a board member. Bill introduced Rick King as his successor to the ERA Board from WAI. Bill plans on attending the ERA Trade Shows in the future and will promote the ERA in his travels. Rick King then gave attendees a storyline of his time in the electrical rebuilding industry.

d. Conference Calls:

1. Wes Grueninger has set up a new conference call location. The new service was used for the August Tech./Training Committee meeting and the ERA Board meeting with good results. The dial up number and access code will be listed on notifications of meetings sent to board members.

5: New Business:

a. ERA and Credit Cards:

1. Wes Grueninger reported that any prospective new member that Kristina contacts and want to sign on, as a new member would have to log on him or herself to use Pay Pal as a way of payment. Wes would like to have Kristina be able to log on to Pay Pal and do this for them. The service would cost the ERA $30.00 per month plus a percentage. Wes didn't know what the percentage is but will check into this and report back at the September board meeting.

b. Payments to Auto Lab:

1. Henry Henke informed attendees that he had formed a committee to discuss payments to Auto Lab. The committee consisted of the ERA Executive Board and members of the Board of Advisors. The committee made a proposal to pay Auto Lab a bonus of $1,000.00 per month through December 2012 at which time a new contract would take effect. A vote was taken via email with unanimous approval.

c. Committee Chair Resignation:

1. Mike Schroeder submitted his resignation as chairperson for the Technical/Training Committee effective immediately. Mike informed that he didn't feel he was effective on the Tech./Training Committee and would like someone to step in and take over this position. At the same time Mike offered to assume the position of Membership Committee chairperson.
Mike Dietrich made a motion to approve Mike's resignation as chairperson from the Tech./Training and accept Mike's offer as chairperson for the Membership Committee.
Jerry Keiffer made a second to the motion.
All Ayes motion approved.
Chris Thompson suggested approaching Howard Gore as a successor to Mike as the chairperson for the Tech./Training Committee. Chris will talk to Howard and report back at the September board meeting.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mike Schroeder to adjourn the meeting.
A second was made by Ken Plourde.
All Ayes, meeting adjourned at 7:30pm CDT.

THE NEXT ERA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2012 @ 6:30 PM CDT.

Respectfully submitted.
Daren Roggentien.
Secretary.