

THE LOST COAST HOWLER



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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Microchips, CHIC, and Why They Matter

As we head into spring, I want to shine a light on two topics that make a real difference for dogs in our community: **microchipping** and **CHIC health testing**. They may seem like small things, but they have an outsized impact on safety, transparency, and the long term wellbeing of our dogs.

🐾 Microchipping: The Pros Far Outweigh the Cons

If you’ve ever had that moment of panic when a gate blows open or a leash slips, you know how quickly a dog can disappear. Microchips aren’t magic, but they are one of the most reliable tools we have for getting dogs home safely.

And the need is growing. AKC Reunite lost pet reporting data cites dog thefts are up 34% over the last 5 years. Popular breeds are targeted for resale. Dogs can also be stolen for ransom, illegal fighting rings, or even as a result of relationship custody disputes. It’s heartbreaking — and it’s preventable.

Why microchips matter:

- They provide permanent identification that can’t fall off or fade.
- Shelters and vets scan for chips as a standard practice.
- Dogs with microchips are reunited with their families at dramatically higher rates.
- Updating your contact info is quick and easy.

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Are there downsides? A few – chips can migrate, scanners vary, and registration is sometimes forgotten. But compared to the heartbreak of a lost or stolen dog with no way home, the benefits win every time.

If your dog isn't chipped, consider it. If they are chipped, take five minutes this week to confirm your info is current.

CHIC: What It Means and Why It Helps Every Dog

You may have heard breeders talk about "CHIC numbers," but what does that actually mean?

CHIC (Canine Health Information Center) is a program that encourages health transparency in dogs. While it's widely used in the purebred community, **mixed breed dogs can also participate**. For any dog – purebred or mixed – CHIC provides a structured way to gather meaningful health information.

Each breed (or breed type) has a list of recommended tests—eyes, hips, genetic panels, cardiac, and more. Dogs who complete those tests, with results publicly posted, earn a CHIC number.

Here's the important part: **CHIC is not about being perfect. It's about being informed.**

And that matters for every dog owner. Knowing early if your dog has hip dysplasia, a cardiac concern, or a genetic condition gives you the power to make better choices – from diet and exercise to activity levels and long term care. **Good information helps good dogs live longer, more comfortable lives.**

CHIC supports:

- Breeders making informed decisions.
- Puppy buyers understanding what responsible breeding looks like.
- Mixedbreed owners learning about their dog's longterm health needs.
- Clubs tracking trends and protecting the future of dogs in our community.

Some breeds have incredibly high CHIC participation because health testing is part of their culture. Others – like MAS – are still catching up. Do you know where your breed stands? We can help shift that culture by encouraging transparency, celebrating those who test, and supporting education over judgment.

♥ Why These Topics Belong Together

Microchipping protects dogs *today*. CHIC protects dogs *tomorrow*.

Both rely on the same values: responsibility, honesty, and doing what's best for the dogs we love.

As a club, we can lead by example – by educating, encouraging, and supporting practices that make life safer and healthier for every dog in our community.

Warmly,

-Deb Lake
Lost Coast Kennel Club President



You can tell a lot about what someone truly wants to achieve something by how willing they are to struggle to get it.

But how much struggle and frustration should our dogs go through because of ours?

Over the last ten years working with K9 handlers in law enforcement, conservation, search and rescue, and many sport and performance handlers, I've noticed a common pattern: people often focus on the dog's shortcomings while overlooking (or sometimes completely ignoring) their own.

Over the last several years I've become increasingly interested in the human side of the performance equation. When we become more knowledgeable, more skilled, and work through our own challenges, we become far better trainers for our dogs.

Many people see obstacles in training as roadblocks. They feel stuck, unsure how to move forward, and sometimes lose hope. But what if those obstacles were viewed as opportunities —to get curious, to learn, to adjust, and to improve just a little bit each day?

When we get better, our dogs get better.

Recently, many of my conversations with handlers have centered around having a clear plan for training sessions. Being specific about what you want to focus on, which part of a behavior you're trying to improve, and how you can adjust your approach to help your dog succeed.

Are you simply going through the motions and getting repetitions in? Or are you being deliberate and intentional with your training? Quantity or quality?

Returning to that first idea, it's often much harder to turn the spotlight on ourselves and identify our own shortcomings than it is to focus on what the dog is doing "wrong." And many times, we don't even realize that's what's happening.

