

# Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

## The Studebaker Drivers Club

January 13, 2019

- I. Meeting was called to order by President, Tom Curtis, at 4:00 PM Eastern Time.
- II. Roll Call was taken by Secretary, Cindy Foust. Present were: Tom Curtis, President; Don Jones, Vice President; Jane Stinson, Treasurer; Cindy Foust, Secretary; Carl Thomason, Past President. Directors present were: Will Sander, North Central Zone; Malcolm Stinson, Pacific Southwest Zone; Duane Miller, Upper Mississippi Valley Zone; Frank Philippi, Atlantic Zone; Peter Bishop, Northeast Zone; Lanny McNabb, Southeast Zone; Warren Thompson, International Zone; James Bell, Pacific Can-Am Zone; Bob Henning, Crossroads Zone, and Bob Canada, South Central Zone. Guest, Mark Carson also attended the meeting

III. Minutes of SDC BOD Meeting:

Duane Miller made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 2018 board meeting, Peter Bishop seconded the motion; the motion was approved by all board members, except Don Jones, who arrived shortly after 4 PM.

IV. Life Membership update:

Don Jones reported that we have 380 life members. So far all but 81 have responded to the annual letter to verify their status. There has been no negative feedback.

V. New Chief Judge:

Matthew Frushour has accepted the position of Chief Judge. He will be focusing on authenticity, and getting back to utilizing the judging manual.

VI. Trademarks Violations:

Don Jones has been researching the sale of Studebaker items on E-bay. Trademark/ Studebaker items have been listed for sale by individuals from USA and foreign countries. Mimi Halgren and Bob Shaw are assisting Don in the research. E-bay has been contacted and acting accordingly, to protect our trademark rights.

Please notify Don when you become aware of any other suspicious activity.

Per Don, SDC owns multiple Trademarks and Copyrights. Mimi Halgren has been keeping all up-to-date. She will be working on a policy manual, to detail all procedures from licensing, fee structures, renewals, handling violations, etc. Suggestions from our board are appreciated.

Mimi will have the recommended manual ready for our review prior to our next board meeting in April. Once reviewed, we may consult with SDC's attorney.

**VII. Zone Coordinator Job Descriptions:**

The ZC article will be printed in the Feb. issue of Turning Wheels. After discussion on how to determine membership: does a spouse count as a member, would voting rights be extended to the spouse, etc. It was decided to table this discussion until our April 2019 meeting.

Tom asked all board members to be in contact with their ZCs and RMs, and offering assistance if needed.

**VIII. March 2019 TW Vendor Issue:**

Tom commended our Vendor Liaison, Milt Yoder for his all efforts in getting Vendors to advertise in our first annual vendor issue.

To date, Milt has 149 participating vendors, including some first time vendors.

We will be ordering an additional 1000 copies for sale; advertising them in Old Cars Weekly, Hemmings, etc.

Don Jones suggested, since this is a major undertaking for Ann Turner, that we offer additional funds to assist with the additional man hours required in the production of this issue, and extending the deadline for the issue to get it to the printer.

Carl made the motion to give Tom and Don the authority to spend up to \$1500, if necessary, should Ann needs additional funds to publish the issue. The motion was seconded by Lanny. All voted in favor of the motion, except Peter Bishop, who abstained.

**IX. Studebaker National Foundation:**

Lanny McNabb made the motion for Carl to be the SDC representative to the SNF board of directors. The motion was seconded by Tom. All voted in favor of the motion, except Carl, who abstained.

**X. SDC Forum:**

Concerns have arisen regarding the posting of comments by non-SDC members to the forum. Tom has asked Clark Novak to prepare a report for our April meeting. Don volunteered to see how other clubs operate their forums.

**XI. Election Cycles:**

**Tom suggested the shortening of our current procedure on election cycles to 3 months. We will discuss this further at our April meeting.**

**XII. International Zone Director:**

**Warren Thompson asked if there is a set policy as to residence and citizenship of the International Zone Director. Currently the director has to live within his zone.**

**We may discuss this further at our April meeting.**

**Adjournment:**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:13 PM Eastern time.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cindy Foust, SDC Secretary**