

Minutes ERA Board of Directors Wednesday October 1st, 2014.
President Henry Henke called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm CDT.

Attendees: Art Glass, Henry Henke, Ronnie Charnes, Scott Scharrer, Howie Gore, Jerry Kieffer, Mike Dietrich, Bill Ernst, John Brillman, Lynn Gross, Bill Skillings, Kenny Turner, Bob Thomas, Larry Hagemeister, Lonnie Bain, John Prinvale, Wes Grueninger, Drew Withrow, Ken Plourde, Mike Schroeder, Daren Roggentien.

1: Treasurers Report:

- a. Mike Schroeder reported the ERA checking has a balance of \$22,963.82 with all bills paid in full.
- b. Mike informed attendees that the accounting information is still being entered in the Quickbooks program.
- c. Ken Plourde asked if the ERA office would be able to generate accounting reports soon? Mike responded that yes the reports should be able to be generated soon. .

2: Membership Report:

- a. Mike Schroeder reported that he didn't have any information on total number of members at this time.
- b. Mike reported that he is working on a couple of suppliers on joining the ERA as supplier members. Mike added there were four new members that joined for the month of September.
- c. Mike added that August and September are big months for membership renewals as the ERA Trade Shows were held in these months years ago.

3: Technical/Training Committee Report:

- a. Howie Gore reported that the committee met at their scheduled time. Howie informed attendees that the seminars for the 2015 ERA Trade Show have been set.
- b. Howie reported that the committee discussed ERA Web Site Forums problems with posts not being specific enough.
- c. Howie reported that the group discussed problems that rebuilders were having in their shops.

4: Exchange Newspaper Report:

- a. Bob Thomas reported that the October issue of The Exchange Newspaper was out and he is working on the November issue.

5: ERA Trade Show Report:

- a. Wes Grueninger informed attendees that about ¼ of the 2015 ERA Trade Show exhibit booths have been sold.
- b. Wes informed that online registration forms will be put on the ERA Web Site as soon as the seminars are set and times scheduled.
- c. Wes added that things are moving forward for the Trade Show.
- d. Larry Hagemeister asked if any battery manufacturers or battery test equipment representatives would be at the Trade Show? Bob Thomas responded that vendors were mailed exhibitor packets. Wes Grueninger added that Exide and Deka were mailed exhibitor packets and it was probably to soon to look for a reply or to contact them on attending.

6: Old Business:

a. New Labels, “Start From Seat” : Ken Plourde

- 1: Ken Plourde asked if any action had been taken on printing these new labels? Discussion was had on the sales of the current labels that are offered for sale to members. Wes Grueninger informed that only 7 rebuilder members have purchased the current labels. Larry Hagemeister wondered if all ERA members were aware of the labels? Bob Thomas added that a lot of the members are not active on the ERA Web Site so were probably not aware of the labels. Wes added that he was waiting on a decision from the board on what action to take concerning the “ Start From Seat “ labels.

A motion was made by Ronnie Charnes to have Wes purchase \$200.00 worth of the new labels.

A second to the motion was made by Ken Plourde.

All Ayes. Motion approved.

Wes will get the new labels printed and mailed to the ERA office.

b. Membership Chairperson: Ken Plourde.

- 1: Ken Plourde asked attendees if there was any information on the ERA Membership Committee chairperson? No one had any information to report at this time.

c. WAI/Lester Membership: Bill Ernst.

- 1: Bill Ernst inquired if the confusion on WAI/Lester membership dues had been resolved? Mike Schroeder responded that he was sure that it had been resolved but would check with Darlene to make sure.

7: New Business:

- a. There was no new business discussed.

Being no further business a motion was made by Mike Schroeder to adjourn the meeting.

Larry Hagemeister made a second to the motion.

All ayes. Meeting adjourned 7:05 CDT.

**THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE ERA BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS
SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 5TH, 2014 AT 6:30 PM CST.**

Respectfully submitted.
Daren Roggentien.
Secretary.