When I walk handlers through how I plan a training session, many are surprised by how much thought goes into it. More often than not, I spend at least twice as much time thinking about, planning, and setting up a session as I do actually training with my dog. I'm very specific about my goal, my criteria, and how I will break down the behavior.

I also rehearse the mechanics without my dog. If I can't perform the sequence smoothly on my own, how do you think it will go once the dog is added to the equation?

There's a phrase from the horse world: "*Green + green = black and blue.*" In other words, when an inexperienced rider and an inexperienced horse are paired together, things tend to go poorly—and sometimes painfully.

I see a similar pattern with handlers and dogs. The handler hasn't spent time mentally planning the session, practicing their mechanics, or refining their reinforcement strategy. Then the dog, who is also trying to figure things out, is added to the mix.

You can probably imagine how that plays out more often than not.

So don't overlook your mistakes. They are valuable opportunities to identify where you can improve.

Progress often includes a little turbulence along the way. But remember, your dog doesn't care about titles or ribbons. What they care about is doing fun, meaningful work with you and enjoying the game.

At the end of the day, our dogs are doing the best they can with the training we give them.

So as you move forward in your training it might be worth asking:

Are you putting as much effort into training and improving yourself, as you are into the training and expectations you have for your dog?

Pro tip: Video your training sessions and immediately watch them when you are done. Focus on yourself and identifying your mistakes (instead of the dogs), make note of them and what you can adjust in your next session to not repeat them and help your dog be more successful!

Lauren Wendt
-LCKC Newsletter Editor



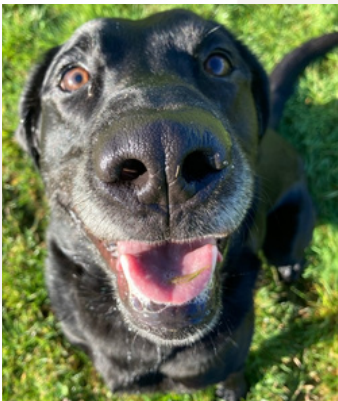
**NEXT GENERAL MEMBER
MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 17, 2026**

General member meeting will begin at 7:00pm

Meeting will be held via zoom.
Link will be sent out via the io group.

All members are welcome and encouraged to join!

Board Meetings are now being held the second Tuesday of the Month at 7pm.
All members are welcome to attend but only board members can vote.



Our Spring Scent Work Trial Is Coming Up! May 2-3, 2026

**Redwood Coast Montessori School
1611 Peninsula Dr., Arcata (Manila), CA**

We are excited to offer all levels and elements of Odor and Detective classes at this trial. Our goal is to provide local scent work teams with more opportunities to earn titles, especially for those who prefer not to travel or for whom travel is not always affordable.

This year's trial will be held at a new venue, Redwood Coast Montessori in Manila. We are partnering with the school to support Friends of Redwood Coast Montessori, their fundraising group. Students will be offering a hot lunch as part of the fundraiser.

We are also pleased to welcome judges Liz Carter and Kelly Boyer, whose course designs will bring a fresh and engaging challenge to the searches.

As with any scent work trial, we rely on volunteers for set-up, tear-down, and throughout the event. **Volunteering is a great learning opportunity—especially for anyone new to scent work**—and a fun way to support the club and spend time with fellow Lost Coast KC members.

We plan to hold a mock trial for volunteers, including Agility Gate, at Sunnybrae Middle School around the second weekend in April.

To volunteer or learn more, please contact Marilyn Cottrell at m81cottrell@gmail.com.

PRACTICE DATES 2026 – TENTATIVE*

Held at Humboldt County Fairgrounds in Ferndale

Practices are open to non-members, there is no official fee. Donations are accepted, suggestion is \$5 per dog which that covers everything the dog practices that day. Participants must sign a yearly liability waiver, and sign in on the daily sign-in sheet .

April 12, 1pm Midway Lawn –Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Scent work

April 26, 11am Track – Fast CAT*

April 26, 1pm Midway Lawn – Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Scent work

May 10, 1pm (Mother’s Day) Midway Lawn – Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Scent work
Alternate if FCAT gets rained out on Apr 26.

