

**Hamilton Chapter, Studebaker Driver's Club**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting April 19, 2026**  
**Location: Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum**

**President** Peter welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:00am. There were no guests present.

Peter reviewed the summary of the March zoom meeting. There were not enough attendees for a quorum so no official minutes were recorded. A summary of the meeting notes was distributed to the members following the meeting.

Peter addressed the request from the 2026 International Meet in Texas that we provide information, videos, photos, documentation etc to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the closure of the Hamilton plant. The executive will review the available archived information, put together a package and send it to the meeting organizers.

Peter proposed that a standardized format for every chapter meeting be adopted and he presented a sample for the chapter to vote on.

Motion to accept the proposal by Sue Lusted  
Seconded by Harold Ferrier  
All in favour-yes

**Secretary** Dennis reviewed correspondence sent to Peter from Kristen Kerr who is the site supervisor at the Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology. She was inquiring if our Studebaker chapter would be interested in bringing vehicles to one of their 'Train Day' events this summer. There are 9 dates available and the consensus of the chapter members present was to look at July 12th or 26th as possibilities for us. Peter will follow up with Kristen Kerr.

**Treasurer** Sue reported a month end balance of \$5794.74 and discussed recent account activity. A summary has been submitted to the executive.

Motion to accept the report by Harold Ferrier  
Seconded by Ted Calder  
All in favour-yes

**Membership Chair** Sue advised that 5 members have been moved to inactive status and 13 members are delinquent in renewing their memberships. She has been in contact with

them and progress is expected. A revised membership count and roster will be available soon.

**Social Media and Newsletter Chair** Sue advised the members that the newsletter will be published shortly and that the transition to Jomar taking over the newsletter is underway and should be complete by the fall.

Steve Porter raised an issue regarding the inability to access the chapter webpage using different search engines and/or internet devices. Sue will investigate.

### **Old Business**

Bob Easton reported that the Niagara College, Welland car show to mark the 60 anniversary of the closure of the Hamilton Studebaker factory is progressing.

Registration is available using the Niagara College website. He asked that once you self register please let him know by telephone or email as he does not receive texts.

The date is July 4th 2026 with a rain date of the 5th. Dennis commented that once you do the online payment you are able to enter your vehicle and contact information. If you are among the first 150 to register there is a swag package available.

Bob added that ads in Old Autos and a flyer are in the works to attract as many Studebakers as possible. The chapter will be videotaping the event as well.

### **New Business**

Sue advised that there have been a few articles appearing in different publications referencing the 60th anniversary of the Studebaker Hamilton plant closure and cessation of vehicle production. She will forward to Peter.

Sue let us know that there may be interest from the Avanti club in becoming a ‘satellite’ of our chapter. This seems to be happening in other areas as chapters cease operation and fold into other local groups. Peter will reach out to the Avanti club.

Steve raised the issue of former executive members who continue to have chapter financial signing authority. This is not allowed under the chapters constitution. Peter indicated that it is a concern and the process with the bank is convoluted and will be addressed.

Sandra thanked the chapter for their continuing fundraising support as it does help keep us in the black. The members thanked her for her continuing efforts.

Roger inquired about future silent auctions possibly at the May meeting. Following brief discussion, more info will be forthcoming.

There were 28 members present and 1 attending via zoom.

Motion to adjourn: Doug Sommerville  
Seconded by Ted Calder

All in Favour: Yes

The 50/50 winner of \$50 was Harold Ferrier and he generously returned \$40 to the chapter!