

## **SDC BOD Meeting October 15, 2023**

SDC President, Denny Foust called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM EDST. Opening with a moment of silence for Warren Thompson who passed away. Denny stated he received a phone call from Sue, Warren's wife, on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Attendees:** Denny Foust, President; Jane Stinson, Treasurer; Cindy Foust, Secretary; Tom Curtis, Past President; Don Cox, South Central Zone; Mark Carson, Pacific Can Am Zone; Steve Grant, Northeast Zone (arrived at 4:10 PM); Allan Dias, Southeast Zone; Tom Sexton, Upper Mississippi Valley Zone; Frank Philippi, Atlantic Zone; Ed Smith, Pacific Southwest Zone; Chuck Donkle, North Central Zone; and Carl Thomason, Parliamentarian. Don Jones, Vice President, and Harvey Snitzer, Crossroads Zone were absent.

**I. Minutes of the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual International Meet, held September 13, 2023, were approved on a motion by Mark Carson, seconded by Frank Philippi. The motion passed by all Board members present.**

### **II. International Meets: Jane Stinson**

**59<sup>th</sup> IM:** Jane reported the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual IM was very successful. The host Chapter made approximately \$15,000 – 16,000; SDC made approximately \$10,000.

**2024 IM:** Information on the 2024 IM will be in the November issue of TW; the 2024 IM website will be up November 1<sup>st</sup>. Tom Sexton said we can contact the hotel now to make reservations. Jane will email information to the board members on the host hotel.

### **III. Budget Concerns: Jane Stinson**

Jane stated we are over budget by approximately \$50,000. Jane had provided an analysis of TW costs at the IM, which had included historical information for both mailing costs and printing expenses.

Funds need to be moved from the investment account to coverage the shortages. Our financial advisor recommended the addition of a checking account for the investment account to facilitate the moving of funds. Chuck Donkle made the motion to open a checking account for the investment account for this purpose, Cindy Foust seconded the motion; motion passed by all board members present.

### **IV. Turning Wheels: Don Jones & Jane Stinson**

Discussion on the implementation of digital issues of TW has been tabled due to Don Jones being unavailable. Therefore, the anticipated January 2024 date of implementation, will be moved to the end of the first quarter of 2024.

**V. Trademark & Copyright Administration: Denny Foust**

Denny has been in correspondence with Pat Slebonick regarding the possibility of the SNM taking over the responsibility of the administration of SDC trademarks. (NOTE: this would be for monitoring and renewing trademarks only, NOT ownership). Pat did consult with the SNM Executive Committee. Pat is licensed as an attorney; currently he provides this service for the SNM and the Society of Automotive Historians. Pat is willing to offer his services to SDC as a volunteer. As long as he is administering SDC trademarks, no fees for his service will be billed to SDC; SDC's only expense would be for the renewal and filing. At such time that Pat would no longer be at the SNM, the museum would notify SDC of options.

**VI. Succession Plan: Denny Foust**

As discussed at IM SDC BOD meeting, Denny will begin inviting board members who may be interested in assuming an officer position, to attend the Executive Committee Meetings. Denny will extend invitations for the EC meeting on November 5, 2023.

**VII. SDC GroupWorks Update: Denny Foust**

Denny is still working on updates to the chapter officer information on the club website. Once completed; this chapter information will be incorporated into Studebaker GroupWorks.

**VIII. Element3: Denny Foust**

The Contract for Element3 was discussed. At this point, questions raised need addressed before going through with the contract. Denny will contact Kevin Holtzclaw for clarification.

**IX. For the good of the Order:**

**International Zone Board position:** Due to the passing of Warren Thompson, Carl stated, the Zone Coordinator should be contacted to fill the remaining term.

Denny will make a donation from SDC in memory of Warren, when service and memorial details are known.

SNF Audit Report & Financial Statement: has been submitted to SDC BOD for their records.

Former Member request to renew SDC membership:

After a review and discussion of events resulting in a series of Executive Sessions of the board of directors, which occurred in April of 2022, Tom Curtis made the motion to ban this individual permanently from SDC membership; the motion was seconded by Tom Sexton, and passed by all members present. Denny will notify the individual.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:05 PM EDST

Respectfully Submitted, Cindy Foust SDC Secretary

Next meeting dates:

Exec Committee:	Nov. 5, 2023 at 4 PM EDST
	Dec. 3, 2023 at 4 PM EDST
SDC BOD:	Jan. 14, 2024 at 4PM EDST