May 17, 11am Track – Fast CAT

May 17, 1pm Midway Lawn – Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Scent work

(May 24 – could be alternate for May 10 to avoid Mother’s Day)

June 7 – Practices TBA (Woofstock weekend)

June 14 11am Track – FCAT

June 14, 1pm Midway Lawn – Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Scent work

June 21, 1pm (Father’s Day) Midway Lawn – Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Scent work

CAT – TBA

*Needs to be approved by the Fairgrounds

This avoids May 31 – Memorial Day weekend

There are only three weekends in June this year

Updates will be made monthly as needed. Please check lo group for additional updates.

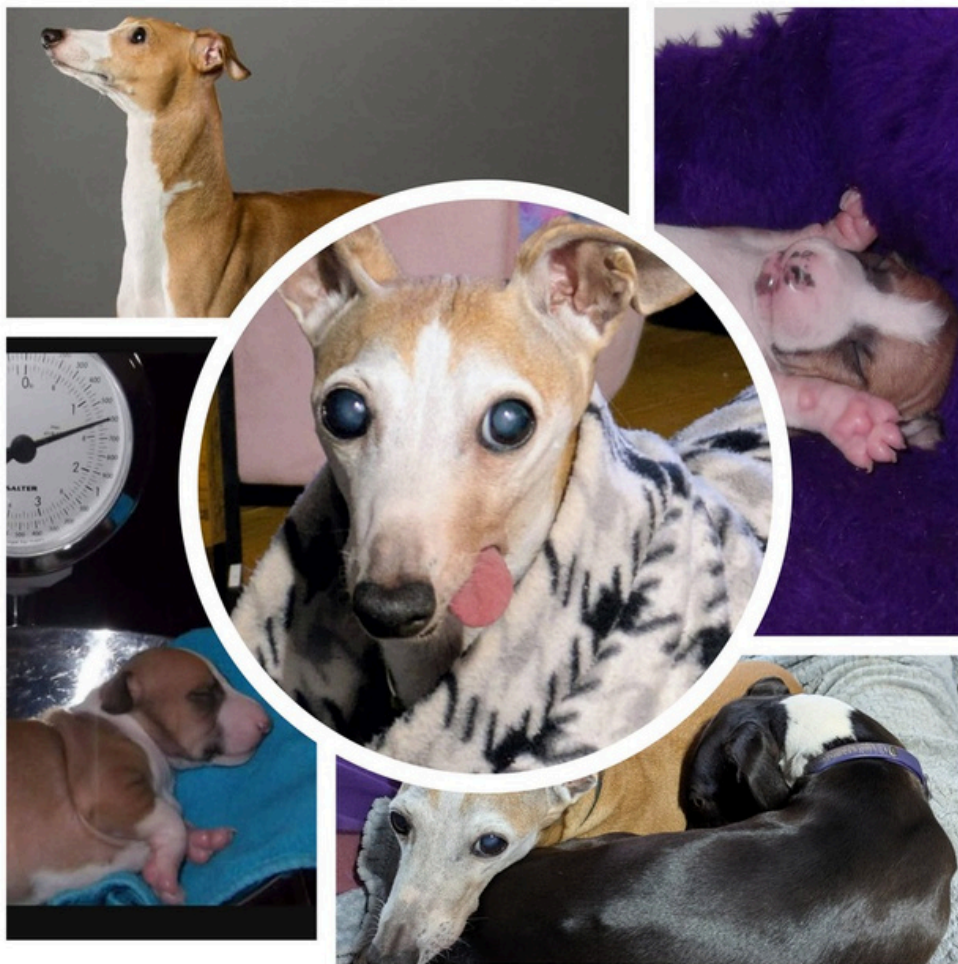
HUMBOLDT DISC DOG 2026* PRACTICE AND TRIAL DATES

Rio Dell Fire Department, 50 W Center St, Rio Dell
CA 95562

- April 25 practice
- May 9 practice
- May 30-31 trial
- June 13 practice
- June 27-28 trial Crossover Crown
- August 15 practice
- August 29-30 trial
- September 19-20 Triple Crown
- October 3 practice
- October 10-11 trial – Monster Mash

*Upon approval of Rio Dell Fire BOD





AKC CH Rovente's Causing a Commotion at Jo-Na-Da, aka "Riot"
December 26, 2012- January 22, 2026

We said goodbye to my sweet, silly, beautiful Riot in January. We didn't want to, but it was the loving thing to do. He was born into my hands 13 years ago, one of two puppies out of my Madonna - my first and only litter.

