

Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

The Studebaker Drivers Club

April 19, 2020

- I. Meeting was called to order by President, Peter Bishop, at 4:00 PM Eastern Time.
- II. Roll Call was taken by Secretary, Cindy Foust. Officers present were: Peter Bishop, President; Jane Stinson, Treasurer; Cindy Foust, Secretary; Tom Curtis, Past President; and Denny Foust, Vice President. Directors present were: Tom Sexton, Upper Mississippi Valley Zone; Frank Philippi, Atlantic Zone; Steve Grant, Northeast Zone; Bob Henning; Crossroads Zone; Don Cox, South Central Zone, Jon Stalnaker Sr., Pacific Southwest Zone, Warren Thompson, International Zone; Mark Carson, Pacific-Can Am Zone, and Will Sander, North Central Zone. Carl Thomason, Parliamentarian was also present. Lanny McNabb, Southeast Zone; joined the meeting at approximately 5:15 PM Eastern Time.

Guests attending: Wayne Lee, 2020 IM Chair, and Don Jones SNM BOD member.
- III. President's Remarks:

Welcome & Introduction: Peter welcomed incoming directors: Jon Stalnaker, Sr. from the Pacific Southwest Zone, and Tom Sexton from the Upper Mississippi Valley Zone.

Peter introduced Jane Stinson as the newly appointed IM Chair.
- IV. Discussion Items:

2020 IM in Chattanooga update: Wayne Lee reported on the progress of the 2020 IM. Contracts and, 75 to 80% of the planning are in place; volunteer training will be starting. He did mention that some volunteers have cancelled their involvement due to being in the high-risk category.

Regarding the swap meet, vendor spaces are at 70%; only 30 spaces remain.

There are 78 registrations to date; at this point last year, 100 days out, there were 162 registrations.

Major concerns at this point are: the virus, adhering to government regulations, wearing masks, social distancing, etc. and the effects on the meet, if we are able to hold the meet.

In the event we need to cancel/reschedule the Chattanooga IM, we may forfeit the deposits on the members night event, and the ice cream social (total on \$1900). There would be no financial obligation on the hotel contracts.

Bob Henning relayed his experience in cancelling the May Swap Meet in South Bend, and recommends we give plenty of notice if the 2020 IM needs to be cancelled.

Don Jones would need to get a notice to TW no later than May 15th, in the event the 2020 IM is cancelled.

Denny Foust and Wayne Lee are working on a plan, which would consist of all notifications that need published to the SDC membership, and cancellation of hotel and event contracts. They will circulate these to the board for review once completed.

May 3rd will be a special board meeting to make a decision on holding the 2020 IM.

2021 IM: Jane Stinson stated there is nothing new to report at this time.

2022 IM: Bob Henning stated there is nothing new to report at this time.

Dues Increase/Canadian membership: Don Jones and Mark Carson are addressing concerns from Canadian members. They will report back to the SDC Executive Committee.

Kinzua Chapter Project: Steve Grant presented a proposal from Jack Frank, former President of the Kinzua Region Chapter:

In the proposal, SDC would facilitate the Donation of Restorable Studebaker Project Vehicles to High School and/or Vocational Auto-shop Programs. The goal would be to instill interest in Studebaker vehicles, as the students acquire knowledge on Studebakers, and potentially become members of SDC.

Steve will forward the information to the board members for further consideration.

Studebaker National Museum: Don Jones, board member from the SNM spoke regarding the effects of the coronavirus on the museum. Two major fund raisers had to be cancelled, and an upcoming event scheduled for July is questionable. They are requesting a waiver of TW advertising costs for the at least 6 months. Tom Curtis made the motion to waive TW advertising costs for the remainder of 2020. The motion was seconded by Denny Foust. All board members present voted in favor of the motion.

SDC Advertising in Vendor Shipments: Tom Curtis discussed the possibility of supplying vendors with SDC advertising materials, to be included in shipments to their customers. He said some vendors may not be interested; and suggested we start with Jim Lime and Steven Cade. Tom will get with Jane Stinson to discuss costs and effects on the budget.

Hagerty Discount: Peter wanted to make SDC members aware that Haggerty gives discounts on insurance premiums to car clubs. VP Denny Foust replied that other insurers such as Grundy Insurance also offer a discount to club members.

New member Welcoming Packets: Tom Curtis, Jane Stinson, and Mark Carson made the following comments on the status of new member packets: Cornerstone sends an information packet to each new SDC member; he charges 25 cents per item that goes into the packets. If Cornerstone adds additional items in his welcome letters, cost would increase, which may include postage expenses.

Sample letters for new members, and members who didn't renew their memberships are available on the SDC website, to be used by the Regional Managers, who are to contact these members (per their duties as an RM).

Website/Forum Status: Peter discussed detailed information received from Clark Novak and Mark Wheeler regarding the performance of the website/forum.

The usage has greatly increased (in August 2019, there was an all-time high of 18.394 users at one time). This has resulted in service availability errors, time outs, and unresponsiveness.

We currently are on a shared plan. There are three plan options: Shared, (where all of us use the same server); Dedicated (a server, solely servicing us), and VPS (which is a shared plan, where users are "walled off" so traffic from the other users does not affect our performance).

Mark Wheeler and Clark Novak will research, and report back with the best cost effective option for us.

Chapter Audit Status: Bill Huther has received only 4 responses from Chapters regarding chapter information. Peter recommended that all zone directors remind their RMs to get in touch with their chapters to assure their information is sent to Bill. The annual Chapter Audit Report form can be found on the club website.

SDC Treasury: Treasurer, Jane Stinson reported on the investments held by SDC. The Investment Committee will meet 4/20/2020 with their investment counselor to discuss investment options.

V. **Board Action:**

Minutes of January 12, 2020: Denny Foust made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2020 SDC BOD meeting. The motion was seconded by Mark Carson, and was approved by all board members present.

Cornerstone 2020 Contract: Jane reported on her analysis of the Cornerstone 2020 Contract; and noted the 5% annual increase. Questions were raised if we can negotiate any areas of the contract. Mark Carson recommended we submit the contract to Mimi Halgren for review. Peter will forward the contract to Mimi.

SNM Guard House Restoration Project: Tom Curtis questioned the release of funds, as these funds are restricted. Tom is aware of other donations to the Guard House Project, which may result in an excess amount of funds needed to complete this project. Bob Henning requested more information: details of the restoration costs, ownership of the Guard House, etc. Concerns were expressed over our SDC membership having the impression these funds are for vehicle restorations, and may feel the Guard House Restoration costs would not qualify for the use of these funds. Jane also requested a letter of request in order to release funds. The decision was tabled until Peter can get the requested information to the board for further review.

Bylaws and Policy and Procedure Manual Updates: Cindy Foust reviewed the changes to both, that had been discussed at the January 12, 2020 board meeting. Steve Grant made the motion to approve the changes, the motion was seconded by Warren Thompson, and approved by all members present. A notice of these changes will be published in TW.

VI. **Action Items:**

Peter Bishop announced the appointment of Ed Smith to the Zone Coordinator position for the Pacific Southwest Zone.

VII. **For the Good of the Order:** Nothing presented.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned on a motion from Denny Foust, seconded by Frank Philippi; and passed by all members present.

Next Meeting:

May 3, 2020: Special SDC BOD Meeting to discuss the 2020 IM in Chattanooga

July 12, 2020: Regular Quarterly SDC BOD Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Foust, SDC Secretary