

57th Annual SDC BOD Meeting

September 8, 2021

- I. SDC President, Denny Foust called the meeting to order at 8 AM Eastern Time.

Roll Call was taken by Secretary, Cindy Foust. Officers present were: Denny Foust, President; Jane Stinson, Treasurer; Cindy Foust, Secretary; Tom Curtis, Past President. Directors present were: Frank Philippi, Atlantic Zone; Don Cox, South Central Zone, Ed Smith, Pacific Southwest Zone, Warren Thompson, International Zone; Steve Grant, Northeast Zone; Will Sander, North Central Zone; Tom Sexton Upper Mississippi Valley Zone; and Allan Dias, Southeast Zone. Carl Thomason, Parliamentarian was also present. Don Jones, Vice President; Harvey Snitzer, Crossroads Zone; and Mark Carson, Pacific Can-Am Zone attended the meeting virtually.

- II. Welcome To Indy, Joe Bacon

Joe Bacon welcomed everyone to Indy for the 57th Annual International Meet of the Studebaker Drivers Club. Challenges their team faced were: COVID, and keeping costs down. All volunteers can easily be seen, they will be wearing Checkered Vests. They are thankful for the turnout and look forward to an enjoyable week.

- III. Officer Elections: Peter Wendt

Peter announced nominations closed 30 days prior to the start of the meet. There was only one nominee in each position; therefore Denny Foust, President called for a motion to elect each officer by affirmation. Motion was made by Frank Philippi, seconded by Will Sander. Motion passed unanimously by all board members attending the board meeting in person and virtually.

- IV. Election of Board Representative to the Executive Committee

Cindy Foust made the motion to re-elect Don Cox as the board representative; motion was seconded by Warren Thompson. Motion passed by all board members attending the meeting in person and virtually.

V. **Approval of Minutes from July 18, 2021 SDC BOD Meeting**

Minutes of the July 18, 2021 Quarterly Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Will Sander, seconded by Warren Thompson, and passed unanimously by all board members attending the board meeting in person and virtually.

VI. **Studebaker National Foundation: Carl Thomason**

Carl Thomason, SDC board representative to the SNF made their presentation due to the absence of Chris Collins, President of the SNF.

1. The SNF foundation would like to thank all SDC Members who use the check off box to donate to the SNF when renewing their dues.
2. They have increased the scholarship amount from \$1500 to \$2000 in hopes of getting more applicants.
3. SNF has placed some donated vehicles in museums across the country.
4. SNF supports the summer internships at the Studebaker National Museum.
5. They support the auto shop program at The Boys and Girls Club in Carson CA with scholarship and grants for much needed tools. This program is run by Robert Roach, a teacher in the Carson school system. They have several Studebakers they are restoring, including the most recent project, a speedster.
6. For the most recent news on the SNF please visit their website.
7. They are taking silent auction bids for a quilt made by Martha Studebaker. The quilt can be seen at the SNF booth.

VII. **2022 SDC Budget: Jane Stinson**

Jane Stinson presented the proposed budget for 2022.

Jane commented the success of the “pay ahead program”. This program allows members the options to renew their memberships for 1, 3, or 5 years. This income doesn’t change the budget, it is segregated in her quarterly reports. The Advertising Budget may shift funds to cover expenses for the newly formed membership

committee. Budget revenues for the TW Digital Library and Recognition Pins have been lowered to align more closely to current sales levels.

The TW Editor's costs are expected to decrease by \$6,000 due to some consolidation in advertising costs. TW printing in 2021 is expected to come in under budget by \$3,000, but will maintain the higher budget to cover increases expected in paper costs. TW postage will increase by \$3500 in 2022 due to increase in postal rates. Webmaster's budget will reduce by \$2500 since we have finished paying off the new website.

Frank Philippi made the motion to approve the 2022 Budget, Don Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by all board members attending the board meeting in person and virtually.

VIII. Marketing: Reprint of The Studebaker Story: Tom Curtis

The Studebaker Story brochure has been reprinted with the following changes and enhancements: full color, eye catching shading, updated content including website information for the SNM and Vendors. Fred Fox and Sue Strantz contributed in the redesign and content.