Riot was my last show dog and home bred champion. Even as a chubby old man, he still moved like a dream.

Most importantly, he was my best buddy, giving unconditional love every day of his life.

His silly grin as he ran to me made me laugh every time. Of all the dogs that have blessed my life, he was the most filled with joy every day. He never stopped being a puppy ❤️.

He was born into a pack and was very lonely when he was the only one left. Adding Emma to our family brought so much happiness to Riot in his last months and she is a great comfort to me now. It's the end of an era. Emma and I will move forward and start a new one.

-Tina moulton

Vinnie and Nara and I managed to pull off a 3rd place out of 87 teams in my division of the Iron Paws Virtual Dog Sled race this year. From the first (of 7) week where we were in 13th place we pushed hard and did 228 miles and clawed our way up to 3rd.

We had lots of help from Terri and Karhu and Vixen, Griffin and Oscar Meyer, Adriane and Badger.

-Sara Borok



Goldensplash Hutch at Hutch's Hut and Goldensplash Seeking a Memory in Time earned their CGC and CGA on Monday, March 2nd. Both are 10 months old. A huge thank you to Pat Johnson for working with Hutch in classes while I worked with Seika.
-Susan Hutchison



Here Miss Zuzu earned her excellent Jumpers with Weaves title. We now are in the big classes starting the road to warning champion points in agility.
Deb St.Myers





Two weeks later she's off to the McFaddens earning breed championship points. Here she won the major at Mensona. The only major around since last fall. She's been winning so far every weekend and now up to 7 points.

Taffe McFadden has earned Zuzu's eye as they are a great team together.

It's a thrill to hear how she is dining. We can wait to get her back home.

St.Rock's Vive A'gata SWM, OA, AXJ, XF, TKN, RATN. NW-3

-Deb St.Myers

Lark got her NW1 in Veneta, OR at the end of February!

2nd place Interior search, 8th overall, with 3/4 pronounced searches.

We attempted our first NW1 last February in Veneta, so it was a very full circle moment. I had a good feeling about the day when we were number 9 in the running order - my lucky number!

Thank you to everyone who continues to help us along our way.

Looking forward to the May scentwork trial!

-Stella Moore



Leading the Way: Becoming a Licensed Pet Partners Evaluator -by Deb Lake

Therapy dog work is recognized by the AKC, and Humboldt County is home to about 20 committed therapy dog teams. For years, we all worked under Therapy Dogs International (TDI). That changed in January 2026, when the AKC withdrew recognition of TDI and we suddenly found ourselves needing a new, reputable national organization.

While the teams explored options, I took the lead in researching every AKC-recognized therapy dog organization. After calls, emails, and comparing standards, we chose Pet Partners (formerly The Delta Society). They offered strong support, modern training, and—importantly—were willing to honor the experience our teams had already earned.

And here's the part I'm especially proud of: As a longtime TDI evaluator, I didn't just transition. I stepped up.

I applied to become a licensed Pet Partners Evaluator—and was accepted into their evaluator program.

This means Humboldt County now has a locally based evaluator ready to support teams through the Pet Partners process, maintain high standards, and help keep therapy dog work thriving in our community. It's an honor to continue shaping the future of therapy dog work here, and I'm thrilled to bring this new credential home.

If you've ever dreamed of helping people in a deep, meaningful way through therapy dog work, I'd love to talk with you about how to become a Therapy Dog Team and what the path looks like.



These three will be representing LCKC at the AKC National Agility Championship in Temecula, California, March 20–22. From left to right are Michael Ives and his Australian Shepherd, Jake; Marlene Jurkovich and her standard poodles, Tyme and Tizzy; and Beverly Morgan Lewis and her Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Hooligan. Wish them all good luck on this fun and exciting adventure!



Mel-Mars Recon at just turning 1 yr has earned NACSW ORT
Next week going for NW1
Mel-Mars Recon bred by Marietta Christensen
Owned by Sandy Bello

FiveLost Coast Kennel Club dog-human teams competed in the 15th Annual Iron Paws Virtual Sled Dog Race.

Iron Paws is all dogs-in-harness sports from Canihiking to Large Sled Teams and lots of options in between. Iron Paws is a 7-Stage race with each stage lasting a week. Teams can log up to 4 runs per Stage.

