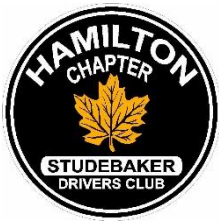


HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB

BY-LAWS



ARTICLE I – Name, Purpose and Emblem

1. The name of the organization shall be the HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB
2. The purpose of the HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB shall be:
 - a. To promote a closer relationship among Studebaker and related automobile owners in the City of Hamilton Area area.
 - b. To promote expansion of membership nationally and locally.
 - c. To provide assistance to the national Studebaker Drivers Club on a local level.
 - d. To encourage the acquisition, preservation and maintenance of Studebaker vehicles and of related vehicles which at one time were produced by Studebaker; such as EMF, FLANDERS, GARFORD, ROCKNE, ERSKINE, PIERCE ARROW, PACKARD and AVANTI.
 - e. To publish a newsletter or other vehicle announcing coming events and other pertinent, newsworthy information for the benefit of the membership.
3. The emblem of the HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB shall be the current Hamilton Chapter crest (as amended in 2025)

ARTICLE II – Membership and Dues

1. **Qualification for membership:** To be eligible for membership you must be a member of the Studebaker Drivers Club, ownership of a Studebaker is not required, and maintain a sincere interest in or close association with Studebaker or related automobiles.
2. **Application for membership:** Any person desiring membership in the HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB may apply for said membership to the Membership Secretary of the chapter or through the club website. Upon payment of dues, if any, a person meeting the foregoing qualification will be considered a member in good standing of the HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB.
Membership may be on either an active or associate basis, defined as follows:

- a. **Active Member:** A person qualifying under Article II, Section 1, having paid dues to both the Studebaker Drivers Club and the HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB, with all rights and privileges extended, including the right to vote and to hold office.
 - b. **Associate Member:** The spouse of any Active Member in good standing with all rights and privileges extended, including the right to hold office and to vote; and children in the same family who will be extended the Club privileges except for the right to vote and to hold office. Associate Members are not required to pay separate and individual dues to the HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB.
 - c. **Lifetime and Honorary Members:** Any member in good standing may nominate an individual for a Lifetime or an Honorary Membership in the HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB. Ratification will be by a majority vote at a general membership meeting. A Lifetime Member has the same rights and privileges as an Active member in good standing. An Honorary Member has the same privileges, except that an Honorary Member may not vote or hold office in the Chapter. Lifetime and Honorary members are not required to pay dues to the HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB.
3. **Rights and Privileges:** All Active, Associate, Lifetime, and Honorary Members in good standing shall have the right to attend all business and social meetings and other events sponsored by the HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB and to participate therein. Such members, except for Honorary Members, are eligible for nomination for elective office in the Chapter and to vote in any and all elections in and for the Chapter.
4. **Dues:** Annual dues for the HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB shall be established by the Executive and shall be collected from each Active Member. Dues shall be payable January 1st and prorated for new members joining during the year. Any changes to the annual dues will be presented at the November meeting annually and approval shall be by a majority of the members present, provided there is a quorum as defined in these By-Laws. (Associate, Lifetime and Honorary members are not subject to assessment of dues per Article II, Section 2.) This assessment of dues shall be in addition to any monies payable to the national Studebaker Drivers Club. Monies obtained for the HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB through the assessment of annual dues will be used solely for the operating expenses of the HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB, and in no way related to the operating expenses of the Studebaker Drivers Club. Any person whose dues are more than ninety (90) delinquent will be placed on inactive status, and if serving as an officer of the chapter will, at the discretion of the Executive, cease to hold that office.

Membership will be reinstated upon payment of delinquent dues within one year. After one year, the delinquent member is no longer deemed to be a member of the Hamilton Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club and must submit an application for membership to the Membership Chair. Dues must be submitted with the new application.

5. **Special Assessments:** Any special assessment shall be approved by a vote of the general membership no sooner than one meeting following the proposal. Approval shall be by the majority of a quorum as per Article III, Section 9.

Article III Executive Officers and Administration

1. **Description of Executive Officers:** The Executive Officers of the HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB shall be comprised of the following.
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Past President (The Immediate Past President, or when necessary as appointed)
2. **Committees:** The President shall appoint the Newsletter Editor, Historian, Events or Activity Coordinator, Membership and other positions or committees from the general membership as he/she deems necessary from time to time, for the purpose of accomplishing activities relating to the Chapter.
3. **Qualifications, Nominations, Elections**

Any Active, Associate, or Lifetime member in good standing is eligible for nomination for Chapter office as outlined in Section 1 of this article.

