

**60th Annual SDC Board Meeting
Dubuque, Iowa
June 26, 2024 8 AM Central Time**

SDC President, Denny Foust called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM Central Time.

Denny Foust began the meeting with reading the SDC Mission Statement and the SDC Leadership Goals and Vision.

Welcome to Dubuque: Tony Urich

Tony welcomed everyone to the 60th Annual Meet of the Studebaker Drivers Club. The Iowa Hawkeye Chapter hopes everyone enjoys events scheduled throughout the week.

Golf carts are being provided so all attendees have the opportunity to see the field of vehicles, swap meet, and outside vendors. Seminars of interest to all attendees are scheduled, and entertainment is also being provided for the enjoyment of all.

Roll Call: Cindy Foust

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

I. Minutes of the SDC BOD meeting held April 14, 2024:

The minutes of the April 14, 2024 SDC BOD meeting were approved on a motion from Mark Carson, seconded by Don Jones, the motion passed by all Board members attending both virtually and in person.

II. Newly Appointed SDC Arbiter: Denny Foust

Denny gave a brief bio on Kurt Krauss. Kurt Krauss is a partner in the Wilson Elser Law Firm. Kurt resides in Madison NJ. Kurt has extensive litigation experience handling complex cases in the area of commercial and business disputes. Additionally, he is trained in mediation and has served as a mediator in the Superior Court on New Jersey.

We are very appreciative that Kurt has volunteered to fill the position of SDC Arbiter.

III. Studebaker National Museum: Pat Slebonick and Andy Beckman

Pat Slebonick reported annual attendance continues to increase each year. Solar panels have been installed. With the savings in electrical usage, they have been able to increase the budget for educational programs, which includes STEM programs for children. The Club Room has been modernized and is now open for meetings. Upcoming exhibits will include the Studebaker Race Cars.

The Muppet Car restoration is progressing. The Palma Intern Scholarship Program has proven valuable, and very much appreciated.

Andy Beckman reported on the progress of the Muppet Car restoration; and appreciates the donations of parts from our vendors. Two new vehicles have been added to the collection; a 1900 sprinkling wagon and a 1932 Rockne. This year's Concourse de'Elegance has 92 vehicles.

The Capital Cost Committee submitted a request for \$3,700. The funds will be used for a fabricated movable book display case for the museum store. Cindy Foust made the motion to advance the funds, Tom Sexton seconded the motion; the motion passed by all board members attending both virtually and in person.

The Restoration Fund Committee submitted a request for \$2,900 to be used to purchase new tires for the museum's 1962 Raymond Lowey fastback sedan prototype and a 1963 Lark. Cindy Foust made the motion to advance the funds, Don Jones seconded the motion; the motion passed by all board members attending virtually and in person.

IV. Studebaker National Foundation: Chris Collins

Chris gave a history of the foundation. She thanked SDC for their support in having the check-off box on our membership application to allow members to donate to the foundation and allowing the use of Go-To-Meeting for their quarterly board meetings. The SNF continues to offer scholarships to students participating in and seeking careers in auto restoration. They have established a Bob Palma Scholarship and donated to the Bob Palma Internship Scholarship at the SNM. They have also made a donation to the Studebaker National Museum for the race car.

Denny Foust made the motion to approve Carl Thomason as the SDC representative to the SNF board. Cindy Foust seconded the motion. The motion passed by all members attending virtually and in person except Phil Henderson who had to leave the meeting early.

V. GroupWorks: Denny Foust

Denny reported on activity within the past 30 days on GroupWorks. Although GroupWorks ended on June 21st; the committee will search for a similar platform in the near future.

VI. 2025 International Meet: Brian Ott, Meet Chair Allegheny Region Chapter

Brian Ott, chair of the 2025 IM did a PowerPoint presentation introducing the Washington County Fairgrounds as the proposed site of the International Meet in 2025. The dates of the meet will be September 16 thru 20, 2025. An additional venue for meetings or activities may be the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum located less than a mile away. The Trolley Museum can offer day/weekly passes allowing attendees to park at the museum and ride the trolley to the gate at the fairground.

There are sufficient hotel accommodations and eating establishments surrounding the Hotel Complex and nearby the meet site; as well as the Penn National Casino, The Meadowlands Horse Racing Track, and Tanger Outlets. The fairgrounds is located near the intersection of Routes 70 & 79; it is approximately 31 minutes from the Pittsburgh International Airport.

Tom Sexton made the motion to award the 2025 International Meet to Allegheny Region Chapter, Harvey Snitzer seconded the motion; Mark Carson voted against the site of the 2025 meet. The motion passed by the remaining board members voting in favor of the site location, except Phil Henderson who had to leave the meeting early.

VII. 2026 International Meet: Eddie Renne

Eddie Renne presented the North Texas Chapter bid for the board's consideration. The site will be in Denton Texas, at the North Texas Fair and Rodeo located north of Fort Worth and Dallas in the Golden Triangle. The proposed host hotel will be the Embassy Suites and Convention Center, 3 miles from the fair & rodeo grounds. Points of interest is the area include: AT&T Stadium home of the Dallas Cowboys, the Fort Worth Stock Yards, South Fork Ranch, the JFK Memorial, and 6th Floor Museum.

Don Jones made the motion to award the 2026 International Meet to the North Texas Chapter, Jane Stinson seconded the motion; the motion passed by all board members present virtually and in person, except Phil Henderson who had to leave the meeting early.

VIII. 2027 International Meet: Jane Stinson

Typically, every 5 years we return to South Bend for the International Meet. We are awaiting word from the South Bend Chapter to see what their plans are for 2027.

IX. Studebaker International Clubs Report: George Hamlin

George presented a pamphlet containing information on SDC Chapters outside North America.

X. Use of Social Media: Jane Stinson and Cindy Foust

We discussed concerns over recent conduct on social media platforms reflecting negatively, not only on SDC as a club but also on the individual posting the comment and the member who was the target of the comments.

The Bylaws and Policy and Procedure Manual define the process for violations.

XI. SDC Budget/TW Production: Jane Stinson and Don Jones

Don Jones reported that, in the first 3 months of offering the digital option of Turning Wheels, 50% of the new SDC members, opted for the digital issues. International membership increased by 60 to 70 members. Printed issues of TW decreased by approximately 100 issues per month. Jane mentioned, that as of the end of May, of existing membership renewals, approximately 40% have gone digital.

Don Jones estimated the SDC Roster should be available in July.

Jane reviewed the 2024 budget, pointing out the difference in insurance costs from 2023 to 2024 was due to the change insurance companies. The reason for the change in companies was that the previous insurance company no longer covered car clubs.

XII. For the Good of the Order:

Denny reminded board members of the 2025 officer elections. The Officer Election Committee of Brian Ott and Ernie Brown will be overseeing the nomination and election process as described in the Bylaws and Policy and Procedure Manual.

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 AM Central Time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Foust SDC Secretary