



# The Lost Coast Howler

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Lost Coast Kennel Club

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## LCKC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## JOIN US!

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

Everyone is welcome!  
BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM  
REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM

## President's Message September 2023

Happy September Birthday to our two and four legged friends. The Equinox is upon us. The days grow shorter. The fruit trees and gardens are giving their gifts of sun and soil and love.

Volunteer hours for August are 333 hours. Total so far for 2023 is 2380 hours worth \$59,500.

I want to send my appreciation to Susan Hutchinson, 2023 Barn Hunt Chair and Marilyn Cottrell, 2023 Conformation Raffle Chair for their volunteering this year and many years previously. They each made their endeavors so successful. These wonderful people are stepping down from their positions for 2024. Mike Lake has raised his hand to Chair Barn Hunt for 2024. We are looking for a Chair for the All Breed Conformation Show Raffle. Both Susan and Marilyn are very helpful and willing to mentor someone.

**Calling for a Raffle Chair.** This is an ideal opportunity for someone who might not be showing a dog. Do you like to collect stuff? Organize it? And make money for the club? Feel free to contact Marilyn or myself.

This is the time to raise your hand if you would like to be on the board of LCKC. We nominate next month and elect in November. Volunteering is a wonderful way to help others and make a positive difference in the world. There are many benefits of volunteering, both for you and for the LCKC. Happiness is having autumn opportunities to practice FCAT, Obedience, Rally, Conformation and Scent Work. There's Fit Dog to enjoy coming up. Be the best you will be. Volunteers don't necessarily have the time: They have the heart.

Sincerely,  
Deb Lake, President LCKC

# MINUTES OF THE LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB

August 15, 2023, via Zoom



## BOARD MEETING

The Board meeting was called to order by President Debra Lake at 6:32 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, Marlene Jurkovich, Tricia Morgan, Tina Moulton, Deb St. Myers, Beth Rogers, Cathy Wright.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes from the July 18, 2023, Board meeting were approved as published. (Jill/Patty)

Report of the Treasurer: Jill presented the attached Treasurer's Report and said that Andrea has been checking with a couple of attorneys on a list given to her by the State Attorney General's office about whether we can give raffle tickets to volunteers. The summary of findings is that we can give a meal and raffle tickets to volunteers up to a \$10 value for both together. Jill suggested we use an \$8 meal ticket and give 2 or 3 raffle tickets, but we don't have to decide until next year. **MSAC (Patty/Marilyn) to reimburse Andrea for her expenses in researching the raffle ticket question.** Bill (not a Board member but presenting with permission) said that the Attorney General does not recommend attorneys. Andrea's list came from NIAC, an insurance company for non-profits. **MSAC (Patty/Deb T) to approve the Treasurer's Report.** Jill said there will be some changes and corrections to some of the categories.

Unfinished Business: none

## New Business:

- Incident Report Protocol – Kris said that we have had two incidents involving injuries which we have reported, via the AKC Incident Report form, to both the Fair and to our insurance carrier, Sportsmen's Insurance. In both cases Sportsmen's sent the reports to the underwriter, Hanover, which automatically turned them into claims, which was never the intention of the club or the injured parties. She recommends sending the reports to the Fair as an FYI, but not the insurance company, just file them and have them available for information if necessary. The injured party would have to ask for our insurance. Comments – that's how other organizations do it. Kris will write up a protocol.
- Investing money – Beth (not a Board member but presenting with permission) shared a "To the Core" article about investing money that we make from events rather than just letting it sit in the checking account. We might look into possibilities of doing that.
- Agility equipment – People working on set-up at the Agility Trials commented that some of our equipment is worn out or not compliant with current AKC rules. Marlene J compiled a list of what we need, would cost about \$5200. **Motion made and seconded to recommend to the membership that we spend up to \$5500 to replace worn and obsolete agility equipment.**

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

## **REGULAR MEETING:**

The Regular meeting was called to order by President Debra Lake at 7:11 pm.

