

# **58<sup>th</sup> Annual SDC BOD Meeting**

**South Bend, IN**

**May 4, 2022**

- I. SDC President, Denny Foust called the meeting to order at 8:13 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: Don Cox, South Central Zone, Ed Smith, Pacific Southwest Zone, Warren Thompson, International Zone; Chuck Donkle, North Central Zone; Tom Sexton Upper Mississippi Valley Zone; Allan Dias, Southeast Zone; Harvey Snitzer, Crossroads Zone; and Bob Dudeck, Zone Coordinator-Proxy for Frank Philippi Atlantic Zone. Carl Thomason, Parliamentarian was also present. Don Jones, Vice President; Steve Grant, Northeast Zone; and Mark Carson, Pacific Can-Am Zone, were absent.**

- II. Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2022 SDC BOD Meeting**

**Minutes of the April 10, 2022 Quarterly Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Tom Sexton, seconded by Allan Dias, and passed unanimously by all board members attending the board meeting.**

- III. Studebaker National Museum: Pat Slebonick & Andy Beckman**

**Pat Slebonick welcomed everyone to South Bend. The SNM has a lot of events planned for the upcoming week. Museum attendance is back up, by 150%, since the pandemic; financial donations are also up. He thanked all SDC members who contributed via their SDC membership renewals.**

**Future exhibits include The History of Electric Vehicles, and The Avanti at 60 years. The #1 Avanti is on loan from the LeMay Museum, this exhibit will run from July 9 through October 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Andy Beckman spoke regarding SNM collections; additions include a GT Hawk, 1907 Electric, and a 1929 President Sedan.

A request was submitted by Dick Quinn from the Restoration Committee. They have the opportunity to purchase a 1938 Commander Convertible. Purchase price is \$80,000; they are requesting \$20,000 from the restoration fund; plans are to solicit donations and contributions from other sources.

Warren Thompson made the motion to release \$20,000 from the restoration fund; motion was seconded by Harvey Snitzer; and passed unanimously by all board members attending the board meeting.

**IV. AACA Museum Exhibit Donation: Denny Foust**

Denny relayed a Thank You from the AACA Museum for the donation SDC made to their Orphan Car Exhibit which will run through October 2022. Any SDC member will be granted free admission to the exhibit during this time; please show your SDC membership card for admission.

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

The Studebaker National Foundation will have a "Meet & Greet" in Salon C from 4:15 to 5:45 on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

The SNF is funding two internships to the SNM for \$2,000/each. The SNF is asking SDC to award an honorary 1-year membership to SDC to the scholarship recipients (up to 3 scholarships per year); this request will also go out to ASC and AOAI. Tom Curtis made the motion; motion was seconded by Warren Thompson to award an honorary SDC membership to the scholarship recipients; motion passed unanimously by all board members attending the board meeting.

The SNF has expenses when moving vehicles to other museums, as well as insurance.

The audit is still in process. They are in the process of identifying \$6500 in restricted funds that happened to be co-mingled with general funds.

**VI. 2023 International Meet: Jim Pepper**

Jim Pepper presented the proposal from the Wisconsin Region Studebaker Drivers Club to host the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet. The

Manitowoc County Fairgrounds will be the site of the event, which will run from September 12 – 16, 2023. The event is dedicated to Harold “Buzz” Beckman and Rick Recheck who have done so much for their chapter. They are planning a sock hop on Friday and an all make car show on Saturday. The host hotel will be the Holiday Inn.

Ed Smith made the motion to accept the proposal, motion was seconded by Tom Sexton, and passed unanimously by all board members attending the board meeting.

**VII. Communication System, GroupWorks: Denny Foust**

Denny gave an overview of GroupWorks and how it works: SDC could establish sub-groups within SDC for easier communication in a safe environment; suggested groups: Chapter Presidents, Newsletter Judges, Newsletter Editors, Executive Committee, SDC Board of Directors, International Meet Committee, Zone Coordinators, Regional Manager to name a few possibilities.

There is no cost to SDC. GroupWorks is funded by Element Three Companies/Groups. These companies/groups would offer to SDC members free participation in the Element three groups – but, ONLY if an SDC member choses to do so. Concern was expressed over privacy and “spam” from the Element Three companies/groups. Denny will clarify regarding the receipt of “spam” emails.

Cindy Sale, SDC Social Media Administrator has agreed to assist with implementation.

**VIII. Studebaker International Clubs/Chapter Reports: George Hamlin**

George passed out a handout that contained a listing of SDC Clubs/Chapters in the International Zone.

**IX. Membership Committee: Ed Smith & Tom Curtis**

Ed stated that dwindling membership is a problem for most car clubs. Ed gave some suggestions to attract the younger generations: include other brands to meets; cars & coffee themed meets; different tours (avoid the “same old/same old”); reach out to school restoration programs and/or mechanical shops; local chapters could send newsletters to trade schools; and bring a guest to a meet, etc.

Allan Dias suggested a generational membership program, a Legacy Concept to gain family involvement; which would offer reduction in annual membership dues to families.

Tom Curtis also suggested to have the Zone Coordinators, Regional Managers, and/or Chapter Presidents participate in monthly “brain storming” conference calls.

X. **Cornerstone Registration Proposed Contract**

The proposed contract was reviewed and discussed by the SDC Board of Directors. Chuck Donkle made the motion to approve the request, motion was seconded by Harvey Snitzer; and passed unanimously by all board members attending the board meeting.

XI. **Bylaws/PPM Update: Cindy Foust & Carl Thomason**

Allan Dias had submitted a few changes to the Policy and Procedure Manual and the Bylaws for consideration.

The procedure for submitting suggested changes was reviewed by Cindy Foust and Carl Thomason. Cindy recommended that she and Allan form a sub-committee, which will submit suggested changes to the Bylaws Committee for further review. Once reviewed by the Bylaws Committee, their recommendations would be sent to the Executive Committee for further review, then on to the SDC Board of Directors for approval and implementation.

In addition to Allan Dias’ suggestions, other suggestions were: adding a Code of Ethics, and updating the Disciplinary Procedures.

Cindy will keep the SDC board of Directors informed of the progress.

**Newsletter Judging: Susan Thomason**

Susan feels a valuable part of communication within SDC, is the newsletter editors; and they deserve to be recognized. Susan Lusted, What’s Happening, has a listing of all chapter newsletter editors.

Additional awards that the committee is responsible for are: the Harry Barnes Award, the Minnie Barnes Award, and Service Awards. Susan is looking for someone to take over this section of the committee.

**XII. Executive Session: Denny Foust**

At 11:40 AM, motion was made by Tom Sexton, seconded by Don Cox to enter the Executive Session; the motion passed unanimously by all board members attending the board meeting.

At 11:47 AM, motion was made by Tom Sexton, seconded by Harvey Snitzer to resume the regular SDC Board of Directors Meeting; motion passed unanimously by all board members attending the board meeting.

**XIII. For the Good of the Order:**

Nothing was discussed.

**Adjournment:**

The SDC BOD meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Foust

SDC Secretary