

# SDC Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting

July 17, 2022

SDC President, Denny Foust called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM Eastern time.

Attendees: Roll Call was taken by Secretary, Cindy Foust. Officers present were: Denny Foust; Don Jones, Vice 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; Chuck Donkle, North Central Zone; Mark Carson, Pacific-Can Am Zone; and Allan Dias, Southeast Zone. Carl Thomason, Parliamentarian was present. Harvey Snitzer, Crossroads Zone and Tom Sexton, Upper Mississippi Valley Zone were absent.

## I. Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting 58<sup>th</sup> May 4, 2022 SDC BOD Meeting:

Warren Thompson made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2022 IM SDC BOD meeting, Steve Grant seconded the motion. Motion passed by all board members present, except Mark Carson, Pacific Can-Am Zone, who arrived last due to technical problems.

## II. Membership Committee: Ed Smith

Ed sent email requests to individuals to serve this committee; he has had no response. He will send out another request. His goal is to hold monthly or bi-monthly Go-To-Meeting meetings, and will coordinate meeting times with Carl Thomason.

## III. TW update: Don Jones

Due to the volume of photos and articles, Ann submitted the August issue of TW to the printer late last week. She had received over 1500 photos of the 2022 IM, which made the set-up challenging. The August issue should be mailed the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>. Excess photos and articles will be included in the September issue of TW.

USPS rates increased approximately 8% in July, which will be reflected in the August issue invoice. Rates are expected to increase again in January 2023. Both Mark Carson and Warren Thompson expressed concerns over the impact on Canadian and International rates. Rates vary according to class; Don Jones will check on the impact.

## IV. Forum: Don Jones & Denny Foust

Clark Novak conducted an informal survey on the forum, to get age demographics of those who participate/comment on the forum. Since it is difficult to determine the number of non-SDC forum users; determining the average of SDC members who use the forum. Only 5% of the forum users responded to the survey. The average age of those who responded was 55. Don Jones will forward the link to board members.

V. **2022 International Meet report, 2023 IM update: Jane Stinson**

The 2022 International Meet reconciliation is not final, as there is still an outstanding bill. Due to the weather and the fact that two events had to be cancelled, Jane estimated the host chapter's profit will be approximately \$7500; estimated profit for SDC will be approximately \$9,000.

Jane is expecting to receive more information on the upcoming 2023 IM within a week.

VI. **Code of Conduct: Cindy Foust**

Cindy thanked Allan Dias and Jane Stinson for their contribution of ideas to add to the Code of Conduct. The draft had been forwarded to the Bylaws/PPM Committee for review. A few changes had been made. The final draft will be submitted to the Executive Committee for review before the next Executive Committee meeting. Then it will be submitted to the full board for approval

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

**Internet/Email Newsletter Judge needed:** Denny received a request from Susan Thomason regarding the need to fill a spot on the internet/emailed newsletter judge group due to the resignation of Rosalie Torske. Don Jones volunteered to assist as he received most email/internet newsletters.

**Group Works:** Cindy Foust updated the board on the status of Group Works. On July 10, 2022, at the Executive Committee meeting, Denny Foust introduced Cindy Sale, who agreed to be the Administrator. Cindy is the Social Media Administrator for SDC. Also present at the meeting was Kevin Holtzclaw from Group Works. Questions concerning the terms & conditions of the agreement were asked. Kevin will get answers to our questions and get back to us. Kevin offered to do a power point presentation to the board. We are awaiting a response from Kevin Holtzclaw.

**International Memberships:** Warren Thompson stated international membership are declining due to the mailing costs. These members would appreciate consideration be given to offering the emailing of Turning Wheels to these members. Don Jones said Sheridan does have the capability to do so; Don will talk to Sheridan to get an idea of cost.

**Upcoming Elections:** Don Jones will be submitting an article in the September issue of TW regarding the upcoming 2023-2025 elections, and which positions within each Zone that are up for election.

**Harry Barnes Award:** Tom Curtis expressed concern that there wasn't an award presented at the 2022 IM. Tom didn't want it to be missed going forward. Don Cox, committee member for the Harry Barnes award said there has been a lack of nominees. Susan Thomason has a draft of an article on the history of the award, and will be submitting it for the September issue of TW. Denny will also include the request for nominees in his next President's Message.

**NY State mailing address:** Don Jones. Because SDC was incorporated in the state of New York, SDC needs to maintain an address/agent of record within the state. Gary Lindstrom had been that individual. Due to Gary's recent passing, Don asked Peter Bishop if he would be the designated agent

of record. Peter agreed. Don has filed the necessary paperwork with the state of NY and is awaiting confirmation.

**Adjournment:**

Frank Philippi made the motion to adjourn, motion was seconded by Mark Carson. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 PM Eastern Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Foust

SDC Secretary

**Next meeting dates:**

EC: August 7, 2022

EC: September 11, 2022

EC: October 2, 2022

SDC BOD Meeting: October 9, 2022