Present: All of the above plus Gemini Herzog, Beverly Morgan Lewis, Suzi Martin.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes from the July 18, 2023 Regular meeting were approved as published. (Marilyn/Jill)

Report of the President: Deb Lake said she likes where the club is going, and appreciates everything that everybody is doing. We have compiled over \$51,000 worth of value in reported volunteer hours.

Report of the Secretary: Kris said we have received our 2023/24 insurance packet. Jill passed along the additional insured for Cutten School District for the SW trails. Kris will scan the additional insureds so they can be sent to venues. Beverly received a Thank You card from an agility participant who won two MACHs, she had a great time, thanks to all. Kris sent Thank You cards to the Cooks and to the Fair, and filed an Incident Report with the Fair and Sportsmen's Insurance, and corresponded with a Hanover agent about the resulting claim. Welcome letters were sent to new members. A renewal request was received from the Ferndale Chamber of Commerce – it was agreed to renew our \$105 membership because we have so many of our events in Ferndale. Jill sent a Thank You card to Sandra Close, the caterer for the shows. The sponsorship packet from the Fair came, VIP membership sticker, sponsor perks for tickets. Contact Jill if you want tickets.

Report of the Treasurer: Jill presented the attached Treasurer's Report and summarized the raffle ticket discussion. She said some individual reports and the P&L may need adjustments. Let her know if you see anything that you have a question about. Bill asked about golf cart rentals at the show – some were rented from Nick Mendes's business and some from the Fair.

Report of Committees:

## **PRACTICES**

Will try for some fall practice dates after the SW trials.

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

Shows: Tina said the shows were successful, we came out in the black. Cathy said there was a lot of positive response from participants, but would like to see improvements in ring footing. Thank You to everybody who helped. The caterer brought lots of food – so much left over that some of the volunteer vouchers were not used. Kris said the set up help was great – got all the canopies up before lunch, but take down was not so good – just a few people left at the end to do heavy stuff. Gemini might be able to facilitate take down volunteers next year.

Rally/Obedience: Sara said all went well, but still needing to order some missing ribbons.

FastCAT: Deb T said there is nothing new to report from the show weekend.

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

Wrap up next month.

**SCENTWORK TRIALS 2023 (September 2-4)**

Susan said set-up will be Friday, Sep 1, at 3:30. Club canopies same place. Tarps, sheets, bungee cords needed. Bring baked goods for hospitality tables – contact Vicke Casey. There will be a cardboard school bus to accept school supply donations for the school. Need the PA system, ring gates, canopies. Job lists will be posted. School is providing tables and chairs. Marilyn is putting together the volunteer schedule – need gate people and guides. Closing date is August 18. So far, 143 runs on Sat, 198 on Sat, 196 on Monday. Similar set up as last year. An exhibitor will do photos and videos. Day RV parking on basketball court. Some vendors – Vicke

Casey, fleece attire; human and canine massage; Sara's tie dyes etc. Need donations for the volunteer drawings – bring to set-up.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC** – September 16, Bartow Field in Rohner Park, Fortuna. See notice in newsletter. This is the club's way of thanking volunteers and members. Lunch, games, egg race, team challenge, fun!

**FIT DOG** – Good walk August 13 in the Arcata Bottoms – 13 people and 17 dogs, lunch outside afterwards. Next walk on "Walk Your Dog Day", August 26, 10 am, meet at Target, walk the Waterfront trail to Adorni Center and back. Working on a place to eat. Same day as Festival of Dreams at Halvorsen Park.

**NEWSLETTER:** Newsletter will be out soon.

**WEBSITE:** Tina said "save the dates" are up for next year's events.

**CHAT GROUP:** New members have been invited.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Tina is adding new members. March list is in Files or Attachments of io group.

**BYLAWS:** Tabled until Fall.

Election of New Members: MaryAnn Wik has moved to Foresthill, but wants to continue on as a member of LCKC. She was reinstated to membership.

