

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

Sunday, July 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, who established that thirteen 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, SDC Treasurer; Cynthia Sale, Secretary; Carl Thomason, Parliamentarian; Peter Bishop, Northeast Zone Director; Tom Cantral; Southeast Zone Director; Bob Dudeck, Atlantic Zone Director; Pacific Can-AM 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; Harvey Snitzer; Crossroads Zone Director; . **Absent:** Jon Stalnaker; South Central Zone Director; Clyde Furr; Southeast Zone Director.

Approval of June 14, 2026, minutes: The minutes of the June 14th meeting were presented for approval. No changes were discussed. Tom Cantral moved to accept the minutes as presented. Denny Foust seconded the motion. Voting was by roll call; all attending were in favor. Motion passed with fourteen yes votes.

Board Member shirts: Don Cox reported the polo shirts have been delivered to members except for one that will be delivered in person at an event.

Board Member Tenure: Ernie Brown has been asked to create a document showing each board member's tenure and who is up for reelection. Ernie requested all board members contact him after the meeting with their date of election or beginning their position on the board. Ernie reported he has submitted the election announcement to Turning Wheels, for the positions opening on this election cycle.

International Members did not receive printed copies of Turning Wheels: Don Cox reported Don Jones was working with the international mailer and had no further information. The members will be offered digital copies of past issues. Two of the twenty-six members in Sweden have reported they have not received several past issues of Turning Wheels. Work continues.

Financial Report: Avi Prochaska reported he has confirmation that the primary financial review for 2025 was completed by Brown & Edward. Brown & Edward has asked Avi some follow-up questions relating to him in the new Treasurer and the changeover to our new accounting firm. Avi reported questions have been answered. Don asked if the questions were related to training the new treasurer or were issues identified. Avi will contact Jim Fries at Brown Edwards to clarify the nature of the additional review questions as he has received no response. Avi will also contact Jane for confirmation that the 2025 990 has been filed as Brown & Edward worked with Jane Stinson through 2025 as outgoing treasurer. Peter Bishop recommended Avi should talk with Jim Fries at Brown & Edward. Avi said a different person in the firm had asked the question, but he would contact Jim Fries.

Peter Bishop asked when does Avi expect the fourth quarter 2025 and the first quarter 2026 financial reports to be sent to Ann Turner for publication in Turning Wheels? Avi responded that both have been completed and sent to Ann Turner and that second quarter reports will be completed and sent to Ann soon.

Texas Meet Update: Don reported the corrections to the Waxahachie meet promotional materials have been corrected and published and that last-minute signage for logistics, such as ice cream socials and general meetings, can be accommodated at the venue. Carl Thomason researched transportation from the airport to Waco Hatchie and found few options are available. He said public transit, involving DART and bus, is available. Don recommended renting a car to get from either of the Dallas airports to Waxahachie as there are few restaurants located in walking distance from the Civic Center.

Phil Henderson said the meet registration form requires an SDC membership number but Australian and New Zealand members who are affiliated with SDC but may not have a formal membership number and asked what they should use. Cynthia Sale suggested that these members indicate "international member" or "Australia" on the form, and Mark will manually process their registrations.

Future International Meets, South Bend and beyond: Don reported The South Bend meet is June 2-5, 2027, and stated the date is just a day after the La Palma meet. The hotel contract for South Bend has been signed so the 2027 date is firm. Ed Smith reported that the Antique Studebaker Club was able to block hotel rooms for their meet in South Bend in conjunction with the SDC meet for the weekend prior to the 2027 International Meet but those dates conflict with Memorial Day so the ASC will discuss changing their meet to the weekend following the SDC 2027 meet. Peter Bishop stressed the importance of keeping the Zone Directors in the communications for all International Meet planning.

Tom Cantral reported that Mark Harris of the Conestoga Chapter in Colorado is visiting towns and venues as research for the 2028 International Meet but has not yet committed to a date or location.

Don Cox reported he will invite International Meet Chair, Jane Stinson, to an upcoming board meeting.

Committee Members, Membership Committee: Don Cox reported that he has appointed Jon Stalnaker to Chair the Membership Committee and appreciates Jon's volunteering to take on the task of increasing memberships. He has told Jon to gather additional members to help and to bring their ideas to upcoming board meetings.

Policies and Procedures Manual Project update: Peter Bishop reported he, Carl, and Cynthia are working on three categories for review and changes to the Bylaws and Policy and Procedure Manual:

- updates or changes not needing board approval; punctuation, formatting of the documents, misspellings, new adoption dates.
- updates or changes that need board approval for voting; these are changes that need board approval.
- items that need board clarification before approval and possible vote; these are changes that the committee is unsure about so is relying on the board for their input and decisions.

Peter or Carl will need to establish a timeline to present the changes to the board for review, get the board's approval, and formal adoption. Carl has suggested a special meeting with the executive board to

make sure all concerns are identified. The review team will meet one more time to complete the proposed changes, then request a meeting with the Executive Board or whichever members are appointed to assist in the final review of the Bylaws and Policy and Procedures Manual before presentation to the board.

Meetings for August and September: Don proposed that we follow our regular Zoom meeting schedule in August and meet in person at the International Meet in Waxahachie in September. All agreed. Discussion followed about hosting in person and by Zoom for those who cannot attend the meet in Waxahachie. Cynthia will work with the International Meet facility to try to set up Zoom during the board meeting.

Other ways to promote the club: Ernie Brown stressed the importance of welcoming new members and the value of making them feel part of the group. He has recommended calling all new members to welcome them. Discussion followed about the rules of direct contact and the need for an “opt in” or “opt out” option on the membership forms.

Comments for the good of the orders: Cynthia reported that Cornerstone is currently shown as the membership committee and they show twenty-eight complimentary and six honorary memberships. Discussion followed about the need to review and maintain those memberships.

Gary Saunders asked for an update on the brick at the Studebaker National Museum for Fred Fox. Avi responded he will look into the status and report at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted, July 5, 2026
Cynthia Sale, Studebaker Drivers Club Secretary

Next Executive Committee Meeting is Friday, Aug 21, 2026, via Zoom at 7 PM EST.
Next Board of Directors Meeting is Sunday, Aug 23, 2026, via Zoom at 7 PM EST.