



The Lost Coast **H O W L E R**

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Next meeting:

Tuesday, June 16th

Online Meeting

*Check your email
for log in info*

Join Us!

Everyone is welcome!

BOARD MEETING

6:30 PM

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 PM

*Meetings are held on the
third Tuesday of each month,
alternating between the
Adorni Center in Eureka
1011 Waterfront Drive,
in odd numbered months
and at The Clubhouse at
The Meadows,
2520-90 Hubbard Lane, Eureka
in even numbered months.
No meeting in December.*

President's Corner

Our upcoming meeting on June 16th will again be online. Please remember to register when you receive the announcement from Bill. We will be discussing the July 3-4 FastCAT trials and the July agility trials. Things are changing daily in Humboldt County regarding the rules for complying with Covid-19 regulations. LCKC's decisions will be based on the regulations.

We are still hoping to hold the scent work trials in September. The applications have been sent to the AKC.

There is a bill before the state assembly regarding the issue of dog show judges being considered independent contractors. LCKC felt like we were alone with this problem, but I guess we were not. We will be discussing sending a letter to the Assembly in support of this bill.

I hope to hear from all of you online for the meeting.

Jill 

Have you heard?

From Susan Hutchison:

My puppy, "Braswell's When Calls the Heart to Jenna" earned her S.T.A.R. Puppy award/designation. She is very eager to please and learn, although stubborn at times (LOL). I look forward to many fun-filled years ahead with her.



Awesome!

MINUTES OF THE LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB

May 19, 2020, via Internet

BOARD MEETING

The Board meeting was called to order by Vice President Cathy Wright at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Bill Clawson, Emily Dalton, Patty Mendes, Tina Moulton, Beth Rogers, Kris Smith, Debra St Myers, Debbie Tull, Cathy Wright.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes from the April 7 meeting were approved as published.

Report of the Treasurer: Bill summarized the distributed Treasurer's Report.

- The closing of the Redwood Capital bank account will be pushed out 30 to 60 days due to technical reasons with PayPal.
- California State Non-Profit raffle registration update: It's been difficult to reach anybody, trying to look into why other clubs don't seem to think they have to register.

Unfinished Business:

Dog show judge Independent Contractor issue: Our judges have not responded; they may be able to get an EIN to use instead of a SSN, and be willing to use that in early contracts. Cathy is trying to get clarity and guidance from the AKC Government Relations. One suggestion was to not put a dollar amount on the first contract, since we don't know for sure how much they will be paid until the show, but it was pointed out that we have to contract three of them for over \$600 from the beginning, and the AKC requires that we specify their fees. Suggestion to have the final contract and W9 tax forms at the show, with a preliminary contract earlier, but it was pointed out that we have to have the final agreement when they get their assignments. The EDD wants a report, with the judges' SSNs, 20 days after they sign a contract, and most don't want to give out their SSNs that far in advance (we contract with them a year or two ahead). Suggestion – Using the wording “anyone earning over \$600 in judging fees will need to submit a W9 and SSN in order to get paid.” Cathy said she has talked to other clubs, and none ask for the SSNs before the show. Tina would be comfortable with having them submit their information at the show, and using a “preliminary contract, or agreement to judge”, and then a “final contract” at the show, when they would submit a SSN. 2021 judging contracts – everything that needs to be done at this point is done.

New Business: None.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING: Called to order by Vice President Cathy Wright at 7:02 pm.

Present: All of the above plus Sarah Borok, Beverly Chang, Marilyn Cottrell, Susan Hutchison, Beverly Morgan Lewis, Sherry Pavlich.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Accepted as published.

Report of the President: Jill was not present, but gave her report in the newsletter, summarizing the status of our various events.

Report of the Secretary: Nothing more than business mail.

Report of the Treasurer: See Board minutes. Jill contacted the Contra Costa County KC to see how they handle the EDD/SSN problem, and was given a contact which did not help.