Unfinished Business:

- Reunite trailer, dog ethics trail signs tabled until Fall.
- Put on rally/obedience at 2024 Shasta shows – Sara said Shasta KC wants us to put on the trials, flat fee for the ring, might be able to have MB-F as the super, tagged on to the conformation shows. Would need 10 volunteers per day to run it. The shows will be on the same March weekend as this year.
- "Dog Days of Summer" at the Gene Lucas Community Center in Fortuna, August 22, from 5 – 7 pm. Everybody wear LCKC shirts. Suzi will loan an AKC Book of Dogs. SW demo, rally demo, sledding and pulling demos, trick demo, club table and slideshow, some rare breeds on display, set up at 3:30.
- Club trailer repairs – thanks to Bayard and Kris Smith for taking the club trailer in for new tires, and then to RV repair for a roof assessment (OK as is) and fixing the electrical system.

New Business:

- From Board meeting - Incident Reports – Kris will write up a protocol. Investing money – Need to look into possibilities for investing money which just sits in the checking account. CDs are insured. Comment – we need access to most of our money throughout the year as we plan and purchase for events.
- Agility Equipment – the Board recommends that the membership approve spending up to \$5500 to replace worn and outdated agility equipment. Trish went through the list of what we need and its cost, which would be more than that. Some old equipment can be sold to members, local trainers, etc. New equipment will be lighter than old – not so heavy for the trailer. **Motion made and seconded (Cathy/ Beverly ML) to spend up to \$7000 to replace worn and outdated agility equipment.** Vote will take place at the next meeting.
- Rise in entry/RV fees – Tina suggested it might be time to raise our show entry fees; we are low compared to most other west coast shows. Agreement to put \$35 regular/\$30 pups and vets on AKC website – that can still be changed for the premium list. Patty said there may be RV fee increases, depending on the new fee schedules for the Fair. Will start the conversation with the Fair in the Fall.

Announcements: none

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Smith, LCKC Secretary

# *PHOTOS FROM THE SCENTWORK TRIAL*





**Jill Otto:**

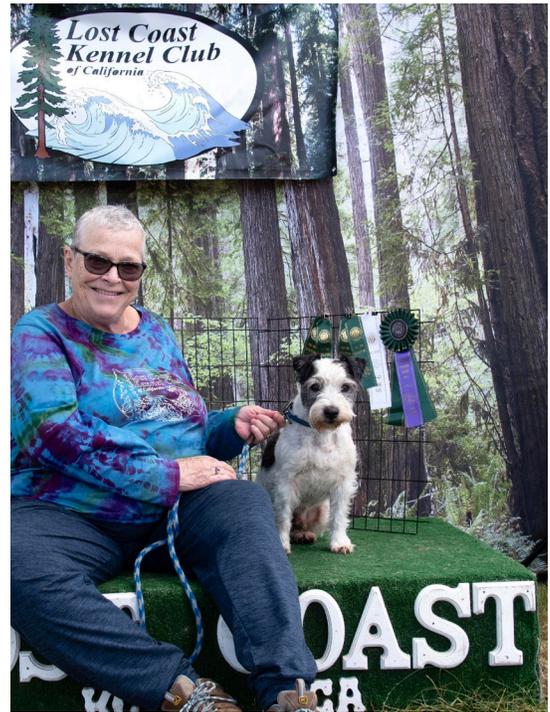
**Kelson had a great weekend at the LCKC Scentwork trials.**

**He qualified in all of his searches with 4 First places and two Second places. He earned titles in Novice Container, Novice Buried, and Novice Interior to complete his overall Scentwork Novice title.**



**Bug finished his Scent Work Master Interi-  
or title at Lost Coast Kennel Club SW Trials Labor Day week-  
end! He just needs one more Master Buried qualifying run to complete  
his overall Scent Work Master title! I'm so proud of my little Cuddle Bug!**

**Cathlyn Wright**



*Photos from the scentwork trial from Kimber Gradin:*



## Marilyn Cottrell

Bayley competed in the LCKC Scent Work trial over the Labor Day weekend. Great participants, wonderful Judges and excellent volunteers. So grateful for all the help. Bayley had fun. She earned her Advanced Interior Title, pending AKC, 1 more leg in her Excellent Exterior, earned another container leg., and still needs 1 more last chronic Advanced Buried leg- but I have a plan!

