

ERCA Minutes 01/21/2025

- Attendance: 14

Treasurer's Report

December:

Balance:	November 12th, 2024	\$7,202.79
Expenses:	Above All Sanitation - servicing our unit	\$107.12
	Swap meet venue deposit	\$50.00
	Abby's Pizza - Club Meeting	\$207.30
	Supplies for 2025 membership badges	\$22.38
	Above All Sanitation - servicing 11/1 to 11/7	\$28.12
	Total Expenses	\$414.92
Income:	Plane sales	\$150.00
	2025 Dues	\$608.33
	Total Income	\$758.33
Balance:	December 7th, 2024	\$7,546.20

January:

Balance:	December 7th, 2024	\$7,546.20
Expenses:	Jim - Field Supplies Q4 2024	\$145.01
	Swap meet insurance	\$30.00
	Total Expenses	\$175.01
Income:	2025 Dues & new member fees	\$639.96
	Swap meet table fees	\$299.17
	Total Income	\$939.13
Balance:	January 11th, 2025	\$8,310.32

- As of Jan 11th, 25 members had renewed for 2025.
 - With our 4 club officers, that gives us a membership count of 29 people.
 - 3 members have renewed since then.
 - 34 members from 2024 have not yet renewed.
 - Andy Berger joined ERCA at the end of December. Welcome to the club Andy!

Old Business:

- Swap Meet
 - All tables sold.
 - Venue rental balance paid.
 - There will be no food truck.
 - Free/reduced admission for kids – 16 and under, with an accompanying adult.
 - Martin has a hand stamp for admissions and wristbands for vendors.
 - Ken is going to take care of table signs.
 - Martin will do signs for entrances.
- Memorial Day Combat Challenge
 - Ken introduced the current thinking for specifications, rules, etc.
 - More details to come as they are confirmed.
 - The first event will be Memorial Day.
 - Ken and Dave are investigating if there are suitable kits for folks that don't want to cut foam.

New Business:

- Gary McClellan brought up that the pattern community are interested in having a pattern contest at our field.
 - Three days usage of the field.
 - Club would get around \$500 for the event.
 - There would be RVs, so parking for them would be necessary (on the south side of the access road?).
 - The competition would need a higher ceiling. We are limited to 400ft, but they would probably need a waiver for 1,000ft and permission from Eugene Tower.
 - Ken to work with Gary to explore requirements and options.
 - Possibly organize a “sportsman taster” for this year, contest next year.
- Martin has put together a summary of the club's income and expenses for 2024. If anyone wants to dig in deeper or has any specific questions, please let Martin know.
- Martin is proposing a change to the club's bylaws to move membership to 12-month annual membership, rather than the current calendar year-based model. This has several advantages:
 - It reduces the workload for processing membership renewals, as they will not all happen in the same couple of months each year.
 - We can look into things like multi-year membership renewals (like the AMA offers).
 - We do not have to pro-rate membership at all.
 - Members could renew their club membership at the same time as they renew their AMA membership if they wish.
 - We can move to creating membership badges and mailing them out on receipt of member dues.

- Jim brought up the state of the field.
 - A large herd of elk has made a mess of the runway.
 - Jim took a roller over it, but it still left some holes. He would like a couple of work parties to fill in holes with soil.
 - Jim has bought a new windsock for the east end of the runway. Will need a couple of folks to help him install it.
- Brian brought up drone racing as a possible activity.
 - Brian asked if there is a way we could invite them to be involved in the club.
 - Martin suggested we invite some quadcopter racing folks to do a show and tell at a club meeting when we're back at the field.
- February meeting at Abby's – Tuesday Feb 18th.