Each stage had a theme and challenges for fun, cross-team bonding and the coveted bonus points: Super Hero, Bingo, Double miles on Groundhogs Day, Movie & Popcorn-catching challenge, run with a friend, run in the dark, etc.

We shared the experience with the other Iron Paws teams through a private FB group.

In addition to our individual efforts, we joined together with teams from Newfoundland Canada to New Zealand, with Maine Colorado, and Idaho in between as part of our 10-team pack called ChronoCrazedK9s. We coordinated a weekly virtual pack run, strategized for extra points. We held steady and close at 2nd place but when the final calculations were complete, we took First!

Adrienne Quiros, Griffin Mascuso and Kurt Piers joined as Rookie teams entered the Recreational division where they Canicrossed, Canihiked and Bikejoured.

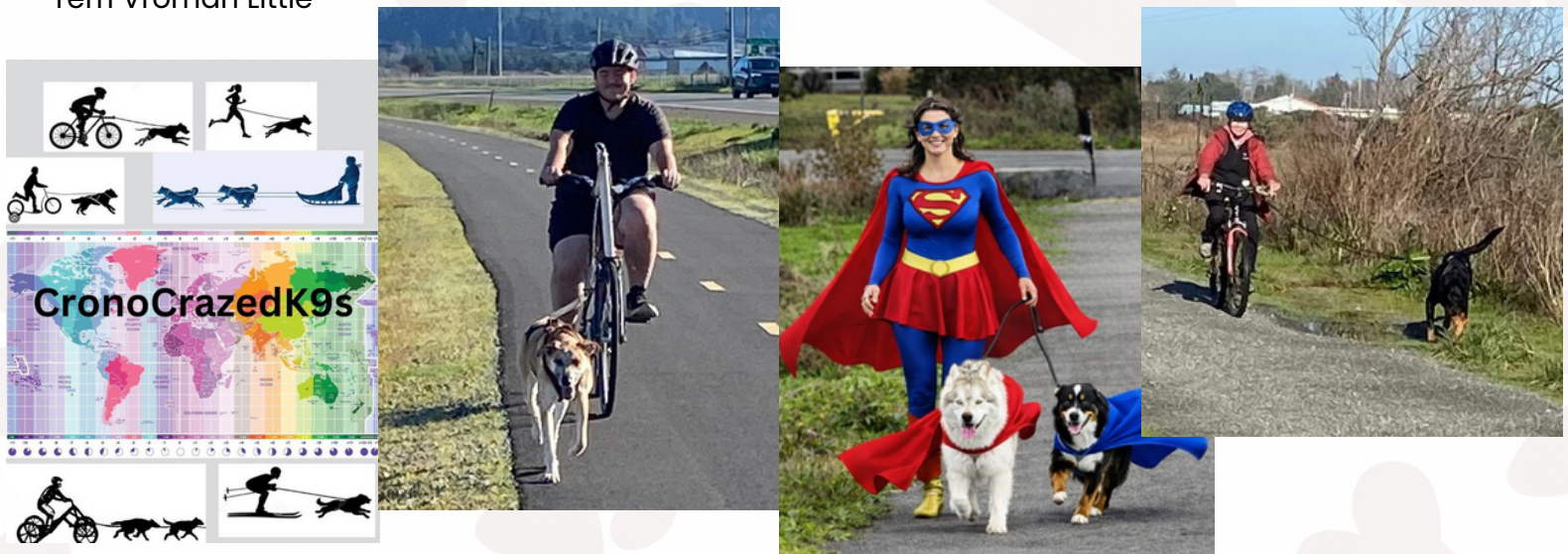
It was Sara's 5th and Terri's 6th Iron Paws.

Sara's team took 3rd of 86 teams in Play Your Way 1-2 Dogs with bikejouring, scootering and canihiking. Here's what she had to say: "I wasn't going to work too hard when I saw how many teams were in my division this year, but dang if that competitive bug didn't get hold of me by week 2 😄!! Nara wasn't too into it so she just ran a couple miles each run. Vinnie was an animal and loves it!!! We knocked out some serious miles and got very familiar with the newest section of Bay trail going back and forth to Arcata a couple times. Running with other teams was fun!! I'm so glad we got a couple others to join us this year."

Terri's team took 3rd of 55 in Canicross. She mostly says "Run your dogs, not your mouth." But that's because she believes running canicross on trails with her dogs is a vital and significant piece of her sanity routine. It can't fix everything but it never makes things worse.

