



The Lost Coast Howler

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JOIN US!

Meetings are held online &
sometimes in person
the 3rd Tuesday of each month

Everyone is welcome!

BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM

REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM

After missing a couple of years, HumDOG is planning Dog Expo for 2024. Please save the date, Sunday, March 3, 2024 at Redwood Acres. HumDOG counts on Lost Coast Kennel Club members to provide many of the booths so that spectators can meet as many dog breeds as possible. Also think about any demonstrations you and your "public-proof" dogs might be able to perform. More information will be available this fall, but please keep the date in mind.

Looking forward to a great Expo!

Jill Otto, Eureka, CA

AKC Breeder of Merit

LCKC President's Message
May 2023

Happy Birthday to all our May born humans and doggos!
Lost Coast Kennel Club is an organization where all are welcome.

Our numbers shrank this year. That is a bit troubling to me as we struggle with people power. How to draw new, fresh, and wonderful people in?

Who knows what we do or when we do it? How will people know what we do?

WE TELL THEM! Let's make it easy for new folks and green dogs.

It is past time to notice the community of our gateway sports. Who wants to be our PIO? (Public information officer). I will help you. (Old advertising career here. Can we say selling ice to a polar bear?).

What are gateway sports and why are they important?

You may have heard some dog sports such as Barn Hunt and FAST CAT referred to as "gateway sports". These are low pressure events that require very little preparation or training because they rely heavily on a dog's natural instincts and prey drive. They are fantastic entry level events for people who are new to competitive dog sports and often act as a gateway to other sports by getting owners excited to be engaging in a hobby with their dog.

The appeal of these sports is that they're accessible to -anyone- no matter their experience level or skill set, regardless of whether their dog is a well-bred purebred or a mixed breed rescue. If someone attends one of these events, has fun, and makes connections it will spark an interest in trying other more challenging things. Say you try barn hunt and your dog takes to it easily and quickly figures out how to find the rat. That opens the door to consider trying similar things like scent work. Maybe the new friends you made at FAST CAT encourage you to come to a training class with them to try something different. Maybe you meet a new breed you've never heard of, fall in love, and become dedicated to the preservation of that breed. For many people this is exactly how they get their start.

Let. People. Enjoy. Things. Encourage them. Help them. We're already facing outside pressure from animal rights and anti-purebred ideals, we need all the allies we can get.

The future of the dog fancy is not entirely in the next generation. The future is YOU and whether you choose to tend someone's flame or extinguish it altogether.

One hundred eighty five hours!!! 185 volunteer hours!!! That has a value to us of \$4625 of in-kind work. Look at what we have done this year in volunteer hours. I thoroughly think this is a modest estimate by those of you that communicated your volunteer hours for April (and some did all of 2023 so far). Great work. Giving work. Charitable work. Work from the heart. How can I thank you enough? BRAVO! Keep track of May hours. I will be asking for them June 1 or so.

Pre-show work is being done for our events. Each day that passes signals a snowballing of activity as the show days draw near.

Volunteers are needed in each of our events. A few hours on one day at one event are all I ask. Calling all hands for the All Breed Show in July. The FAST CAT events are looking pretty nice. So is Rally/Obedience. Scentwork has a need for volunteers. Reach out if you have time available. Or just say yes when someone asks you.



Run Hard! Bark Loud!
Deb Lake

Zing earned her Elite 2 title last month at the National Assoc. Canine Scent Work Trial in Reedsport. She did this and also earned a second place in now of these searches. This means she is now over 1/2 to her Scentwork Championship. Here Zing earned a 1 place in another NACSW trial in Reedsport 2 weeks ago. We earned 77 more point towards the 1000 points Championship. It's her Sport and an amazing journey for us both-Deb St.Myers & Zing



MINUTES OF THE LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB

April 18, 2023, via Zoom

BOARD MEETING

The Board meeting was called to order by President Debra Lake at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Board members: Sara Borok, Marilyn Cottrell, Deb Lake, Patty Mendes, Jill Otto, Kris Smith, Deb Tull.

Non Board members: Bill Clawson, Susan Hutchison, Tina Moulton, Beth Rogers, Dan Wake, and guest Vickie Casey.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes from the March 21, 2023, Board meeting were approved as published (Deb T/Jill).

