

Studebaker Drivers Club Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, August 23, 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; Ernie Brown, Vice-President; Avi Prochazka, Treasurer; Cynthia Sale, Secretary; Carl Thomason, Parliamentarian; Peter Bishop, Northeast Zone Director; ; Bob Dudeck, Atlantic Zone Director; Clyde Furr, Southeast 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; Jon Stalnaker, South Central Zone Director. **Absent:** Tom Cantral, Southeast Zone Director

Guest: Jane Stinson, International Meet Chair

Approval of previous minutes: Minutes from July 12, 2026, Board Meeting were presented by email for review. Peter Bishop moved to accept the minutes as written. Clyde Furr seconded the motion. Motion passed with thirteen yes votes.

International Meet: Don welcomed our guest, Jane Stinson, SDC International Meet Chair, and asked for an update and her perspective on the 2026 International Meet. Jane reported that most planning is done and that the current biggest challenge is the hosting chair wanting to hold the Awards Banquet on Saturday night to keep people from leaving the event early. Many people will leave before the banquet and either their awards will need to be mailed to them or the award given them before they leave. With Jane's encouragement, the chapter chair has recently decided to give out the awards at 2pm on Saturday. Don mentioned concerns about shipping trophies increasing the already inflated cost of postage for the club. Jane confirmed that we have a policy to allow a winner to have the trophy shipped at their cost of \$20 if they are not available to receive their award in person. The event form, which goes in every registration packet, has a place to choose shipping or identify someone else to pick up the trophy for them.

2027 International Meet in South Bend: Jane reported that Bob Henning will be running that meet again in 2027 at the beginning of June. The South Bend Chapter has been holding the International Meet in South Bend every 5 years. The city of South Bend wants us to hold the event every 3 years because the city has told us the SDC event is the largest tourism event held in South Bend and the city is offering some financial incentive to come more often. Peter Bishop asked why the event is in the spring when the other International Meets are traditionally held in September. Jane responded that use of the fairgrounds is managed by the county, not the city and is booked years in advance. It took years to get the South Bend event moved to June instead of May for weather concerns and the event runs in the same

schedule as the chapter's annual swap meet so they have reserved the same weekend for many years ahead.

Future International Meets: Jane reported Conestoga Chapter in Colorado will present a proposal for the 2028 International Meet at the September Board Meeting. She has been contacted by Clyde Furr about holding the 2029 meet in Tennessee. Clyde reported they are researching dates and locations, so no firm details are ready. He has had initial contact with the Knoxville TN Chamber of Commerce and Wally Ritter is in contact with the Avanti Club to encourage a combined International Meet. Recently, the Knoxville fairground's purpose has changed to a children's museum and there is talk about the city of Knoxville moving the Tennessee Valley Fairgrounds to a new location.

Board member tenure status: Ernie Brown reported he has documented the election schedule confirming which Zone elections are in the even years, and which are in the odd years per our bylaws. He contacted all board members asking when they began their position, has responses from about half of them. To better determine those dates, he has confirmed that our bylaws state a person's time limit in office starts when they are elected and if they step into an office midterm to fill a vacancy, that time does not count as part of their term limit.

Issuing SDC payments and checks electronically: Ernie Brown asked if the club could use the SDC's bank's electronic payment system to save postage and buying checks while still complying with our business rules. Avi said he has investigated Wells Fargo's electronic service, which is a common business practice of an ACH transfer or paper check issued from the bank. This would increase the bank fees but streamlines the payment process and get those payments out faster. There are also cost savings as the increase is anticipated to be less than our current costs for postage to get checks through our process and out to the recipients. The process would follow Avi sending Don an email for approval of the check and payment information or he can set a second level of online access to our Quick Books account for payment review and approval. Peter recommended Avi could contact other car clubs to see how they do their online banking.

Financial Report: Avi reported even with the increased insurance costs, Q2 is slightly up and his report will be forthcoming. He will be working hard to find more affordable insurance in the next few months.

Membership Meeting: Jon Stalnaker is working with several people to generate ideas from the members about improving retention and promoting the SDC.

Satellite Group Clarification: Don asked Jon if a Satellite Group can have just one member? Carl said this question came up in the review of changes and additions to the Policy and Procedure Manual where a chapter is required to have a minimum of five members to maintain its chapter status. Jon said the Satellite Group plan was intentionally written without a limited number of members so the policy of five members in a chapter would not apply. The Satellite Group is part of the Chapter's membership so is part of the five-member requirement of the chapter. Satellite groups can also affiliate with chapters outside their Zone or state.

Bylaws and Policy and Procedure Manual updates: Carl reported the changes are nearly all documented and will be sent to the board for review and approval.

Motion to approve the Guidelines for Hosting an International Meet document: Carl recommended that the Guidelines for Hosting an International Meet, which are expected to be used by chapters planning an International Meet, should be approved by the board as they stand so that the document is no longer in draft status. This is a living document, subject to review and revision so can be updated or changed with approval of the board at any time. Denny Foust made a motion to remove the draft status of the document and approve the Guidelines for Hosting an International Meet as of this date. Jon Stalnaker seconded the motion. Ernie confirmed any changes after this date would require board approval. Cynthia will update the documents and send it to the board, Jane Stinson, and Mark Wheeler, for access on the SDC website. The motion passed unanimously.

Comments for the good of the order: Several housekeeping items were offered.

1. Peter Bishop has reviewed the 2023 minutes and asked these questions:
 - a. The 2023 minutes identified Tom Curtis, Don Jones, and Jane Stinson as the Audit Committee, are all three still active?
 - b. Did the board vote on the contract for Brown & Edwards in 2023? Brown & Edwards is in its last year for contract obligation with SDC and we should request a proposal for their future service and compare other companies.
 - c. In 2023 the Investment Committee suggested a checking account be attached to the investments to allow funds transfer to the operating budget; was this account established, what bank is it and who is signatory? Avi has documentation about this and will provide it to Peter and the board.
2. Will there is a Zoom option for attending the SDC Board meeting at the September International Meet? Cynthia responded she will have a meeting set up and will send the link when the meeting is closer. The quality of the internet service in the building may impact the connectivity.

Don Cox thanked all in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted, September 15, 2026

Cynthia Sale, Studebaker Drivers Club Secretary