



HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB

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Hamilton Chapter, Studebaker Driver's Club Minutes of the General Meeting August 24th, 2025 RJ's Eatery, Welland

President Peter welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 14:45. Guests were Larry MacDonald and his wife Sue. They were accompanied by two friends. Larry is the brother of new member Bruce MacDonald. Their father George worked for Studebaker. Their uncle was Slim Magnussen who was the paymaster. There were a total of 25 members and guests attending.

The minutes of the June meeting were accepted as read.

Moved by Tom Roden

Seconded by Steve

Porter All in favour-yes.

Correspondence: Peter reported that the chapter had received a letter of thanks from the Studebaker Museum regarding our donation of \$500 CDN towards the upkeep of the last Studebaker produced which was from the Hamilton plant.

Dennis reported that a get well card had been sent to Kirby Oglesby and sympathy cards were sent to both Naisbitt families and Max Corradetti.

Sandra Cruzo asked that any member who knew about illness or the passing of a family member from the chapter to contact her directly. Her email is scruso@tbaytel.net or call her at 289-897-9486.

Treasurer Sue summarized the financial report which had been distributed to the membership with a final balance standing at \$5019.70.

The financial report was accepted as distributed.

Moved by Steve Porter

Seconded by Kathy

Porter All in favour-yes.

Media Chair Sue advised that the deadline for submissions to the newsletter is September 25th with a view to emailing the newsletter Oct. 1st.

Membership Chair Sue reported that all memberships were current and that we have 70 members.

Hamilton Food Share: Sue Lusted reported that she will again set up for donations to Hamilton Food Share at our Christmas event. By donating cash, Food Share is able to purchase \$5 for every \$1 donated from its sponsors.

Old Business Peter advised the meeting that the chapter bylaws were in the final stages of review and would be presented to the members at the October meeting.

New Business Peter advised that the September meeting will be held September 6th in the Keith neighbourhood at the North Central Community Park 467 Wentworth Street, near the former Studebaker plant location. The park is at the corner of Wentworth Street North and Mars Avenue and start time will be 11:00. For the October meeting we will be returning to the Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton.

This meeting was the first call for nominations for the chapter executive and all of the current executive were nominated and agreed to stand for their respective positions.

For President-Peter Downey nominated by Sue Lusted, seconded by Carl Schlosser
For Vice President-Aaron Dorsch nominated by Sue Lusted, seconded by Joan Kemp
For Treasurer-Sue Lusted nominated by Ingrid Koshty, seconded by Bob Easton
For Secretary-Dennis Kennedy nominated by Joanne Easton, seconded by Donna Sommerville

A second and final nomination call and chapter voting will be held at the October meeting.

Prior to this meeting and fish/chicken dinner an Executive Meeting was held to discuss a gratuity for RJ's as John and Brenda held the price for this year. The decision was to provide a gratuity of \$110.00 which is 18%.

Sue has recently passed along a Studebaker Maintenance Parts Cross Reference document and it was suggested by Bob Easton that perhaps it could be attached to our website. Additional discussion was held about creating a list of local parts and maintenance suppliers used by our chapter members.

Motion to adjourn by Joanne Easton
Seconded by Steve
Porter All in favour-yes

The 50/50 prize of \$38.50 was won by Sue Lusted.