Report of the Treasurer: Jill presented the attached Treasurer's Report. There are a lot of expenses right now in preparation for events, with no income. Jill met with Andrea and clarified who should get the Treasurer's Report before a meeting, and talked about needing more detail on the reports. If you send Andrea information about a purchase or other club business, send it via email, not text, and include as much information as possible so she knows where to put it. They did reach the IRS about the year in which we were listed with the wrong non-profit status (C4/C7), and they will send information. Kris reported on two donations, one from Beverly Zeman of a treadmill and agility jumps, and \$100 from Beverly Morgan Lewis. **MSAC (Kris/Deb T) to approve the Treasurer's Report.**

Unfinished Business:

- Appreciation Picnic – Beth said we need to form a committee (Beth, Deb L, Jill volunteered). Need to contact the caterer. A date has been reserved at Rohner Park in Fortuna – Sept 16. Will ask for more volunteers at the regular meeting.
- Rally/Obedience at 2024 Shasta shows in Anderson – Sara said there is nothing new at this time.
- AED – Jill said our defibrillator needs pads which are not available, but batteries for it are. Deb SM will call the company to see if the pads have been discontinued. We will replace it if necessary. Report to members at regular meeting.
- Raffle – Marilyn said she would like to buy a few things for the raffle, around \$200. **MSAC for Marilyn to spend up to \$200 to buy items for the show raffle.**

New Business: None

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING:

The Regular meeting was called to order by President Debra Lake at 7:00 pm.

Present: All of the above plus Teresa Domingo-Chase, Beverly Morgan Lewis, Jocelyn Tipple, Bertie Welty, Cathy Wright.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes from the March 21, 2023 Regular meeting were approved as published (Patty/Tina) with Deb Lake abstaining because she was not there.

Report of the President: Deb L is concerned about members who did not renew. Outreach is important, and she would like to see something happen to make us more visible to the community, perhaps an article in the local media? Beth said we could put out information about our local walks. Susan suggested Channel 3 community events. Bertie said the ethics signs we want to sponsor for community parks would help, especially in light of

the recent dog attacks. Beth said those signs should be edited to reflect local leash laws. Jocelyn said she liked the sign for their language. Will continue discussion later in meeting.

Report of the Secretary: Kris said she has signed and returned the shed/practice contract with the Fair, and has asked for wording changes in the show contract (name the specific areas we use). Agility contract still to be worked out. Deb SM took care of the SW Seminar/Trial contract. Kris will write thank-you notes for the two donations.

Report of the Treasurer: Jill presented the attached Treasurer's Report. She repeated that if you send Andrea information about a purchase or other club business, send it via email not text and include as much information as possible so she knows where to put it. Discussion of accounting for events – the report of income and expenses kept by each chair is different from the information to be sent to Andrea for each purchase transaction. Deb Lake asked all volunteers to send her a report on the first of each month on the number of hours spent working on club things. These can be used as "in kind" donations for funding efforts.

Report of Committees:

PRACTICES: On April 9 at the midway lawns we had Conformation and Scentwork participants. Beth said FastCAT practice went well despite not being able to get out on the track. People parked behind the grandstand and walked in. Next practices are May 7. Kris will not be here, but Jocelyn helped at the last one and is ready to take over as "person on site". Sara will not be there but can send a rally course for someone to set up. Susan said Barn Hunt practices at her house will begin May 22, 24, 25. Will have to replace her hay bales, which are degrading.

B-OB SHOWS/RALLY/FASTCAT 2023 (July 6-9):

Shows: Tina said we have the new ramp, the premium list is in, and for publicity, AKC has a department that sends a "blast" to local media – we don't have to do it. She is working with Deb L on volunteer lists. Patty said that some regular people who get RV spaces at cost are asking for certain spots and wanting us to move other people out of them – she wants everyone to know that's not happening. She also said she asked Jack about the contracts, and he said to be sure to talk directly to Moira. Cathy said the ring gates have arrived and are stored in our trailer at the Smith's. She will send the trophy pages out so people can see what they owe for sponsorships.

Rally: Sara said nothing new at this time.

FCAT: Deb T said both premiums are out, and she will do a ribbon order soon.

AGILITY, BARN HUNT, FASTCAT (July 19-23):

Agility: Beverly said they looked at the carnival lot and infield as possible sites for agility. Deb SM talked to the Fair, who said the infield is not an option. The footing in the carnival lot isn't any better than the soccer field. She will look at Redwood Fields this summer to see if it can accommodate Agility, FCAT, and Barn Hunt. Marilyn suggested Cutten school – not enough room. Jocelyn will become an active member of the agility committee.

