

Minutes ERA Board of Directors Wednesday November 21st, 2012

Start Time 6:35 pm CST.

Attendees: Alan Reynolds, Henry Henke, Ken Plourde, Jerry Kieffer, Ronnie Charnes, Mike Schroeder, Wes Grueninger, Joe Bradish, Mike Dietrich, Chris Thompson, Larry Hagemeister, Daren Roggentien.

1: Treasurers Report:

- a. Chris Thompson reported a balance of \$41,188.28 in the ERA checking account with all bills paid in full.

2: Membership Report:

- a. Mike Schroeder reported that Kristina had contacted him and informed that she would not be able to fulfill the position of making phone contacts for the membership committee.
- b. Mike reported that Darlene has been making some membership calls and is willing to assume the position on an interim basis to see if it is something she is able to do. Attendees felt that Darlene would be a good fit for the position. Mike will report back in December on how this is working.
- c. Mike informed that as of the end of October there were 433 members.

3: Technical/Training Committee Report:

- a. Bob Thomas reported that the Tech. Line had normal usage for the month.
- b. Wes Grueninger informed the Tech. Committee that he is collecting information on magneto parts and service that he can scan and add to the ERA Tech. Library. Lynn Gross and Ken Plourde offered to send information to Wes.
- c. Wes and Bob talked about the last tech article on Leece Neville Multi Power alternator systems- where multiple alternator regulators communicate to synchronize and balance the load evenly.
- d. Bob informed attendees that the next tech article would be on 21SI and 22SI Delco alternators, their differences, common problems and solutions. Attendees offered ideas on things that should be included in the tech article.
- e. Joe Bradish questioned whether anyone had trouble changing the slip ring on Valeo alternators used on Sprinter Vans. Joe informed that the slip ring leads are epoxied between the slip ring assembly and where the leads pass under the cooling fan.
- f. Joe informed attendees that he has seen where Ford dealerships are selling the Denso hairpin alternators used on Ford pickups for a few dollars more than what WD's are selling them.
- g. Ken Plourde talked about the Delco PG260H starters with flat commutators.

4: Old Business:

a. ERA Items to Sell to Members:

1. Chris Thompson reported that he had received some information from the printers on labels. He received a quote of .29 cents per label for an extremely durable product with a size of 2" X 4 ½". Chris felt that the size was too large and all felt that the price was higher than what the ERA wanted. Chris will contact the printer about getting some samples in a lower quality grade and smaller size.

b. ERA 2013 Budget:

1. Chris informed attendees that the budget meeting would be held after the December ERA Board meeting. Chris informed that he would need to have figures from Auto Lab for the 2013 budget meeting. Hank will be in contact with Auto lab prior to the meeting.

5: New Business:

a. ERA Office Printer:

1. Mike Schroeder reported that the printer at the ERA office had failed and a new printer was purchased.

b. Monthly Newsletter:

1. Ken Plourde informed that he would like to see a monthly newsletter emailed to ERA members informing them of activities that are happening in the ERA. Ken would like to have some figures brought to the December board meeting on what it would take to fund this.

c. Trade Show Seminar Certificates:

1. Jerry Kieffer reported that he had talked with Larry Hagemeister about having Dan Marinucci print certificates for members that attend Dan's technical seminar at the 2013 ERA Trade Show. The ERA printed these certificates for the 2012 Trade Show but they didn't have Dan's signature on them. Mike informed that the ERA has the capability to add his signature to the certificates and will see that it is included on them this year.

Being no further business a motion was made by Ken Plourde to adjourn the meeting.

Joe Bradish made a second to the motion.

All ayes, meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm CST.

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

Respectfully submitted.

Daren Roggentien.

Secretary.