

Studebaker Drivers Club Inc. (SDC) Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, May 3, 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, who established that 14 members were in attendance, including 1 non-voting member, Carl Thompson, thereby confirming a quorum for the meeting. Don Cox welcomed our new board member, Gary Sanders, Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Director.

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; Jack Gregory, Pacific Can-AM Zone Director; Phil Henderson, International Zone Director; Gary Sanders, Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Director; Ed Smith, Pacific Southwest Zone Director; Jon Stalnaker, South Central Zone Director. **Absent:** Harvey Snitzer, Crossroads Zone Director; Clyde Furr, Southeast Zone Director.

Approval of April 12, 2026, minutes: The minutes of the April 12 meeting were presented for approval. No changes were discussed. Denny Foust moved to accept the minutes as presented. Bob Dudeck seconded the motion. Voting was by roll call; all attending were in favor. Motion passed with thirteen yes votes.

Frequency of Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings: Don Cox stated that in the past, the Executive Committee meet monthly and the Board of Directors meet quarterly. Feedback from the Board is that we should continue monthly board meetings for both groups. Don suggested that both groups continue to meet monthly until the September Waxahachie, Texas, International Meet. The schedule will be reevaluated at that time.

Funding Texas International Meet: Don opened the discussion with a request from the 2026 International Meet Hosting Chairman, Ray Chartrand, to clarify the process for upfront funding of the Texas International Meet's event activity deposits and commitments, such as buses, venues, and catering. Don reported that, in past meets, some host chapters have paid deposits from their own funds or an individual's pocket. A procedure is needed to advance funds to host chapters, so they do not have to pay upfront costs, with the funding reconciled after the event. Avi reported that over \$100,000 is available in a dedicated line item in the budget for International Meets. Members emphasized the need for proper documentation before issuing advances. Acceptable documentation included signed vendor contracts that specify required deposit or progress payment amounts and schedules, itemized receipts, and a budget or payment schedule from the hosting chapter. The practical timeline for a check to be issued upon Avi receiving the approved documentation is 6 to 10 days. Concerns about reconciliation after the meet and responsibility if expenses exceed projected budgets were discussed. Board members

recommended payments tied to invoices or contract terms and suggested checks and balances, such as verifying hosting chapter registration receipts and the availability of onsite funds.

The board agreed to permit advances from the International Meet account to support hosting chapters, provided that adequate documentation is submitted to Jane Stineon, Don Cox, and Avi Prochaska. An emailed document to all three is allowed. Documentation must include signed vendor contracts that provide a detailed explanation and deposit or payment terms. Advances will be reconciled against final meet accounting post-event. No motion was made at this time.

Insurance Discussion: Avi Prochaska reported that the SDC has experienced an immediate and significant increase in the liability policy's insurance premium. The past premium was approximately \$7,500, and the current renewal is approaching \$12,000. The renewal deadline was May 5, 2026. The broker, JC Taylor, had notified Avi that our insurance provider, Church Mutual, had withdrawn from the collectible-cars market. Church Mutual's exit affected several car clubs, including AOAI. Our broker, JC Taylor, offered Philadelphia Insurance as the replacement insurance provider. This provider change required immediate attention to avoid being uninsured for upcoming events in May and later in the season. With the tight May 5 deadline in mind, Don Cox had approved payment to JC Taylor for their 2026 offering. For future coverage, Avi will work with JC Taylor to seek additional quotes for 2027 and explore collaboration with other clubs to pursue combined or group coverage if it is comparable coverage with a lower cost. Don Hart, AOAI Treasurer, contacted Don Cox and Avi Prochaska to see what provider we are using, as Church Mutual also dropped them. Avi will also contact the ASC treasurer for their input on this matter. No Motion was made at this time.

Avi Prochaska will be the SDC contact for certificates of insurance.

Committee Reports: Don discussed the 2025 SDC Committee Report and the need to increase Board support for the committees. Cynthia talked about the declining membership reported by Cornerstone in the Committee Reports. She noted that internal communication channels, Turning Wheels and member-only website content, are strong for members, but our public-facing marketing and social media outreach are underutilized. The SDC is experiencing a 6% overall reduction in membership when other comparable organizations are experiencing 4% or less.

Carl reminded us that the Board of Directors should vote to accept the 2025 Committee Report at the next meeting.

Policy & Procedure Manual, status: Peter Bishop is working with Carl Thomason to identify changes and updates. Cynthia has supplied an editable version of the PPM and By-Laws for comparison and cross-referencing. Carl expects to have materials ready for board review at the June meeting.

Route 66 Caravan discussion: The board discussed participation and encouraging documentation and photos from the caravan, May 11-22, 2026. Jon Stalnaker asked the members to contact Steve Fitzgerald to show our support of his leadership on the tour.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted, April 25, 2026

Cynthia Sale, Studebaker Drivers Club Secretary