Barn Hunt: Susan said the premium is posted (with a few errors), she has contacted the secretary about it. Thinking of using the Dairy Show Barn, \$150/day. Club has to decide where agility will be before deciding where BH will be. Discussion of possible locations, discussion of communication for participants if events are separated. Deb L went over the reasons why BH should be inside. Discussion of using "agility gate" app. Bertie said this can be a spectator sport that can draw people so should be at a place that has bleachers like the Dairy Barn.

FCAT: Nothing different from above.

SCENTWORK TRIALS 2023 (September 2-4)

Susan said the premium is almost ready. Working on flow maps to submit to the secretary and advising judge.

They have boxes. Need hospitality people. Using Red Lion Inn, have a block of ten rooms at reduced cost. The RV reservation form is in the premium. Members will need to loan tarps and sheets to put on fencing for blinds. Could use sides from the big club canopies. Marilyn is doing the volunteers and training.

SPRING SCENTWORK SEMINARS (May 27, 28)

Deb SM said there are 54 entries, and 35 in the seminars. Will need to do some set up for the seminars. Will be a meeting before the next club meeting. The AED is dead – can get replacement batteries but the pads are not available now. We need to wait to get them or buy a new unit. Deb L will help look for replacement pads.

NEWSLETTER: Looks good.

WEBSITE: Has links to premium lists.

CHAT GROUP: Tina has invited the new members. Only a few members have not joined.

MEMBERSHIP: Tina will continue to update with new members.

BYLAWS: Nothing new. Suggestion to table this until Fall after our events.

Election of New Members: Vicke and Bill Casey of Fortuna were elected to a family membership.

Unfinished Business:

- Membership appreciation picnic – September 16 at Rohner Park. Committee: Beth, Deb L, Deb T, Jill, Vicke. Deb L will contact the caterer.
- Fit Dogs – LCKC is now an approved Fit Dog club and can sponsor events.
- Under Cover Barn Hunt – see above.
- Anderson Rally/Obedience – nothing new.
- AED – see Scentwork Seminars above.
- Reunite Trailer and Dog Ethics signs – nothing new.
- Raffle – Marilyn said the Board has approved purchase of some special raffle prizes. Need people to bring donations. Treadmill – should we offer it for sale to members first? It's big for the raffle, people might not be able to transport. Probably will do two steps – offer to members, if it doesn't sell, put it into the raffle. Discussion about its value. Will revisit next meeting.

New Business: None

Announcements: Cathy said she and Jill looked through the club's historical stuff, and there is a missing box. About 15" by 12", contains the digital picture frame. People need to look for it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Smith, LCKC Secretary

STARTLINE AGILITY TRAINING (MARLENE JURKOVICH) IS HOSTING NANCY GYES WORKSHOPS (AKC WORLD TEAM COACH) JUNE 9, 10, 11.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, THERE ARE TWO WORKSHOPS. SATURDAY 10, THERE ARE TWO WORKSHOPS. SUNDAY IS AN ALL DAY FOR THOSE AT THE EXCELLENT/MASTERS LEVELS TO BUMP IT UP TO PREMIER HANDLING.

AUDITING IS UNLIMITED ALL THREE DAYS!!!!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT MARLENE JURKOVICH AT THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS REGARDING WORKSHOPS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION.

STARTLINEAGILITY825@GMAIL.COM

THE POOS INVITE YOU TO THIS YEAR'S NANCY GYES 2023 WORKSHOP!

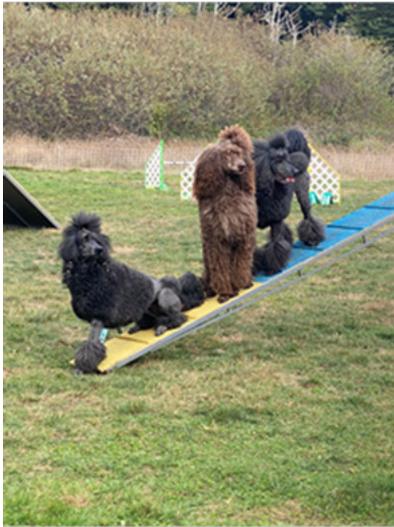


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COME PLAY WITH US!

