

**SDC BOD Meeting
April14, 2024**

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

Attendees: Denny Foust, President; Don Jones, Vice President; Jane Stinson, Treasurer; Cindy Foust, Secretary; Mark Carson, Pacific Can Am Zone; Don Cox, South Central Zone; Harvey Snitzer, Crossroads Zone; Steve Grant, Northeast Zone; Tom Sexton, Upper Mississippi Valley Zone; Bob Dudeck, Atlantic Zone; Ed Smith, Pacific Southwest Zone; Tom Cantral, North Central Zone; Phil Henderson, International Zone; and Carl Thomason, Parliamentarian. Tom Curtis, Past President, and Clyde Furr, Southeast Zone were absent.

Denny welcomed the newest SDC board members attending: Bob Dudeck, Atlantic Zone, and Tom Cantral, North Central Zone.

- I. Minutes of the January 14, 2024, were approved on a motion by Mark Carson, and seconded by Harvey Snitzer. The motion was passed by all Board members present.

- II. Request for use of Trademark: Denny Foust

Denny had received an email from Erik Sole with Mobius models to use the “Lazy S” for the production of a Studebaker model. This trademark is owned by the Studebaker National Museum. Pat Slebonick had also received a request from Erik Sole. In the event we get a request from a commercial user, it would require a change to our Bylaws to grant permission, as usage is only allowed for SDC members.

- III. 2024 & 2025 International Meets: Jane Stinson

Jane reported Dubuque has 260 registrations, 259 have registered for the Friday night banquet, 300 registered for Fun Night, and there are only 3 spots left for the ladies' luncheon. Everything is on track.

Two chapters will be making presentations to host International Meets in Dubuque. Allegheny Region plans to present a proposal for 2025, and a chapter in Texas is looking to host a meet in 2026. The 2027 International Meet is anticipated to be back in South Bend.

- IV. Comments regarding the definition of Member in Good Standing:

Previously, it was suggested we include a definition of Member in Good Standing in both the Bylaws and the Policy and Procedure Manual. After review by the Bylaws Committee, it was suggested a definition was not needed. The Bylaws clearly state how to handle situations that would require disciplinary action by the board.

At present, the Bylaws state, Page 5, Article III, A. Qualifications: a “member remains in good standing so long as his/her dues are not in arrears and he or she is not subject to a current disciplinary action. Every member in good standing is entitled to all rights and privileges of membership”.

Additionally, the Bylaws states, Pages 5 & 6, Article III, B. Suspension, Termination, and Reinstatement of Membership, #3 & #4: “The Board of Directors may discipline any member whose conduct is, in its judgment, in conflict with the purposes of the Club or is injurious to the Club or its reputation. Such action shall be taken only after the member has been informed of the charges. A suspension may include partial suspension of the rights and privileges of membership commensurate with the actions of the member. Expulsion shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board. Anyone whose membership is under suspension or who has been expelled from the Club may not renew his/her membership or rejoin the Club without the permission of the Board of Directors.

4. The Board may reinstate to membership any former member who has been previously expelled from the Club upon petition.”

Carl also stated the Policy and Procedure Manual, page 7, #2 Membership Discipline, paragraph A, also includes:

“Discipline may be suspension of one’s membership or suspension of advertising privileges in Club publications, if so warranted. A member may be disciplined should their conduct of business, vis-à-vis other Club members, or in relationship to advertisements in Club publications, or whose actions at Club sponsored meets is to be determined to be, by the Board of Directors, detrimental to the Club. Such action shall be taken only after the member has been informed of the charges.”

Conduct on Social Media sites was discussed at length. Cindy Foust and Jane Stinson will draft a letter to be published in Turning Wheels regarding member behavior on social media sites.

Cindy Foust felt we should update the SDC Code of Conduct.

V. SDC Website: Denny Foust

Denny updated the board on additions to the “What’s New” tab on our website. The following YouTube tutorials have been added: How to Update Your Member Profile, How to View and Search the Digital Magazine, How to Create/Update Chapter Events, and How to Update Chapter Contact Info.

VI. Printing a Roster: Don Jones

Don has been in contact with the previous printer of the roster. Don is recommending a few minor changes that will reduce printing costs. Jane Stinson suggested we have the 2024/2025 Roster available for purchase in Dubuque.

VII. Position Vacancies: Denny Foust

Zone Coordinators are needed in the Atlantic Zone and the North Central Zone; Phil Henderson has recommended an individual for the Zone Coordinator in the International Zone.

The arbiter position is also vacant.

VIII. Recent Election Cycle: Don Jones

Don expressed concerns over the lack of nominations for positions that were up for election. Fortunately, existing directors agreed to run again; and the Zone Coordinators in the following Zones agreed to step up into the vacated director positions: Atlantic Zone, International Zone, and North Central Zone; they were appointed by acclamation.

Don stated he will not be running for Vice President in 2025; the President’s position will also be up for election, as Denny has served the allowed number of terms.

IX. For the good of the Order:

Denny recognized Frank Philippi for his years of service as the Atlantic Zone Director for the past 6 years.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 PM Eastern Time

**Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Foust SDC Secretary**

Next meeting dates:

Exec Committee: May 5, 2024, Eastern Time

June 2, 2024, Eastern Time

SDC BOD: June 25, 2024, at the International Meet 8 AM