

SDC BOD Meeting October 13, 2024

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

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

- I. **Minutes of the SDC Board meeting held on July 14, 2024 were approved on a motion by Harvey Snitzer, and seconded by Tom Cantral. The motion was passed by all Board members present.**

- II. **Glenn Shull retirement: Denny Foust**

After discussion on the future of the Studebaker Band, all were in agreement we should make an effort to search for a replacement for the position. Denny will contact Diana Manley for suggestions.

Tom Cantral volunteered to write an article on Glenn's contribution to SDC for publication in Turning Wheels. Additionally, it was suggested that Glenn be nominated for the Harry Barnes Award, to be awarded at the International Meet in 2025.

- III. **New Chief Judge, Blair Polhamus: Denny Foust**

With the 2025 International Meet being combined with AOAI, it has been suggested we hold a banquet on Friday evening for both clubs to make their awards presentations. Blair Polhamus recommended changing the SDC judging from Thursday and Friday to Wednesday and Thursday in order to allow enough time for trophy calculations. Tom Sexton, Harvey Snitzer, and others were in agreement with bringing back the awards banquet. Jane expressed concern due to attending the SDC Board meeting would make it difficult for her to participate in judging on Wednesday morning. Jane will discuss options with Blair.

Ed Smith brought up discrepancies in judging awards reported to him, and listed in Turning Wheels. Jane stated, that due to problems with the judging software, judging was completed on paper forms. She would take information from the judging sheets and record it on a spreadsheet.

IV. Efforts of Chapter Officer information of the club website: Denny Foust

Denny complemented the Zone Coordinators for making the changes needed to the website. The goal was to have all updates completed by year end; and to keep this information updated as chapters change officers. At present, 75% of the information has been completed.

During the progress, it has been discovered that we have some chapters that have been disbanded. Cindy Foust requested any supporting documentation regarding the decision to disband be forwarded to her for the Chapter Chartering files. Steve Grant said he has one chapter that is struggling and may be disbanding in the future. Cindy has been in touch with them but has had no response yet.

Denny reminded board members of the YouTube tutorials under the “What’s New” tab on the club website. All these videos were created by Cindy Sale our Social Media Administrator.

How to Update Your Member Profile

How to View and Search the Digital Magazine

How to Create/Update Chapter Events

How to Update Chapter Contact Information

V. Open Zone Coordinator positions: Denny Foust

Denny Thanked Bob Dudeck Atlantic Zone Director and Tom Cantral North Central Zone for assuming the duties of Zone Coordinators for their zone until these positions can be filled.

Tom Cantral requested information regarding the procedure to fill Regional Manager positions. Don Jones said Tom could appoint someone in the event a position cannot be filled.

VI. Studebaker National Foundation Audit: Carl Thomason

Carl discussed the request from the Studebaker National Foundation for board review. Due to the cost of the annual audit, they are requesting SDC consider accepting an Accountant’s Review instead of a full audit. SDC had made this change months ago. Don Jones made the motion to approve the SNF’s request, the motion was seconded by Jane Stinson, and passed by all board members present.

VII. Mark Wheeler, Website “For Sale” ads: Denny Foust

Background of this request: for sale ads were previously posted in the club website, and were subject to scamming. When Studebaker GroupWorks began, the ads were moved to SDC GroupWorks, as only SDC members could post ads, thus eliminating the possibility of scams.

With the demise SDC GroupWorks, Mark is asking if we want to put the ads back on the club website, he would monitor to assure ads are only available to the SDC membership. Cost would be \$75/month. After discussion, it was decided not to put the ads back on the website. SDC members are receiving Turning Wheels via printed or digital options, so website available should not be needed.

Jane Stinson made the motion not to include for sale ads on the website, the motion was seconded by Don Jones; the motion passed by all members present, except Don Cox who abstained.

VIII. Mike Jones, request for increase: Don Jones

Due to software problems, Ann has been relying on Mike for additional assistance. Mike hasn't had an increase since he began this position. Although ad placement in Turning Wheels has decreased slightly, Mike has sought outside advertising, and contributed articles to Turning Wheels, etc.

Denny Foust motioned to approve Mike Jones' request for a \$250/month increase beginning January 1, 2025; Ed Smith seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all members present, except Jane Stinson who voted against the increase.

IX. 60th International Meet results: Jane Stinson

Jane stated the financials for the 60th IM held in Dubuque, Iowa. SDC netted \$9,292.21; the Iowa Hawkeye Chapter netted \$18,022.85.

The Hawkeye Chapter was complimented on the success of the meet.

X. 61st International Meet in Washington PA: Denny Foust & Jane Stinson

Denny discussed the availability of room accommodations. The main hotel will be the Double Tree; pricing is \$99 plus taxes per night; this hotel will be the site of the SDC BOD meeting. Reservations will be received after mid-December; Denny will notify board members of the effective date with a direct line to the front desk.

Blair Polhamus, chief judge, would like to see the addition of a “Heritage” class; similar to the AACA Historic Preservation of Features Class H. This class is intended to draw in Studebakers preserved in their “as built”, unmodified” condition. Jane said this was discussed in Dubuque. At one time, we offered a Survivor Class, but they had clarification questions. Don Jones suggested looking at the AACA policy regarding HPOF Class H; or consider a Daily Driver Class.

XI. Current Election Cycle: Don Jones

Don had posted in Turning Wheels the positions open for nominations during this election cycle. The article had been written prior to publication; thus a few changes have occurred. Don will make the changes in his next article. Thus far, he has not received any nominations for Zone Coordinators or Regional Managers.

All current Zone Director positions up for election, are eligible for re-election, please let Don know if you are interested in being re-elected.

XII. Roster: Don Jones

Don is still negotiating pricing with the printer. The roster is anticipated to be available in the 1st quarter of 2025.

XIII. Announcements:

Cindy Foust announced that due to personal reasons, she will not be seeking re-election as SDC Secretary. Due to end-of-the-year duties, she will mentor the incoming secretary through the end of 2025.

Additionally, she will be retiring as Chapter Charter Chair effective with the International Meet in Washington PA.

XIV For the good of the Order:

Don Jones announced he will attend the 61st IM as John Clement Studebaker; he will talk on the history of the Studebaker family’s early settlement in PA. This will be John Clement’s final appearance.

The meeting Adjourned at 5:35 PM Eastern Time on a motion by Tom Sexton, seconded by Tom Cantral.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Foust

SDC Secretary

Next meeting dates:

Exec Committee: November 3, 2024, at 4 PM Eastern Time

SDC BOD: January 12, 2025, at 4 PM Eastern Time