Report of Committees:

- **Practice:** June is on hold, maybe at Ridgewood instead of the fairgrounds. The AKC offers a virtual rally novice title. They provide the courses and the exhibitor submits video, they judge and award titles. Something to do at practice? Sara, Cathy, and Deb SM could set it up. Perhaps the same could be done with Trick Dog and CD evaluations? Discussion of compliance with county Covid 19 rules, which aren't totally clear.
- **Newsletter:** Nice issue, mostly items trolled from Facebook.
- **Website:** Tina has updated event cancellations.
- **Email/Chat Group:** Invitations have been sent to new applicants.
- **Membership –** Tina has added applicants to the membership list.
- **Event Team:** No recent meetings. Discussion of the Virtual Rally idea.
- **Scent Work Trials:** Deb S.M. – Still on track for September 12/13, hosted by just LCKC. At the Ferndale Fairgrounds, four judges. Fewer classes than last year because of a smaller volunteer pool. Secretary will be Deedee Anderson.
- **FastCATs July 3 and 4, and with Agility trial:** Beth has started working on them, and shared an estimation of needs re equipment and volunteers. Terry Burchett would be the lure operator for the July 3,4 date. She distributed a map showing a layout which would keep people apart. Deb Tull is working on an application to the county describing how it will be run and arranged, to be submitted later in the next phase. Jill talked to the fairgrounds; they are not sure yet what they will be allowing. Deb SM discussed options for using bathrooms which have running water for hand washing. Deb T said these tests will not make any money but will provide a service for local dog people. Tina offered to make masks. Beth and Deb T will go forward, assuming we will be able to hold these events. Deb will do a modified premium list. Cathy pointed out that motels are not yet allowed to have guests from out of town.
- **B-Ob Shows/Rally:** Cancelled
- **Agility Trial/Barn Hunt/FCAT:** Beverly ML is not ready to cancel, but said there are many details which could be deal breakers (motels, county approval, fairground policies). She is using multiple resources to design how the event will work. Temperature monitoring (for people), digital notification of running order, volunteers to hand out everything so exhibitors are not congregating and handling things, no hospitality. Working on options with the caterer on no-touch servings, separated chutes for in and out of rings. Patty said people's motel reservations are being cancelled, and they will have to book again if plans can go ahead. Susan is still planning Barn Hunt with appropriate restrictions. Masks will be encouraged, including while running. Need to stock up on sanitation supplies as they become available. No PR or advertising so there will be no public attendance. Following the AKC Best Practices publication. Members agreed to wait to make a final decision on cancelling. Question about the club's liability if someone is exposed – language in the premium list will have to include release of liability. Beverly said we lost both judges, but she has found more. One needs to be provided with an RV on the grounds. Full refund of entry fees will have to be offered if the event is cancelled due to Covid 19. We will still have to pay Lori Abbott for her time on the premium list. Touch free raffle: **MSAC (Deb SM/ Beverly ML) to approve up to \$300 for raffle prizes for the agility event, to be used in 2021 if 2020 is cancelled.** Cathy said she has reservations about having events which bring people from out of the area. Others agreed.

Election of New Members: MSAC (Cathy/Tina) to approve the regular member application of Emily Dalton, and the application for family membership for Terri Vroman Little and Bryan, Wanda and Helen Little. Emily is a former LCKC President who has moved back to Eureka.

Unfinished Business: Summary of what was covered in Board Unfinished Business. Final decisions on cancellation of July events will be done later.

New Business:

- Letter to County: Beverly Chang suggested sending a letter to the County Supervisors about what we do with our dogs and how we can do it while observing social distancing, etc. She will draft a letter, share it, and then take it to a Supervisors meeting.
- Purchase of Sanitizer for our events: We need to make a list of sanitizing needs and suppliers. Beverly C suggests using local suppliers. She and event organizers Beth, Deb T, Beverly ML, and Susan H will generate a list.
- Cathy suggested the possibility of having the June meeting in person outside, if allowed by county rules by then.
- Tina suggested we should send a condolence note to a member who recently lost her husband. Kris will do.

Announcements: Susan said there are reduced prices at the now closed Farm Store for dog supplies. Contact her for details.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Smith, LCKC Secretary