

Minutes ERA Board of Directors Wednesday December 3rd, 2014

President Henry Henke called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm CST.

Attendees: Henry Henke, Ronnie Charnes, Art Glass, Alan Reynolds, Mike Dietrich, Lonnie Bain, Kenny Turner, Bob Thomas, Howie Gore, Wes Grueninger, Ken Plourde, Lynn Gross, Jerry Kieffer, Larry Hagemeister, Gene Kaiser, Daren Roggentien.

1: Treasurers Report:

Mike Schroeder was unable to attend the meeting.

2: Membership Report:

Mike Schroeder was unable to attend the meeting.

3: Technical/Training Committee Report:

- a. Howie Gore informed attendees that the meeting was scheduled on the day before Thanksgiving. No one made the conference call.

4: Exchange Newspaper Report:

- a. Bob Thomas reported that the December issue of The Exchange Newspaper went out as scheduled. Bob added that the January issue is being worked on.
- b. Henry Henke questioned if any vendors were scheduling adds for 2015? Bob responded that a few vendors have scheduled their advertising for 2015.

5: ERA Trade Show Report:

- a. Wes Grueninger reported that registration for vendor booths at the 2015 ERA Trade Show have been coming in and the Show floor is ½ sold.
- b. Wes informed that he has been contacting vendors that haven't registered about attending assuming that they are setting their budgets for 2015.
- c. Larry Hagemeister would like Wes to contact Parts People who publish a bimonthly newspaper and have them advertise the upcoming ERA Trade Show in their Midwest addition. Wes replied that he would contact them.
- d. Henry Henke made mention of the ERA Trade Show online registration that Wes has set up for rebuilder members to register online at the ERA Web Site. Wes added that there is a form online for subscriptions to The Exchange Newspaper also.

6: Old Business:

a. Location of the 2016 ERA Trade Show:

1. Bob Thomas felt that the board needs to first decide on what area of the U.S. the show should be held at then Wes would be able to look at cities where the show could be held. Jerry Kieffer would like to see the show held in the South/Central part of the U.S. Ken Plourde felt that this would also be an area to look into. Gene Kaiser added that the Louisiana area such as Shreveport might be a good area. Discussion will continue at the January 2015 ERA Board of Directors meeting.

b. OE's Involvement at Trade Shows:

1. Henry informed that he hadn't had time to speak with Dick Vensel on this.

c. Raffles at the 2015 ERA Trade Show:

1. Ken Plourde reported that he has finalized the letter that he going to email to vendors. At the present time he is compiling an email list of contact people at each vendor.
2. Wes reported that he had received an email from Bill Ernst with WAI. Bill informed in his email that WAI would donate 2, \$250.00 gift certificates to be raffled off at the 2015 ERA Trade Show.

7: New Business:

a. Nominating Committee for 2015:

1. Henry Henke informed attendees that Ken Plourde is the chairperson for the nominating committee for election of officers for 2015. Henry reminded attendees that Ken would be contacting board members to help in making these phone calls to fill board positions and volunteers need to step up and help Ken with these calls.

b. ERA 2015 Budget Meeting:

1. Henry informed attendees that the ERA Office computer is being finished set up and felt that the Budget Meeting should be postponed until January 2015. A motion was made by Ken Plourde to table the ERA 2015 Budget Meeting to January 2015. Ronnie Charnes made a second to the motion. All ayes. Motion approved.

c. ERA Conference Calls for 2015:

1. Wes Grueninger asked if the schedule for ERA conference calls would remain the same for 2015? Attendees felt that the current schedule works good and should remain the same.

d. Compensation for the ERA Tech Line:

1. Henry Henke informed attendees that Bob Thomas would be closing his shop at the end of the year. The toll free phone number had been set up in Bob's name at his shop. Bob will still be manning the ERA Tech Line but it will be on a limited basis at his home and needs to be compensated for the time that he will spend taking calls. Henry would like to have this discussed at the ERA Budget Meeting. Bob responded that he has transferred the toll free number to the ERA Office and the calls would be forwarded to him.

e. Atlantic Quality Parts:

1. Ken Plourde informed attendees that Atlantic Quality Parts has been contacting Implement Dealers in his area offering Ag. Units. Atlantic Quality Parts is located in Jacksonville, Florida and is a division of Arrowhead.

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

Ronnie Charnes made a second to the motion.

All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm CST.

THE NEXT ERA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 7TH, 2015 AT 6:30 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted.

Daren Roggentien.

Secretary.