

SOUTH WEST AGILITY TEAM

Established: October 1, 1994

Purpose: South West Agility Team (SWAT) was formed for the purpose of conducting agility trials and other dog events for the enjoyment and participation of its members, while protecting the interests of purebred and mixed breed dogs and encouraging sportsmanlike competition at agility trials and dog events.

Officers of the Executive Committee for South West Agility Team (SWAT) for the term beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2020:

President:	Vicki Wilson
Vice-President:	Martha Kent
Treasurer:	Karen Thompson
Corresponding Secretary:	Carol Franks
Recording Secretary:	Beth Jansen
Immediate Past Treasurer (non-voting):	Brenda Sauve

SWAT Executive Committee Meeting

DATE: May 14, 2021

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ynz-nqru-ocz>

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting
4. Report of President
5. Report of Vice-President
6. Report of Treasurer
7. Report of Corresponding Secretary
8. Committee Reports
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

1. Called to order at 4:32pm

2. Roll Call: Vicki Wilson, Karen Thompson, Carol Franks, Martha Kent, Susan Neal, Beth Jansen

3. Approval of Minutes of Last Executive Committee Meeting - the EC unanimously approves last meeting's minutes.

4. Report of President

1. USDAA - May 21 - 23, Sheriff's Posse arena

There are some changes to the premium, based on new CDC guidelines, which will be reflected in exhibitors' final confirmation letters. As of now, there may be some masking requirements, and there will be some changes to how ribbons are distributed and how results are displayed to encourage social distancing.

2. June AKC - June 25 - 27, Expo NM

The premium is posted on [the SWAT website](#) and trial secretary [Cyndi Blanton's website](#). The decisions about class order were made in collaboration with the judge, based on what courses would allow for the best design of nested courses. This trial had to be a one-judge trial, based on the occupancy limits at the time. Parking will not be available in the dairy barn for this trial. Because of the requirements with crating and spacing, Donna will require an assistant, as site coordinator. The EC unanimously approves this.

3. Other AKC trials in 2021

- a. October - Susan Neal is seeking a trial chair.
- b. November - we believe this will be a two-judge trial because people will be able to crate out of their cars, which will allow us more freedom with

5. Report of Vice-President

- 1. Current balance

6. Report of Treasurer

- 2. Current balance: \$59,988
- 3. Payments/outgoing funds:
 - a. Insurance a little over \$1000
 - b. Karen has already paid about \$2500 to the Expo for past trials that were cancelled, which will help as we move forward.

7. Report of Corresponding Secretary - no new correspondence to report

8. Committee Reports

- 1. USDAA – May (51), December (planning not begun yet)
 - a. More info in “President's Report” above.
- 2. AKC –

- a. June (have judge, Susan is chair, premium is out) - More info in “President’s Report” above.
 - b. September (2-judges, Julie F. is chair),
 - c. October (2-judge, no chair yet)
 - d. November (2-judge, no chair yet)
3. NADAC – no news to report

Business

9. Unfinished Business

1. Future EC Meetings - will determine via email

10. New Business

1. **Incentives for workers in May USDAA and June AKC** - we will not have the Lobos, so there will be more work for everyone
 - a. Susan motions that the EC consider increasing the pay for the chief ring stewards at future trials (after the June trial), and SWAT will be saving money by not hiring the Lobos. **Carol motions to pay \$50 more per weekend, going forward, starting at the June trial. Karen seconds this, and the EC unanimously votes to approve the motion.**
 - b. **Martha moves that the Venue Coordinator earn \$25 more per weekend. Carol seconds, and the EC unanimously votes to approve the motion.**
 - c. **Beth motions that the EC consider increasing the number of \$25 vouchers that SWAT raffles to four vouchers per day (up from two per day). Martha seconds this, and the EC unanimously votes to approve the motion.**
2. **June AKC trial** - there wasn’t enough time to allow for a random draw before closing, so we are accepting entries on a “first received” basis. However, there is some concern that workers may not be able to get their entry in on time. **Beth motions that she send FedEx the entries of trial workers, the trial committee, and the EC to make sure that their entries are accepted, and SWAT will reimburse her. This would be approximately \$50 Martha seconds, and the EC votes to approve the motion.**
3. **Agility Gate app** - the EC discusses the possibility of using this app at upcoming trials. Karen, Carol, and Beth point out the convenience, but Vicki mentions that it is relatively expensive. [Click here for pricing info.](#) Vicki proposes that Karen research the cost and necessary equipment to use and operate Agility Gate. Carol volunteers to help with this. They’ll share info.

about it at an upcoming meeting. This may be something that the EC considers for fall trials.

4. **VVKC, July 23 - 25** - Linda and Vicki have been brainstorming ideas about how SWAT could help support VVKC's trial, since VVKC will not be able to have a trial if they lose money. One way to do this would be if SWAT paid for the license and equipment manager for this trial. *Pros the EC discusses:* supporting the agility community, helping VVKC hopefully secure this weekend for July, 2022. *Cons the EC discusses:* Entries would be limited (format and restrictions similar to what will be required at the June trial), SWAT would likely lose money on this 2021 trial. **Carol motions that SWAT supports the VVKC trial by paying them the fee for renting their license and equipment manager to make this trial happen, and Martha seconds this motion. The EC unanimously votes to approve this motion.**
5. **SDCKC request to rent equipment** – \$500/day plus they pay equipment managers. **Martha moves that we approve the request to rent equipment to SDCKC, Carol seconds, and the EC unanimously votes to approve the motion.**
6. 2022 AKC trials – do we want to continue either October or November? We have to choose one, because SWAT is already at maximum AKC trial licenses.
 - a. October pros: doesn't back up to the holidays, there are many trials in November/December
 - b. November pros: at the Expo, which is the site people tend to prefer.
7. Fun Match discussion - tabled for now.

11. Adjournment