

Studebaker Drivers Club Inc. (SDC) Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, April 12, 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. A roll call was conducted by the secretary and established that sixteen members were in attendance, including one non-voting member, Carl Thompson, thereby confirming a quorum for the meeting.

Attending: Donald Cox, President; Denny Foust, Past President; Ernie Brown, Vice-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; Jack Gregory, Pacific Can-AM Zone Director; Phil Henderson, International Zone Director; Tom Sexton, Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Director; Ed Smith, Pacific Southwest Zone Director; Harvey Snitzer, Crossroads Zone Director; Jon Stalnaker, South Central Zone Director;

Approval of March 1, 2026, minutes: The minutes of the March 1 meeting were presented for approval. No changes were discussed. Peter Bishop moved to accept the minutes as presented. Tom Cantral seconded the motion. Voting was by roll call; all attending were in favor. Motion passed with fifteen yes votes.

Future International Meets: Don Cox reported that Jane Stinson's Committee Report shows that chapters are interested in hosting 2027 through 2029, and those who are ready will present their plans to the BOD in September. The South Bend Chapter will host in 2027 and has told Jane they have been offered incentives by the City of South Bend to increase their hosting schedule.

Following the discussion, it was noted that since Jane Stinson no longer serves as Treasurer on the Executive Committee or attends Board of Directors meetings, International Meet hosts should coordinate with both their Zone Director and the International Meet Chair. This will help ensure Board representation, maintain timely communication with the BOD, and provide the hosting chapter with support for its planning needs and concerns.

The Board continued its discussion from the previous meeting on expanding the International Meet Committee, focusing on including representatives from past, current, and upcoming International Meets, as well as the SDC treasurer, to collaborate with the chairperson. The Board agreed that the International Meet guidelines need to be updated and formally approved before any significant structural changes are implemented.

Peter Bishop requested a copy of the most current SDC International Meet Guidelines for review, updating, and final approval at a future meeting. The Secretary will email the document to the BOD members after the meeting.

Executive Committee: Don Cox suggested the Executive Committee meet on the Friday before the Board. Attending members agreed that the BOD's engagement and momentum were key to supporting the SDC, and that this schedule would assist in that. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be on Friday, May 1, 2026. The next SDC BOD meeting will be Sunday, May 3, 2026.

Approve Zoom as the online meeting provider. The board discussed continuing to use Zoom as the organization's online meeting platform, replacing GoToMeeting. Several members reported that Zoom had been functioning well for their participation. Denny Foust made a motion to accept Zoom as the official meeting platform. The motion was seconded by Clyde Furr. Voting was by roll call; all attending were in favor. Motion passed with fifteen yes votes.

The Secretary will provide a permanent meeting link and dial-in number for all regular meetings so that all future meetings will use the same link and ID.

South Bend post office box: The SDC's legal mailing address, P.O. Box 3044 in South Bend, Indiana, will remain active. Don Cox reported that Bob Henning advised him the post office box keys had been given to Pat Selbonick at the Studebaker National Museum, and they will serve as the mailbox custodian. Pat or museum staff will check the South Bend box regularly and forward all correspondence to the appropriate SDC members.

The Board agreed to restrict public display of the South Bend P.O. Box on the SDC website, designating Cornerstone as the primary contact instead. This approach preserves a clear point of contact for the public while reducing the volume of unsolicited mail received at the PO Box.

Financial Report: SDC Treasurer Avi Prochazka reported that the transition to the new accounting software is complete, and he is working on updated reports. He will distribute the fourth-quarter financial update and the current-year budget draft by Wednesday and will provide the Q1 2026 report by the end of the week. Members should expect the treasurer's package and review it prior to the next meeting.

The two-signature requirement for outgoing checks will be retained as an internal control. Changes to signature or payment processes will require an amendment to the bylaws if the board elects to shift to single-signature digital processes. The treasurer will coordinate address changes on checks and ensure that bank records reflect the agreed-upon official address.

Committee Discussion: Cynthia Sale, Secretary, reported that the 2025 SDC Committee Report has been compiled and will be sent to the BOD after this meeting for members to review.

Board Election Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Director: With Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Director Tom Sexton reaching his term limit, Gary Sanders agreed to stand as a candidate for the role. He was elected by acclamation and will assume office on May 1, 2026. The vote was conducted by roll call, with unanimous support from all members present. The motion was carried with fifteen affirmative votes.

Waxahachie, Texas, International Meet: Don Cox reported he had visited the event location and felt it would be a good place for all activities. The host chapter is coordinating with hotel contacts at the event hotels to monitor reservations and request block expansions at the negotiated rate if needed. Many BOD members reported they had not received room confirmations from the host hotel as of this meeting.

Policies and Procedures Manual: Peter Bishop and Carl Thomason are reviewing the Policy and Procedure manual. The Secretary was asked to provide an editable version of the manual, to assist in updating and correcting the text, and to work with Peter and Carl to create an updated draft for Executive Committee review.

Route 66 Tour: Jon Stalnaker reported that the Route 66 tour will proceed with the itinerary developed by Steve Fitzgerald. He noted uncertainty around final participant numbers, as many members are expected to join on a flexible, come-and-go basis, with some planning to drive the entire route. He is encouraging participants to share their tentative plans and photos throughout the tour

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted, April 25, 2026
Cynthia Sale, Studebaker Drivers Club Secretary

Next Meetings:

Executive Board
Friday, May 1, 2026, 7 pm EST.

Board of Directors
Sunday, May 3, 2026, 7 pm EST.