

Studebaker Drivers Club Inc. (SDC) Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, November 2nd, 2025
All attendance was via GoTo Meeting.

Call to Order: President Donald Cox called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM Central Time. He thanked all who attended.

Attending: Donald Cox, President; Avi Prochazka, Treasurer; Cynthia Sale, Secretary; Jon Stalnaker, South Central Zone; Harvey Snitzer, Crossroads Zone; Tom Sexton, Upper Mississippi Valley Zone; Bob Dudeck, Atlantic Zone; Ed Smith, Pacific Southwest Zone; Tom Cantral, Southeast Zone; Peter Bishop, Northeast Zone Director; Carl Thomason, Parliamentarian; Carl verified a quorum was present.

Approval of previous minutes: The SDC Board of Directors has reviewed the minutes of the October 5th, 2025, meeting. Jon Stalnaker requested a correction to the spelling of his name. Tom Cantral moved to approve the October 5th, 2025, minutes as corrected. Tom Sexton seconded. Peter Bishop abstained. The motion was passed.

Financial update: President Donald Cox reported that he is now able to serve as the second signer on financial checks for the SDC. The financial reconciliation for the 61st Annual International Meet in Washington, Pennsylvania, has been completed. All payments processed and checks mailed; receipt of payments verified with the International Meet hosting chapter. Donald emphasized the importance of timely fund processing while addressing ongoing challenges with international mail delivery.

Discussion regarding transitioning the Treasurer's responsibilities and updating signatories for banking and financial requirements from Jane Stinson, as our outgoing Treasurer, to Avi Prochazka, our incoming Treasurer. Donald Cox reported that he has met with both, and they are working to transfer all financial business access to our new Treasurer, Avi Prochaska. Wells Fargo, our organization's bank, requires both signers to present multiple valid forms of identification in person at the nearest suitable Wells Fargo branch, which, for Jane and Avi, is approximately 500 miles away. Avi reported that this change may not be completed until the end of the calendar year.

Some discussion followed, with consideration given to switching banks to one with a broader national presence to better serve the organization's geographic needs, while continuing contractual terms and regulatory compliance. A review of the current banking structure, including the number of accounts held with Wells Fargo, is necessary to plan effective financial oversight and process improvements. Board members acknowledge the complexity of the situation and support completing the Wells Fargo signature requirements to avoid payment disruptions or administrative delays as quickly as realistically possible.

Motion: Ed Smith made a motion to task Avi Prochaska, who was elected Studebaker Drivers Club Treasurer on September 16th, 2025, as the organization's key person, to have access and signature to all financial accounts by January 1st 2026, to empower Avi to access the organization's financial information, process checks and banking actions and follow bank

requirements for the Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc. Peter Bishop seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all members present.

Report, Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Route 66: Jon Stalnaker reported that his article announcing the SDC's sponsored celebration run of Route 66 will be sent to Turning Wheels for publication. The Event will not conflict with Hemmings Great Race.

Report, 62nd International Meet in Texas in 2026: Ed Smith has met with the North Texas Chapter. They are reporting no significant issues, and planning is running smoothly. The event schedule is closely aligned with prior years, with swap meet setup and registration starting on Tuesday. The SDC Board of Directors meeting will be on Wednesday. Hotel reservations cannot be made until after January 1st, 2026. All information will be released in Turning Wheels and on www.SDCMEET.com.

Discussion Creating Satellite Groups: Our smaller chapters sometimes want to continue meeting and holding events while remaining under SDC insurance, but they often do not have enough people to meet the board and newsletter requirements of a formal SDC Chapter. Jon Stalnaker discussed creating Satellite Groups, which would allow these smaller chapters to continue under SDC and Chapter leadership while keeping their groups intact. The Satellite Group model would continue to engage individuals outside established host chapters. This structure reduces administrative burdens for the satellite chapter, supports member retention, and maintains organizational benefits and affiliation. He has proposed that a Satellite Group become a branch of a parent chapter, with the parent chapter providing board leadership and newsletter support. A satellite group must publish its events in the parent chapter's newsletter and on the SDC website to ensure insurance coverage. Several chapters have voiced interest in this new initiative. Jon was asked to provide more information, as research into the impact on our Bylaws and Chapter Chartering is needed. Discussion was tabled.

Discussion, SDC structure, committees, and guidelines: President Donald Cox discussed the need to update and revive the International Meet Committee and to task them with reviewing and updating the International Meet Guidelines. The 2021 draft version should be compared with older versions and updated to support future events. There is a need to evaluate all SDC committees and their documentation. Seventeen committees have been identified within the SDC. Prioritized tasks include finalizing guidelines, resolving International Meet seed-money policies, and confirming the committee members and their roles, which will become top-level actions for the BOD as we advance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted, November 11th, 2025

Cynthia Sale, SDC Secretary

Next Meeting Dates Executive Committee

Meetings will resume after
the first of the year

SDC Board:

December 7th, 7 PM Eastern Time