Additionally Bayley has interviewed at St Joseph Providence Health staff and management for her Therapy Dog International certificate welcome letter as well as the College of the Redwoods. Long procedure but we are getting closer!

Lastly Bayley is working with the fun group of AKCfit walkers and her own weekly packwalks with the goal of getting her Fitdog titles.

Proud of my girl!!



Here's my girls from the LCKC  
scentworks trials

Debra St. Myers



*Kris Smith:*

*First Fall Practices are next Sunday, September 24.*

*FastCAT - on track, set-up at 10:30, first run at 11:00. The temporary railing is still up so we will run the dogs on the horse track. We can park in the agility show loading/unloading zone. Do not drive past the little blue car. This is practice for dogs, and training for volunteers.*

*Conformation, rally, obedience, scent work - midway lawns at 1:00 p.m.*

*There will be a donation jar, sign in sheets, and waivers if you haven't already signed for 2023. Please don't attend if you have Covid symptoms.*

*Same schedule on the next Sunday, October 1.*

**Sara Borok:**

**Vinnie has had an exciting month!  
He earned two elements in novice scent  
work ( Containers and Interior) and got both  
his Majors in conformation. He is 1 point  
away from being a Champion.**



*We had a fun group of folks who went up to Roseburg Oregon. Dogs had a good time and had moments when they all relaxed*



Not to totally be out done, Hildy ( finally) finished her complete Novice scent work title and is half way done with her Advanced title as well. In obedience open A ..... well..., She enjoys small places to her self after all that showing stuff.



*Picnic Photos from Kimber Gradin:*





*Susan Hutchison*

*The LCKC Scentwork Trial was a fun event and so many people went away with Q's and new titles. Jag, Goldensplash Just A Guy From BC Roamer, completed his title in Master Containers and earned his first Q in Excellent Buried. Jenna, Brassfire's When Calls the Heart to Jenna, completed her title in Advanced Interior with a 2nd place, and Advance Buried with a 1st place. She also earned 2 Q's in Excellent Exterior with a 3rd and 4th place.*

*The Golden Kids and I send congratulations to all the participating dogs in the scentwork trial who attempted and/or achieved their goals. Super job everyone!*

**Jamye  
Weseloh**

**Cider finished his conformation championship with a 4 point major and a Best of Winners in Enumclaw, WA. At the LCKC scent work trial, Cider received 4 element titles (one of them a Masters container) and his overall scent work Excellent title! He also got 2 legs in Masters buried.**



**There are a few openings in the upcoming agility workshop if anyone is interested:**

**OREGON SCHOOL FOR CLEVER DOGS**  
presents

**Agility seminar with Tammy Moody**

Friday Sept 29--Sunday Oct 1  
Judge's Pavillion, Redwood Acres  
3750 Harris Street, Eureka Ca, 95503

Friday	2:00-5:30	Weaves, trial preparation and more
Saturday	8:00am-11:30	Foundations for dogs <18 months
Saturday	12:30pm-4:30	Skills Drills
Sunday	8:00-11:30	verbals and obstacle discrimination

Tammy has been training dogs for over 30 years and has been an agility instructor for over 20. She runs the Oregon School for Clever Dogs in Bend, Oregon and is known for her positive, patient teaching style which emphasizes happy dogs and handlers. Tammy promotes trust and clear communication between dog and handler, encouraging strong partnerships on and off the course using reward-based training and play.

**HOSTED BY EMILY DALTON**

Cost: Working Pairs \$ 100

Auditing: \$10 per session with walk throughs

(Checks can be made to Emily Dalton--mail to 2615 Swanlund Lane Eureka 95503)

Organizer:  
Emily Dalton  
dremily2@gmail.com  
contact me if you  
are interested



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## Debra Lake's Brags:

**Garbo's carting demonstration at Gene Lucas Center Dog Day of Summer event.**

**Garbo earned her full Novice Scent Title at our Labor Day trail.**

**She accomplished her Silver level in UpDog Disc Dog.**

**We received an AKC invitation to the Obedience Nationals.**

**And we were First Place in the Infamous Egg Race at the super fun Membership Picnic.**