IX. Formation of new Committees & Goals: Tom Curtis

Membership Committee: Focus on Chapter support. Reprint and update obsolete brochures: Chapter Support and Join the Studebaker Family. Additional support from Zone Directors, simplify the annual Chapter/Club Report Form located on the SDC website, refer to International chapters as Clubs instead of Chapters to eliminate confusion, have the Chapter/Club membership secretary submit the annual chapter/club information, addition of Constant Contact for disseminating information to Chapters/Clubs, assist the Regional Managers and Zone Coordinators, having Cornerstone include the Studebaker Story in mailings to new SDC members, have the Zone Directors submit articles in Chapter/Club newsletters, brochures added to the SDC website, etc.

Newsletter Committee: Don Jones will form the committee, once formed this committee will assist Chapters/Clubs newsletter editors in their positions. Zone Directors contact editors and contribute articles on a regular basis. Allan Dias expressed concern of editor turnover and the need for editor support.

X. Studebaker National Museum: Pat Slebonick, Executive Director

In 2019 the museum had record attendance. In 2020 revenue was drastically reduced due to closing for 3 months due to closing and the inability to host fundraising functions. 2021 & 2022 will be rebuilding years. The Great Race will be stopping at the museum.

There have been more than 3 million hits on the museum website. Four vehicles have been donated. The museum will focus on building technology, and the introduction of video series.

Restoration Fund Request: parts, tires, pin stripping, and breaks are needed for the Coupe Express; tires are needed for the Champ Truck and the Lark. Total cost of \$4,600; Will Sander made the motion to release funds from the Restoration Funds, Ed Smith seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously by all board members attending the board meeting in person and virtually.

Capital Cost Request: The Curatorial Team has developed a Welcome Center and is requesting funds as follows: \$4,000 for Video Development; \$2,000 for Hardware; \$1,000 for software; \$1,000 for Build Out. For a total of \$8,500. Steve Grant made the motion to release funds from the Capital Cost Fund to cover the costs; Allan Dias seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously by all board members attending the board meeting in person and virtually.

XI. International Committee: George Hamlin

George Hamlin presented an update roster of Studebaker Organizations/Clubs outside of North America, including the contact information for each Region/Zone. We lost one club in Australia due to insurance issues. Additionally, there has been no contact from the German Club.

XII. 2022 international Meet South Bend: Bob Henning

Bob Henning invited all to attend the 58th International Meet in South Bend IN, May 4-7, 2022. Per the weather predictions in the Farmer's Almanac, they are anticipating a "Sun & Fun" meet. The Meet Hotel will be the same as 2017, the downtown Double Tree. Rates remain the same as in 2017. The Michiana Chapter has partnered with the Studebaker National Museum to Host the IM. Construction in the downtown area has been completed. New "Photo Op" areas of interest are: The Studebaker Fountain and The Guard House. Tippecanoe Place is now offering Craft Beers. The SNM is planning driving tours. The chapter has chosen the theme of: "Getting Back to Normal". Meet T-Shirts will feature the 60th Anniversary of the Avanti. Judging will be drive-thru and indoors. Camping is available on the fairgrounds (contact the fairgrounds for information). Both buildings will be available for vendors, outside vendor spots are also available, and the car coral. Studebakers will be displayed by categories on the show field.

Unfortunately, Covid forced the cancellation of the May 2021 Swap Meet as the St. Josephs Fairgrounds was used as a Covid Vaccine Drive-thru. Funds will go forward for vendors who have prepaid their spaces. The Meet website and Face Book page will be up shortly.

At this time, no tours are being planned for the Studebaker Administration Building as it is unsafe; Building 84 is in a state of flux, and will be used as a photo op site.

The Michiana Chapter sent a letter of apology to the Executive Committee and BOD for the situation within the chapter. The issues have been taken care of per the chapter bylaws. There has been a change in the President and Vice President positions; Brian Middleton is the President, Bob Henning the Vice President. The Michiana Chapter has assured us this situation will not happen again.

XIII. Executive Session

At 10:48 AM Eastern Time the SDC BOD entered into an Executive Session.

The Executive Session ended at 11:28 AM Eastern Time.

Adjournment:

The SDC BOD meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM Eastern Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Foust

SDC Secretary