

**Studebaker Drivers Club Inc. (SDC) Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 15, 2026**  
**All attendance was online via Zoom.**

**Call to Order:** President Donald Cox called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM Eastern Time and thanked all for attending.

**Attending:** Donald Cox, President; Denny Foust, Past President; Avi Prochazka, Treasurer; Cynthia Sale, Secretary; Carl Thomason, Parliamentarian; Peter Bishop, Northeast Zone Director; Tom Cantral, Southeast Zone Director; Bob Dudeck, Atlantic Zone Director; Clyde Furr, Southeast Zone Director; Phil Henderson, International Zone Director; Ed Smith, Pacific Southwest Zone Director; Harvey Snitzer, Crossroads Zone Director; Jon Stalnaker, South Central Zone Director.

**Absent:** Ernie Brown, Vice-President; Jack Gregory, Pacific Can-AM Zone Director; Tom Sexton, Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Director.

**Approval of minutes January 11, 2026:** The minutes of the January 11 meeting were presented for approval. Peter Bishop raised a question regarding ownership and reimbursement for the prior accounting software and computer used by Jane Stinson. Discussion noted uncertainty whether the software was purchased by the club or owned by Jane. Avi said he thought the computer is owned by Jane, as she could isolate it from the internet. The software has been purchased by SDC. Peter Bishop made a motion to accept the minutes from January 11 as discussed. Harvey Snitzer seconded the motion. All attending were in favor. Motion passed.

**Approval of minutes January 25, 2026:** The January 25 meeting minutes were presented. Peter Bishop asked about the account signatory authorization and whether Jane had been removed as an authorized signer. Avi reported that the account signature cards had been completed earlier and that Wells Fargo has said they will process the authorization by the end of February. Avi will notify the BOD once Wells Fargo completes that change. Peter Bishop made a motion to accept the January 25 minutes as written. Denny Foust seconded the motion. All attending were in favor. Motion passed.

**Discussion: Financial and accounting status:** Substantial discussion focused on the transition of bookkeeping and tax preparation responsibilities.

**Tax filing:** Don Cox reported speaking with Jane Stinson about the 2025 tax filing. Jane will finish the 2025 reporting requirements and see us through the annual audit with Brown & Edwards, the CPA firm we have used in the past. She has assured us that all tax forms and filings will be done on time and that she will work with Avi as the financial data is transferred to his care.

**Accounting Firm:** The proposed service agreement with AP Accounting Services and the question of combining the paid accounting firm's role with an unpaid volunteer treasurer role

were discussed. Peter Bishop had an attorney review the APAS contract. The attorney's comments were reviewed. Avi will update the contract with the recommended changes for approval at a future BOD meeting.

Concerns were raised about the separation of bookkeeping, oversight, and checks and balances when one individual or entity holds multiple accounting-related roles. The accounting firm, 1+1 Accounting, was the paid SDC bookkeeper prior to 2026 and was the employer of the SDC Treasurer at that time. With the election of Avi Prochazka as the new SDC Treasurer in Sept 2025, his company, AP Accounting Services, is proposed as the contracted and paid bookkeeping service, while the treasurer role remains unpaid and carries broader responsibilities per the SDC's bylaws and policies. Under that direction, and with third-party oversight, members felt the combination of roles was allowable. The SDC Audit Committee and the SDC Investment Committee are expected to be part of that oversight.

The board wishes independent verification of accounting records. Peter Bishop agreed to contact Brown and Edwards, the accounting firm that has worked with the SDC in past years, to get detailed cost and scope information for an audit or review, and other members will assist in obtaining comparative proposals to ensure cost-effectiveness and compliance. The members stated that the CPA firm must be capable of performing a formal audit for a Not-For-Profit organization.

**Approval of Trademark Renewals:** Don Cox reported Pat Slebonick, Executive Director of the Studebaker National Museum, is the SDC Trademark Administrator and has offered to manage upcoming renewal filings for two trademarks: the Turning Wheels trademark, due March 9, 2026, and the Studebaker Drivers Club logo trademark, due July 13, 2026. Total fees for both are expected to be \$800. Upon approval of the renewals, the museum will promptly file the renewals and invoice the SDC with no added fees for reimbursement. Pat recommended consolidating SDC trademark owner correspondence to the addresses at the Studebaker National Museum to centralize administration and improve communications. The museum will act as the operational point of contact for trademark matters going forward. Clyde Furr made a motion to accept Pat Slebonick's recommendation to change the SDC contact and address for trademarks to the Studebaker National Museum and to reimburse the museum for the costs involved in renewing our trademarks. Peter Bishop seconded the motion. All attending were in favor. Motion passed.

**Discussion, committees:** Don Cox mentioned the need to compile and update a definitive list of SDC Committees, with the current investment committee as a top priority. Reviewing and updating all other SDC committees is a high-priority task. Don will provide current committee lists for review, and volunteers will be asked to fill leadership roles, aiming to increase board representation on committees where feasible.

**Route 66 Caravan update:** Jon Stalnaker reported that the route coordinators will finalize daily itinerary dates and publish a schedule and location points on the SDC Facebook page and in

Turning Wheels, so that local chapters and participants can plan rendezvous. The schedule will identify daily meeting points and optional side visits. Dan Scott will continue compiling a Route 66 multimedia presentation; contributors should send photos and video to Dan for inclusion. Caravan planners will continue coordinating with local chapters and encourage chapter-level engagement to support regional participation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted, February 19, 2026  
Cynthia Sale, Studebaker Drivers Club Secretary

Next Meeting is Sunday, March 1, 2026, 7 pm EST.