The 16th Iron Paws starts New Years Day, 2027. Hit us up if you want to join us.

-Terri Vroman Little



Kurt Pires announced that the meeting is being recorded.

The Board meeting was called to order by President Debra Lake at 7:00 p.m. Present:
Board members: Michelle Dostal, Debra Lake, Patty Mendes, Jill Otto, Kurt Pires, Kris Smith, Debbie Tull.

Non-Board members: Jesse Chiaudano, Beverly Morgan Lewis, Sarah Lindgren-Akana, Tina Moulton, Deb St Myers.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes from the January 13, 2026, Board meeting were approved as published. (Jill/Patty)

Report of the Treasurer: Jill went over the attached bookkeeper's financial reports from December and January. (In the comparison report, don't compare the May 2023 and May 2025 Spring Scent Work trials – they were completely different.) In 2025 we netted \$14,020.50. For January 2026 we show a net loss of \$14,073.04, which is normal because we are paying for registration fees, venue fees, trophies, etc for upcoming events. Jill has submitted the 2025 raffle report and is registering for the 2026 show raffle. 2025 taxes are complete and ready for signing. She has paid HCFA venue fees and the holiday party venue fee. She will have Andrea move money in PayPal (mostly renewals) into the checking account. Debbie T said there are still some mistakes in the bookkeeping and lack of detail. Jill said it's important for everyone submitting information to Andrea to be complete with details, especially the show chairs. She asked everyone to go over the parts of the reports they are familiar with and check for errors. We need to establish a committee (event chairs?) to decide how to divide the venue fees between events in order to show accurate event costs. Current HCFA contracts don't itemize each location as they did in the past. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. (Kris/Debbie)

Unfinished Business

- ☑ Agility trailer storage at Nilsen's – Deb L reported that Nilsen's in Ferndale is closing, but did not sell. We need to move the trailer before it becomes inaccessible. She has a possibility she is looking into in Fernbridge. Patty suggested a parking spot behind our shed at the Fairgrounds which used to be an RV spot but no longer has a hook-up. Deb L will contact both possibilities to assess feasibility. Discussion of safety of various parking spots.
- ☑ 2026 Holiday Party – Beverly ML reserved our date and Jill has paid. Unitarian Fellowship Hall, Saturday, December 12, 11 am-6 pm, \$300.
- ☑ Horse Racing Updates – when Jill paid for out events, she talked to Moira, who assured her that she will make sure there will be no conflict with horses on the track on our agility weekend. Track prep will be happening.

- ☒ Secretary e-mail – Kurt is still working on establishing a secretary email on the website. He has put back issues of The Lost Coast Howler on the website, and will work with Tina to make the collection complete.
- ☒ Brochures – Since HumDOG Expo was cancelled, there is not as much of a push. They will be ready for Deb L and Kurt’s visit to the Ferndale Chamber of Commerce, probably April 6. Kurt has sent pertinent information to people about getting the QR code.

New Business

- ☒ School Programs – Kurt said the Montessori School asked if the club has programs to present to students about LCKC. He has ideas and has looked into details. To work with kids, each section needs to be no more than 8 minutes – something active has to happen every 8 minutes. Maybe have a dog find a rat, or a scent, or hand out baggies with scents for them to find. Will form a committee to explore. Deb L said the AKC has a lot of guidance and rewards this kind of outreach to promote AKC sports, purebred dogs, etc. Lots of AKC info available. Club has two canine ambassadors to participate – Deb L’s Garbo and Beverly ML’s Hooligan.
- ☒ Possible obedience venue – Sarah Lindgren-Akana said she looked into a possible indoor obedience venue at the Bayshore Mall. 9000 square feet, \$650/day rental. She would like to see us bring back a winter obedience trial. Probably has an outdoor entrance. She will forward the info to Kris, who will distribute it to the Board.
- ☒ Member application clarification. Kris said a current associate member wishes to rejoin as a regular member, in a family membership with her mother, who wishes to be an associate member, and wants to know how to fill out the application. Agreement on the following procedure:
 - Fill out a new application with both names and note that she is a current associate member, so no sponsor needed.
 - Check the box for family membership and specify that she will be a regular member and her mother will be an associate member.
 - Make sure both people sign the application.

Announcements:

- ☒ Kurt has put up the premium list for the spring scent work trial on the website.
- ☒ Tina said the judging panels for the shows are complete and sent in to AKC. Phil Sams is available to play the National Anthem again at our 2026 shows.
- ☒ Patty will probably be out of town for the upcoming regular meeting and the next board meeting.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.
Respectively submitted by Kris Smith, LCKC Secretary

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

This meeting is being recorded by Fathom.

Present: Sara Borok, Teresa Chase, Jessica Chiaudano, Marilyn Cottrell, Michelle Dostal, Susan Hutchison, Debra Lake, Mike Lake, Beverly Morgan Lewis (later), Suzi Martin, Patty Mendes, Tina Moulton, Jill Otto, Bobbie Pires, Kurt Pires, Beth Rogers, Kris Smith, Deb St Myers, Debbie Tull, Dan Wake, Virginia Wood, Cathy Wright.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes from the January 20, 2026, Regular meeting were approved as published (Patty/Marilyn).

Report of the President: Deb Lake thanked everyone for attending.

Summary of the February 10 Board meeting: Treasurer's Report was discussed and approved. Jill has completed the raffle filings. The venue is reserved for the holiday party (December 12, 11-5, Unitarian Hall). No conflicts on the track are expected during the agility weekend if the Fair gets their racing dates. New brochures are being worked on. Discussion of creating a program about LCKC suitable for presentation at schools. Urgent need to find a storage spot for the agility trailer.

Report of the Secretary: Kris said she has received no pertinent mail. Deb Lake said she received a request from AKC to donate to its PAC to fight ongoing legislation aimed at reducing pet population. As a club, we don't participate in Political Action Committees, but we will encourage members to consider donating. Kris usually gets these requests, too, so she will put it up on the group.

Report of the Treasurer: Jill reported on our bank balance and assets, 2025 income and expenses, December and January reports. Year-End net loss was \$146.92. She moved money from PayPal to checking. January 2026 net loss was \$14, 073.04, due to event registration and venue contract fees, raffle fee, holiday party rental.

Report of Committees:

PRACTICES

Kris said the first club ring practices are scheduled for April 12 at the fairgrounds, and the first Fast CAT practice on April 26 on the track (in addition to ring practices). The barn hunt practices at the Hutchison's will start in May, and the Lakes will start their non-club barn hunt practices also in May.

B-OB SHOWS/RALLY/Fast CAT 2026:

Shows: Tina said all judging panels are approved, and there is room to add assignments if necessary. There will be a 400 entry limit for the two Friday shows. Puyallup (in Washington on the same weekend) found a new venue, so they will take some entries. She is working on the premium list, which is due at the end of the month. Agreement to dedicate all July events to the memory of David Lindberg – need someone to take on creating a poster etc. Cathy said

there has been a pretty good response for trophy sponsorships and went over the ones needing filling. We have some new business sponsors. The committee has chosen some nice trophies. Tina said she negotiated rates down \$30 - \$40 at Bear River (judges) and Riverwalk (stewards). Tina was thanked for the hard work she puts into figuring out the judges and other details. Discussion about an exhibitor who always helps at the shows who wants a club rate RV spot. He will have to join the club to get the rate.

Rally/Obedience: Michelle said there is nothing new. Two shows on Friday will mean needing extra volunteers. She will post on the Group.

Fast CAT: Debbie T said she is working on both premium lists.

SCENT WORK TRIALS 2026

Spring (May 2, 3) – Cathy said plans are moving along well, will be meeting with the Montessori administration, maps are getting done. They will not be using the club trailer, but will need the canopies. Kris and Bayard will bring them to set-up, but can't pick them up, so someone will have to take them back. The premium list is up. Kurt reminded everyone to get their entries mailed on Friday, March 6, so they are with the secretary on Monday, March 9 because the spots will fill right away. Kurt is working on a mock trial at Sunnybrae Middle School in April, for exhibitors and practice for Agility Gate users.

Fall (Sept 4-6) – Susan said five judges are approved. Committee approved giving judges two pro bono runs per day. Has received new necessary materials. Detective runs increased from 18 to 20 per day. 2027 judges – Suzanne Atchison and Alex Woodruff have responded to inquiries. Marilyn said Amazon is having a sale on iPads with cellular, which we need for Agility Gate. The club has 2, Kurt has 2, so we need one. Suggestion to get three so the club has all we need. MSAC (Cathy/Dan) to buy three iPads with cellular on sale at Amazon. Tina will order them. Patty reminded chairs that if they rely on getting last minute supplies at Nilsen's during events, remember that they won't be there.

AGILITY, BARN HUNT, Fast CAT 2026:

Agility: Beverly ML said there is nothing new at this time. Confirmed that all July events will be dedicated to David Lindberg.

Fast CAT: Same as above.

Barn Hunt: Mike said everything is a "go" with Crystal. Straw is set up with Fernbridge Hay. They are open to working with LCKC. Michelle said they are branching out with other products. We will be using wheat straw, 3-string bales – he will keep looking for two string bales.

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION PICNIC 2026 (Sept 27, Rhoner Park) – The committee is formed. Deb and Mike Lake will do the BBQ, Susan will do the goodie bags, Sara will do the Team Challenge and drawing, Beverly Chang will help with the drawing. Let Beth know if you

would like to help. Beth said the configuration of the venue might be different – they are working on the baseball diamond. If it falls through, Deb L said the Rio Dell Fire Department's field is available.

FIT DOG – Nothing new at this time.

NEWSLETTER: Good February newsletter, with good submissions.

WEBSITE: Kurt said he uploaded two decades worth of newsletters. He is slowly making progress on two new versions of the website (simple HTML and WordPress) and will choose one later.

IO CHAT GROUP: Beth said old newsletters are being deleted because they are now on the website.

MEMBERSHIP: Beth said about one third of the membership has not renewed. She will contact them individually.

BYLAWS: Kris said there is no new progress.

Election of New Members: Erica Botkin of Eureka and Ana Benz of Eureka were both elected to membership. (MSAC Jill/Marilyn).

Unfinished business

☒ Shed clean-up and reorganization – The Lakes will head up this effort. Mike dug a trench around the shed and it is working – shed floor is dry after the last rain. Need a clear weekend day, once the Fair has cleared away old water containers currently in the way. Two teams, one to take everything out and another to put it back.

☒ Agility Trailer Relocation – Nilsen's at Ferndale is not selling so they are clearing inventory and we need to move the trailer. Deb L approached Moira (fairgrounds manager) about parking it there; Moira will check out a possible location by ABC barns. Concerns raised about security, but vandalism is a risk anywhere. Area can get muddy.

New Business:

☒ Show poster – Tina said we used to do small posters suitable for office and store windows. Maybe for all July events? Need someone to design. This Fourth of July is the U.S. 250 th birthday – maybe that would be a good theme. Barn Hunt is now set up to be a good spectator sport. Promotional committee – Kurt, Tina, Deb L.

☒ New Club computer – Beth said our current computer is too slow and isn't handling upgrades. Amazon's President's Day Sale has a Windows 11 laptop for \$499. **MSAC (Beth/Kurt) to buy a Windows 11 laptop on Amazon's sale for club use.** Needs to happen in the next 3 hours – Tina can order it.

☒ New Swag Available – Tina said we can get embroidered items from Queensboro, a small non-profit store, and the club gets a small amount of money back. Our hats came from there, but they also have different products. Individuals can join and order anything with the embroidered logo. Discussion about getting more hats. We can add text. Tina will watch for sales. Deb SM asked if we can get magnets with the logo for cars. Tina will look into magnets and stickers for club merchandise.

☒ School Outreach program – Kurt said the Montessori School asked if we have an outreach program about LCKC for kids, and Sunnybrae Middle School is also interested. He is working on ideas – Canine Ambassadors, Scent Work demo, Barn Hunt demo, etc. Cathy said we have worked on school presentations in the past. Marilyn said Boys and Girls Clubs are open to programs. Deb L said the AKC rewards clubs for outreach education. Beth said the AKC has lots of resources. Need to form an Education Committee. Contact Kurt if interested.

☒ Ferndale Chamber of Commerce April 6 Presentation – Deb L and Kurt and Beth with Brasa will attend the Board meeting with a presentation about LCKC events. Moira (Fairgrounds manager) highly encouraged this, as our show impacts the town. Could ask businesses for donations or discounts. Maybe a coupon book with discounts for show entrants.

Announcements: Next meetings will be March 17 (Regular) and March 10 (Board).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Smith, LCKC Secretary