**BEVERLY
CHANG:**

**MATTIE WENT BOS
IN SOUTH JORDAN
UT TWO DAYS IN A
ROW. PICTURED WITH
HUSBAND DAVE.
DAVE'S 1ST DOG
SHOW
ATTENDANCE.**



BETH ROGERS:



On April 15th, Debbie, Beth, Abby and Brasa were at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo California attending the Greyhound Friends for Life (GFFL)/Save a Galgo Espanol Reunion (SAGE). This event was the first fundraising collaboration between these two organizations. Unbelievably the Fairgrounds had also scheduled a pyrotechnics workshop right next to our event. Yes, you read that right. Rescued dogs and fireworks. About half of the people and dogs left. Lesson learned. Don't assume facility management is knowledgeable about dogs. I hope GFFL and SAGE get a refund. Debbie escaped with Abby and Brasa, then returned when I gave her the "all clear." After lunch and a somewhat recovery, we attempted to do a 50-yard recall with the dogs. It might not sound like a big deal, but to dogs previously traumatized, Abby did great and Brasa did it in her own Brasa way. The next game was grabbing hot dog pieces from underwater in two minutes. Abby got one. And she was very happy to eat it. Brasa is on a restricted diet, so no hot dogs for her. She was happy to sniff Abby's breath. The next game was the egg race. We all participated by holding the dog leash and a spoon with an egg in it in one hand while going down the course, turn around, go back to the start without dropping your egg. Both our teams made it to the final. Abby, being the perfect leash walker that she is, had no competition and won easily. Pictured are Abby, Brasa, Beth and Debbie holding the very large stuffie they won for first place. Despite the rough start we all had a good time and are ready for next year.



Kelson earned his intermediate tricks title (TKI) at the HumDOG Tricks class (AKC pending).

*Jill Otto
Sunspot PBGVs, GBGVs, &
Biewer Terriers*



“Getting to Know” Kim Roper Gradin

**LCKC member since (and current position):
2013, Currently the Breeder Referral contact for the club.**

Previous positions held with LCKC? N/A

What breed or breeds is your focus? Currently we have 4 Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs (GSMD), but have had herding breeds for over 30 years. (Australian Shepherd, Pembroke Welsh Corgi, & Australian Cattle Dog). I am thinking my next dog will be a Entlebucher, the smallest of the Swiss herding breeds.

What attracted you to the breed(s)? I have always loved farms & farm dogs, so hence the love of herding dogs. Our current breed which are commonly referred to as “Swissys”, was actually my husband’s big dog wish for many years after seeing them at a LCKC dog show we attended with my 4H kids. Since they were a herding breed I said sure why not. I love the fact that they are a very versatile breed,

Do you have a kennel name? If so, how did you decide on your kennel name? Yes, Timber Ridge Mountain Dogs. We live on a Ridge that has many trees. Too funny when I saw that Costco was selling folding chairs that had Timber Ridge printed on them I thought “free monogramming”.

What activities do you participate in with your dogs? Rally, Obedience, Fast Cat, Barn Hunt, Drafting/Carting, Conformation, & Herding, Also, we have gotten a few other AKC titles, AKC Temperament Test, Canine Good Citizen titles, & Trick dog titles.

Any particular highs or lows you would like to share or special dogs you want to tell us about? All my dogs are/were special but my high would be with my Australian Cattle Dog Spice. Her first Rally Novice A run we not only qualified but we received a first place, that was the beginning of my love for Rally. She also excelled in Barn Hunt and was a great Momma dog to her puppies before her career in dog sports. There are a lot of lows in dog breeding, I am sure I need to

say no more about that.

How long have you been “into” dogs? As long as I can remember, but started competing in Obedience at 12 years old in 4H fun matches and the fair in Ohio.

What other breeds have shared your life? As a child, we had Beagles, and Bassett Hounds mostly but I did have an Irish Setter, Collie, Shetland Sheepdog, German Shepherd, Dachshund, Boxer, Husky/Malamute X, and Shar-pei.

Do you have any special goals for your dog(s)? I am working towards a Versatility Title in our breed with our youngest Swissy Solveig. We need one more GSMD accepted title and hoping to achieve that with Barn Hunt or Scent Work. We are also working towards our Rally Master Title currently.

How have dogs changed your life? I have trained and competed with dogs my whole life. My husband and I have been breeders of many great breeds over the years, and proud of what we have produced. I have learned so much being a dog trainer, a breeder, a canine massage practitioner, and a canine conditioning/fitness trainee. I don't remember anytime without at least one dog in the family except for when my parents thought camping was more fun.

Any parting comments you want to add? I would not be where I am today in the dog world if it wasn't for LCKC. The last 10 years of being a member of a club that offers all their activities has been an honor.