Election of the Executive Officers will be conducted as follows:

August or September meeting: Past President or a person appointed by the President in the event the Office of Past President as defined above is vacant will announce the first call for nominations for the elected officers, President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Current incumbents will announce if they serve another term.

October meeting: Past President or a person appointed by the President will announce the second call for nominations for the elected officers President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at this time.

Term of Office: The newly elected Executive Officers will begin their term at the November meeting. All Chapter records, files, etc. will be passed on to the new Board no later than at this meeting.

4. **Administration**

Responsibility for proper administration of the business of the HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB shall be divided among the Executive Officers.

The annual budget shall be presented to the general membership for approval at the January meeting each year.

The President with approval of the Executive members, shall have the right to use Chapter funds for Chapter activities, special events, promotions, awards, etc. which have been approved in the budget. Unanticipated expenditures over and above the approved budget will require Executive and general membership approval.

5. **Duties of Chapter Executive Officers**

President: The President shall preside over all meetings of the Chapter and shall have the general powers and responsibilities of management and coordination of the business conducted by the chapter. The President shall act as liaison between the Chapter and the Studebaker Drivers Club. In addition, he or she shall sit as an ex-officio member on all committees.

Vice President: The Vice President shall act in place of the President in the event of the absence or inability of the president to perform his/her duties. The Vice President will assist the President in the administration of Chapter business.

Secretary: The Secretary shall attend meetings and record the minutes of each meeting, to include all business under discussion and all matters presented to the membership for general vote. The Secretary shall maintain accurate files of all correspondence related to Chapter business.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for monies collected and disbursed by the Chapter and shall keep accurate entries of incoming funds and their disposition. A chequing account will be maintained as depository for all incoming funds and shall be the means of payment of all debts and obligations as approved by the President and Treasurer. Payments will be made only upon receipt by the Treasurer of valid proof of a debt or obligation, such as an invoice or cash receipt, which is to be held on file by the Treasurer. The Treasurer will be responsible for a complete financial report at each general business meeting, and at any time when called upon by any member of the Executive Committee. The President, Vice

President and Treasurer, are authorized signatories on the chequing account. The Executive may, if necessary, appoint one additional authorized signing officer from the membership. At all times any two of the authorized signing officers are required to sign all cheques drawn on the Club Bank account.

The Vice President shall audit or arrange for an audit of club finances in January.

6. Meetings of the Executive

The Executive shall meet as required, either in person or by video conference. A special meeting may be called at any time by the President, or upon the request of any three members of the Executive, with advance notification to all other officers.

7. Resignation, Removal and Vacancy of an Executive Officer

Any officer of the Chapter may resign at any time by providing the Executive with written notice of resignation thirty (30) days prior to the effective date thereof. Any officer may be removed by a majority vote of the total general membership, if such removal is moved and seconded. Any vacancy on the Executive may be filled by appointment by the President, confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive, for the unexpired term of the vacancy.

8. Authority

Final authority for any business or activities conducted by the Chapter in connection with the Studebaker Drivers Club lies with the Board of Directors of the Studebaker Drivers Club and is subject to the sanctions thereof. In the event of a conflict of administration of the Chapter with the Studebaker Drivers Club, the By-Laws and government of the Studebaker Drivers Club supersedes the By-Laws and government of the Chapter until such conflict is resolved. In the event of revocation of affiliation with the Studebaker Drivers Club, the Chapter becomes dissolved and null and void as a separate organization, and all properties and monies of the Chapter will be distributed by the Board of Officers to charity.

9. Quorum

A quorum for membership meetings shall consist of the lesser of 25% of the current membership or fifteen (15) members. The Secretary shall verify that a quorum exists before any general membership vote.

A quorum of the Executive shall consist of the lesser of 25% of the executive or 3 members of the executive. In the event there are less than 3 members of the executive, the minimum shall be 2. The Secretary (Or the person acting as Secretary for any Executive meeting) shall verify that a quorum exists before the meeting begins.

ARTICLE IV – Personal Liability

All persons or corporations extending credit to, contracting with, or having claim against the Chapter or the Executive shall look only to the funds and property of the Chapter for payment of any debt, damages, judgment or decree, or any money that may otherwise become due and payable from the Chapter or the Executive; so that neither the members of the Chapter nor any officers, present or future, shall be personally liable there for.

ARTICLE V – Amendment

Amendments to these By-Laws of the HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB may be proposed by any member of the Executive, or by any member in good standing to a member of the Executive, to be introduced to the general membership for vote after all members have been notified. The Secretary shall be responsible for this notification. An amendment will be adopted only by a majority vote of the general membership, provided that a quorum is present at the business meeting at which the proposed amendment is presented for vote.

By-Laws approved at a general membership meeting held _____

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer