



# The Lost Coast Howler

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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

## 2024 LCKC MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION PICNIC



## COME CELEBRATE WITH US

When: Saturday Sept 21, 2024. Set up at 10am until 4pm  
Where: Rohner Park, Bartow Field, Fortuna, California

**QUESTIONS? CALL BETH: 707.407.5355**

Schedule and information: See attachments

The club will provide roasted chicken for lunch.  
Please bring a favorite side or dessert to share.

**RSVP BY SEPT 15<sup>TH</sup> TO JILL OTTO**

[sunspots@link.net](mailto:sunspots@link.net)

**See you there with your  
magnificent beast(s). Guests are  
welcome.**

Lost Coast Kennel Club  
President's Message  
September 2024

In mere days The Autumnal Equinox will be upon us, marking the time when the days will be overtaken by the night. As the year draws to a close, so too, does the Lost Coast Kennel Club's (LCKC) year of amazing activities.

We've experienced brilliant shows and events, earned many titles, and renewed remote friendships. We've also tried and approved new trials and tests. The last two fellowship events of the year are the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Picnic and the December party. The Volunteer Appreciation Picnic will feature the ever-popular Team Challenge, which I like to think of as the doggie Olympics for the win. The December part will be filled with great company, food and fun games.

As the year 2024 comes to an end, so will my presidency. I have enjoyed getting to know all much better and the Lost Coast Kennel Club as a whole. Its mission is solid: we promote the betterment of the pure-bred dog and the sportsmanship of all dogs. While I will miss being President, I am not going away. The next President is welcome to talk to me about my experiences-the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Until next month, bound in thought,

Deb Lake

President, Lost Coast Kennel Club



## MINUTES OF THE LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB August 20, 2024, via Zoom

### BOARD MEETING

The Board meeting was called to order by President Debra Lake at 6:33 p.m.

Present:

Board members: Marilyn Cottrell, Deb Lake, Jill Otto, Kris Smith, Deb Tull.

Non Board members: Sara Borok, Bill Clawson, Janeann Erickson, Beth Rogers.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes from the July 16, 2024, Board meeting were approved with clarification of wording regarding the Fair contracts. (Marilyn/Jill)

Report of the Treasurer: Jill presented the attached report. This report does not include the finances from the Breed show weekend. MSAC to approve the Treasurer's report (Deb T/Marilyn).

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

- Lock on the shed at the Fairgrounds – Due to multiple items gone missing (FastCAT fencing, tarps), we needed to change the combination to the lock on the shed, which Mike has done. He will change the lock on the club trailer to the same combo at the Scent Work trials. The Board and event chairs will have the new combo and should open the locks when necessary rather than give out the combo, especially to non members.**
- Tax preparation – The 2023 taxes have been done and sent, using the same CPA as the last few years. His prices have gone way up, and Jill suggests having Andrea, currently our bookkeeper and a licensed tax preparer, prepare our taxes, because her price is lower, she already does our books and has been communicating with the CPA, and it would be much simpler. Question – would she have the same clout if there was a problem being a tax preparer vs a CPA – probably so. MSAC (Marilyn/Deb T) to change LCKC's tax preparer from the CPA we currently use to Andrea Ralph, our current bookkeeper.**
- Adorni Center continuation in 2025 – moved to September meeting. Be thinking about whether we want to continue having some meetings be hybrid, or go all Zoom. Our Zoom license is due for renewal in October.**
- Consider upgrade of canopies – moved to September meeting.**

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

### REGULAR MEETING:

The Regular meeting was called to order by President Debra Lake at 7:02 pm.

Present: All of the above plus Susan Hutchison, Mike Lake, Beverly Morgan Lewis, Cassandra Lock, Griffin Mancuso, Suzi Martin, Tina Moulton, Jean Sapuror

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes from the July 16, 2024, Regular meeting were approved as published (jill/Susan).

Report of the President: Deb Lake said we are quickly sliding into autumn and prepping for the Scent Work trials and Member Appreciation Picnic. It's been a busy, long summer, and she hopes members will continue to help out through the last of our events. Deb will not be rerunning for President.

Report of the Secretary: Kris said we received a thank-you note and a \$200 donation from Warren and Vickie Cook (show photographers), a member application, and five general admission tickets to the Fair, from HCF.

Report of the Treasurer: Jill went over the attached Treasurer's Report, and said that Board Members and Event chairs got the extended report, and she asked those people to look at the areas they are familiar with and let her know if they find something that needs correcting. Deb T pointed out that there are inconsistencies in what areas items are reported in, such as similar items going into supplies and also equipment.

Report of Committees:

### **PRACTICES**

Kris said the two practices at Ridgewood School were well attended. August 4<sup>th</sup> was a mock SW trial, and the 11<sup>th</sup> was SW and conformation practice. Cathy said everybody helped each other, they got to do interior searches both times (paid the school for use of classrooms). Fast CAT practices tentatively at the Fairgrounds September 15 and 29.

### **B-OB SHOWS/RALLY/Fast CAT 2024 (July 5-7):**

Shows: Tina hasn't looked at the finances from this year's shows yet, but hoping to end up in the black. 2025 Shows – The MB-F contract has arrived and their prices have gone up. She looked at other possibilities but didn't find anything better. She is working on maps for the Fairgrounds. We need someone to take over the Grounds position. She needs a co-chair for 2025, someone who can take over at some point. Hoping to have a raffle. Some judges are lined up, looking for another one for 2 days. (Shared – James Reynolds, who was one of our 2023 judges, passed away yesterday. We were lucky to have had him come here; ours was the only show he would do in the summer.) If people have input on judges, contact Tina or Kris. It's difficult for a group to pick judges.

Rally/Obedience: Sara said nothing to report from July event until the financials are done.

Fast CAT: Deb T said there was lots of positive input from exhibitors for both weekends. Suggests we get an early start on contracts for 2025. Beth said the Fair needs to understand that our "event" consists of many separate events. The meeting should have reps from each of our events. Need to have our list of needs added as an appendix to the contract. Chairs need a meeting to prepare a list of things that need to go in the contracts.

Farm Dog: Deb L said the three judges thought it went very well, and that Jamye is very organized. A suggestion was made to try to have it farther away from Fast CAT, or fix a blind because it was distracting for some dogs. The same people will do it next year. (Thank-you!)

### **AGILITY, BARN HUNT, Fast CAT 2024 (July 18-21):**

Agility: Beverly ML said the financials aren't in yet, but the entries were a little down from last year. For 2025 – She has judges. Need to nail down the mowing schedule with the Fair. Thanks to Randy Pavlich, who mowed and picked up clippings the day before set up. We should be thinking about the RV situation. Do we need to be in the middle of the money collecting and reservation arrangements? All RVs have to be in the campground now, why not have people book directly with the Fairgrounds? Another thing for the Fairgrounds – can we negotiate not having the track so torn up? Beth - Probably not, as they are on a schedule of track prep for racing.) We need to find more motels that don't charge such high pet fees. The B Match onset up day – in the past we have shared proceeds with Lorie (the trial secretary) but now it all comes to us, so we need to staff it completely. Beverly needs a co-chair to train to take over. Jill said Lorie's evaluation and check (\$13K) arrived and has been turned over to Andrea. Does not include

**expenses. She has signed and returned Lori's contract for 2025.**

Fast CAT: See comments from first weekend.

Barn Hunt: Mike said it was a good Barn Hunt this year, with good positive feedback. The two rings worked, will do it again next year. Entries were comparable to last year. Had lots of help. Suggestion – move a ring farther away from the hamburger stand so the smells aren't as distracting. The judges want to come back.

**SCENT WORK TRIALS 2024 (Labor Day weekend August 31 – Sep 2):**

Susan said plans are going well. She has received some run orders. Entries are full. 263 runs on Sat, 271 on Sun, 255 on Mon. Sara is in charge of the volunteer drawing. Bring donations to set-up. New tarps have been purchased. Planning meeting tomorrow, will also fix and cut tarps. Need people to bring tarps to set-up (won't be cut), make sure they are labeled. Vicke is doing hospitality, and will need food and snack donations. Will need everybody for set-up, 3:30 on Friday, there will be a lot of tasks. The last meeting with the school is on Thursday. Marilyn is organizing volunteers, need a few more people for gating, timing, guides. Volunteers get drawing tickets and food. Jill said we are registered with the state for a raffle, but only having a volunteer drawing. RV parking is full. Discussion of canopies and placement. Team Challenge is not available due to Covid restrictions. May need to buy Agility Gate program. There are people coming from out of state. There will be three vendors.

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION PICNIC: September 21, Rohner Park, Bartow Field, Fortuna. 10 – 4. Beth will be sending out more information via email. "Olympic" Team challenge. Committee meeting after the SW trial.

FIT DOG – Waterfront trail, Aug 24, lunch at Jack's, meet at noon.

NEWSLETTER: Emily not here.

WEBSITE: Up to date for all events. Will start posting 2025 event dates.

CHAT GROUP: Up to date.

MEMBERSHIP: Corrections have been made on the list, which will be sent after this meeting.

BYLAWS: Nothing new

Election of New Members: **MSAC (Kris/Jill) to elect Lauren Wendt of McKinleyville and Anna Zazzaron of Eureka to regular membership.**

Unfinished Business:

- 2024 All-Breed Show Cluster wrap – see committee reports. Discussion of negotiating with motels about discounted rates. The Clarion wants to work with us. When reserving, call the local one and say you are with the dog show.

New Business:

- Padlocks – Discussion of padlocks on shed and club trailer and who will be given the new combo. Need to know basis, people who have the combo should open the locks for others. Members only.
- Photo backdrop – Marilyn said we don't have a nice photo backdrop to use for win pictures, can Scent Work borrow one? There is one in the shed that can be used.

Announcements:

- Cathy Wright is home from a successful hip replacement, says the hip feels great.

- Deb L said there will be a Novice/Intermediate AKC Fetch Test with 3 judges on September 28 at the arena at Miranda's Rescue.
- Beverly said there will be an Eye Clinic with Dr. Bliss organized by Marlene Jurkovitch, contact her for details.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Smith, LCKC Secretary



Debra St. Myers:

Zing earned her Master Elite title in interior searches and her Advanced Handler Discrimination.

She earned 2 more detective Legs with a first and second placement.

Completed 14 searches placements earned 12 of them.

On the final bday we earned Master High in Trial.

Way to go Zingy.

Zingy also earned her Open Fast title at our last agility trials and an excellent leg in Fast. What a great day we had.



The LCKC Scent Work trial held at Cutten Elementary School over Labor Day weekend appears to have been a success...at least for many participants. Jenna did quite well too. Jenna entered HD for the first time and earned her HD title with 2 firsts and a 3rd place. She also earned titles in Excellent Interior and Excellent Containers; a second leg in Advanced Buried, and moved up to Master Interior and got her first Q in that element!

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their time helping during the weekend! You are all awesome!!

Susan Hutchison



**At the LCKC scent work trial, Kelson earned 10 of the 12 legs he needs for his excellent title which included two new level titles, container and exterior. This was Tori's first trial and she earned two of the three legs she needs for novice exterior.**

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

Bayley completed her 1 remaining Advanced Container element qualifying run to earn her overall Scent Work Advanced Title, she earned 2 legs in Excellent Interiors and 2 legs in Excellent Containers, 1 in Excellent Buried and she earned her Masters Exterior Title ( pending AKC approval). Beyond my wildest dreams! Grateful for this ribbon picture and now onto some down time!!

And I am grateful for Alesha Vader, and Nick, and Rory, her sons. Long time friends, they have helped with this trial for the past 3 years, all weekend. Nick comforts Bayley by reading to her in her crate while she rests and gives her treats. Rory can help walk her around and is learning heeling patterns, obedience skills and tricks routines with her.

All are Judges were wonderful and we learned so much!  
Marilyn Cottrell



**ZuZu (St.Rock's  
Vive A'Gata)**  
Completed all 12 searches  
in the weekend of ScentWork.  
Earning placements in all except  
3 of them.  
Qualified in all.  
She earned her Over all Advanced  
ScentWork title and all her Excellent  
level titles in Interior, Exterior and  
Container.  
On to Masters..... Didn't expect  
this so soon.  
She just turned "2"  
  
Debra St. Myers



**Solveig and I had a great Labor Day weekend at the Lost Coast Kennel Club Scentwork trials.**

**First day: Earned our Novice Buried Title with a 1st place, also earned a Novice Exterior qualify with a 4th place.**

**Second day: Earned our Novice Exterior Title & earned our Novice Container Title with a 1st place.**

**The 3 Element Titles we needed earned us the overall Novice Scent Work Title  
We also qualified in Advanced Interior & Advanced Buried before the end of the weekend.**

**Kimber**