

Minutes ERA Board of Directors Wednesday June 3rd, 2015

President Mike Dietrich called the meeting to order at 6:30pm CDT.

Attendees: Ronnie Charnes, Art Glass, Matt Wight, Scott Scharrer, Bob Thomas, Howie Gore, Mike Dietrich, Bill Skillings, Henry Henke, Kenny Turner, Mike Schroeder, Lynn Gross, Drew Withrow, Ken Plourde, Gene Kaiser, Jerry Kieffer, Daren Roggentien.

1: Treasurers Report:

- a. Mike Schroeder reported a balance of \$11,449.11 in the ERA checking account with all bills paid in full.
- b. Mike informed attendees that he has sent a detailed profit and loss report to the ERA Executive Board and the ERA Board of Directors. Mike added that if anyone else would like a copy to please contact him.

2: Membership Report:

- a. Scott Scharrer informed attendees that he has received the contact information of 2 Suppliers that had shown interest in joining the ERA and will be contacting them.
- b. Scott reported that he has spoken with Wes Grueninger about setting up a level on the ERA Web Site for him to view membership information. Scott added that he would be able to view Guest Members and would be able to follow up with phone calls to them.
- c. Scott reported that he did not have a current number on the ERA Membership. Mike Schroeder reported that there are currently 423 members according to the ERA mailing list.

3: Technical/Training Committee Report:

- a. Howie Gore reported that May was the first month that the Technical/Training Committee has used the ERA Web Site to conduct business.
- b. Howie informed that the Committee discussed the following:
 1. 39 MT Delco starters for a Technical article for The Exchange Magazine.
 2. Information on old wiper motors.
 3. Wire size charts.
 4. Information on replacing 29 MT Delco starters with Leece Neville units.
 5. Ken Plourde and Bob Thomas had a discussion on purchasing late model units to research replacement parts and do research on problems that would be occurring in them. Ken reported that there isn't a current line item in the ERA budget for purchasing but could be added to next year's budget. Mike Dietrich added that these purchases could be brought before the ERA Board for approval for now.

4: Exchange Magazine Report:

- a. Bob Thomas reported that the June issue of The Exchange Magazine was sent to the printer on June 3rd. Bob added they are still about 2 weeks behind and should be caught up in the next couple of months.
- b. Bob informed that the first issue of The Exchange Magazine was held up by the Postal Service for an unordinary long time. Mike Schroeder informed that he had spoken with the printer on this matter and was informed that there is nothing that can be done to speed up delivery. Mike added that the printer will inform the ERA Office when the magazine is sent to the Postal Service.
- c. Ronnie Charnes reported that some ERA Members do not receive a copy of The Exchange Magazine. Discussion was had on emailing copies to them. The problem with emailing is the copies can then be forwarded to anyone.
- d. Mike Schroeder reported the following:
 - 1: The cost of printing and handling is as follows:
U.S. members printing \$2.16, handling and postage \$.51 total \$2.67 per issue, \$32.04 per year.
Canadian Members printing \$2.16, handling and postage \$2.51 total \$4.67 per issue, \$56.04 per year. After Mike presented these figures discussion was had on the cost of subscriptions to non-members. A motion was made by Ronnie Charnes to offer subscriptions to The ERA Exchange Magazine to non-ERA members for the following, U.S. non-members \$65.00 per year and Canadian non-members for \$95.00 per year. A second to the motion was made by Jerry Kieffer. All ayes. Motion approved. Mike Schroeder added there are currently 30 non-members subscribing.

5: 2016 ERA Trade Show Report:

- a. Mike Dietrich gave a brief report on the Trade Show Committees meeting. The Committee chose Memphis, Tennessee as the location for the 2016 ERA Trade Show. The Trade Show will be held at the Holiday Inn Memphis Airport. The dates for the Trade show are March 17th – March 20th, 2016. Mike added that the format for the Trade Show was still in the planning stages.
- b. Mike informed attendees that volunteers will be needed to handle duties for the Trade Show.

6: Old Business:

a. Proposal with Wes Grueninger:

- 1: Mike Dietrich informed that a working proposal had been worked out with Wes and the ERA Executive Board. Ken Plourde will act as a liaison with Wes and the ERA Executive Board. Ken reported that Wes will not make purchases with the ERA debit card and will make purchases through AutoLab and invoice the ERA. A question was asked if the ERA still needed the debit card. Mike Schroeder informed that there are automatic payments that come out of the

Debit Card and he feels that the card should be left intact.

- 2: Ken informed that Wes is compiling a list of projects he is currently working on for the ERA. Ken added that he will bring this information to the ERA Executive Board to prioritize them
- 3: Ken reported that Wes is working on compiling a list of assets that the ERA has.

7: New Business:

a. Contracted Services Job Description:

- 1: Ken Plourde supplied a copy of the Contracted Job Descriptions that he brought to the ERA Executive Board approximately 1 ½ years ago. Discussion was had on any changes that needed to be done to the proposals. Attendees felt that Ken had done a thorough job. Mike Dietrich will contact Bob Thomas and Ken will contact Wes on any changes that they feel need to be done with descriptions.

b. Monthly Meeting Date Change:

- 1: Mike Schroeder brought to the meeting the possibility of moving the ERA Board of Directors monthly meeting back to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. This would allow Mike to have a more up to date financial report to present to the meeting. Art Glass made a motion to move the monthly ERA Board of Directors meeting to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Ronnie Charnes made a second to the motion. All ayes. Motion approved. The July ERA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for July 15th at the regular time.

c. The Buying Group:

- 1: Ken Plourde asked attendees if the Mark Schiavone was still active in the Buying Group. Mike Dietrich will try and contact The Buying Group and see if it is still active.

d. Cost of Labels:

- 1: Mike Schroeder informed attendees that the cost of the labels that the ERA offers its members has gone up. Discussion was had on raising the prices. Mike Schroeder will research the amount that each label has gone up and the prices will be adjusted accordingly.

Being no further business a motion was made by Art glass to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Kieffer made a second to the motion. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm CDT.

THE NEXT ERA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 15TH, 2015 AT 6:30 PM CDT.

Respectfully submitted.
Daren Roggentien.
Secretary.