



# The Lost Coast Howler

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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

### LCKC President's Message

March 2024

*March came in like a lion. Caesar was warned of the Ides of March. It seems like March has a dark reputation from time to time. Then there's the first day of spring almost in the middle of the month, a harbinger of beauty and the beginnings of fruitfulness. All things seem to balance out in the end. Such was the Shasta Kennel Club Show in mid March. LCKC brought their traveling Obedience/Rally road show to Anderson in a first attempt for our club.*

*Let me tell you the dark reputation of March failed in its attempts to throttle our efforts. There was hesitancy at the idea's inception. We lost one of our judges. Fortunately, our remaining judge, Lora stepped up and agreed to judge both events back to back for the 3 days. We had long 14 hour days. An Obedience marathon if you will. LCKC members united on a common front. We prevailed. There were over 250 entries for the 3 days. About 100 more than we usually see at our July show. I have no problem patting us on the back. We were successful.*

*The club is finalizing our July shows. Things are looking pretty promising. There are reasonable room blocks for entrants. Barn Hunt is expanding to a two rings event. That will expedite ring time as the lower levels and higher levels will run concurrently. I have a feeling we will see the numbers of entries increase.*

*Here's to an amazing show season in 2024. The LCKC rocks. Keep up the great work. See you in the ring soon.*

All my best,  
Deb Lake  
President LCKC



## MINUTES OF THE LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB

February 20, 2024, via Zoom

### BOARD MEETING

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

Present:

Board members: Marilyn Cottrell, Michelle Dostal, Deb Lake, Patty Mendes, Jill Otto, Kris Smith, Deb Tull.

Non Board members: Linda Bergstrom, Bill Clawson, Susan Hutchison, Tina Moulton, Sherry Pavlich, Beth Rogers, Berti Welty, Cathy Wright and guest/applicant Cassandra Lock.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes from the January 16, 2024, Board meeting were approved as published.

Report of the Treasurer: Jill presented the attached Treasurer's Report. There was no income, but she has renewal and application checks to deposit. One renewal check from a long time member included an \$85 donation. Jill suggested that it be earmarked for Scent Work, since that member was instrumental in bringing SW to the club. Discussion of how to direct it, leading to a discussion about establishing a HIT trophy. The Scent Work Committee will come up with suggestions. Clarification of Hostmaster automatic withdrawal (web hosting and domain name). **MSAC (Deb T/Marilyn) to approve the Treasurer's Report.**

### Unfinished Business:

- Repair of the agility trailer – Marilyn said Michael Ives has been sick, so he hasn't taken the trailer to Reynolds for electrical work, tires, and rims. Michelle and Sherry could both do it if necessary. Jill said Reynolds can't store it, so an appointment needs to be made and deliver it that day. Via a message to Sherry later in the meeting, Michael said he still wants to do it, but it's good to have a back-up.
- HumDOG Expo – March 24, Redwood Acres. Application is in and paid for a club booth. There will be a slide show. The Board approved loaning HumDOG our walkie talkies for Expo. Discussion moved to regular meeting.
- Storage of the agility trailer – Nothing has worked so far this year. It needs a roof over it. At this point, we will leave it at Nilsen's and start looking for covered storage for next winter.
- AKC Reunite Disaster Trailer – Deb L said a new non profit is starting up called County Animal Rescue Team, with the purpose of providing help for all animals in the event of a disaster. It has the support and participation of other organizations. The AKC has a similar program to K9s for Cops which directs funds for disaster relief. Working with CART might be a way we can get a Disaster Trailer in our area. CART would be able to store it. Michelle is interested in participating.

### New Business:

- AKC Reunite K9 grant for Crescent City – Linda presented a request from the CCPD for us to participate in a pass through grant as we have done before to fund a new K9. They have the initial donation lined up; they will give it to LCKC, we will pass it on to the police department and notify the AKC, which will then triple it and send to the PD. MSAC (Jill/Marilyn) to participate in the pass through grant process with AKC Reunite to fund a K9 for the Crescent City Police Department.
- FastCAT scoreboard – Beth said the FCAT team met on January 23 via Zoom to discuss volunteer positions for the tests, and recommending to the Board the purchase of an LED scoreboard, which would be connected to the timer and be placed at the end of the track so the catcher can see their

dog's time immediately. Cost of the board, case, wireless interface, and battery pack would be \$1219, plus tax and shipping. Jill reminded us to be cautious, as we only came out \$407 ahead last year. Sherry said we are looked up to as the best run FCAT host in N Calif and this would make it better for the participants and the crew. Deb L said she has been at tests all over the country, and ours is the best run and would benefit from the scoreboard. MSAC to recommend to the membership that we approve spending up to \$1500 on a 7" LED scoreboard with accessories.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

The Board of Directors meeting was reconvened at 8:45 pm to consider the following:

Add Deb Lake as a signer for the checking account – As President, and as someone who is at events where judges need to be paid, Deb Lake should be a check signer. **Motion made by Jill Otto and seconded by Patty Mendes to add Debra Lake as a signer on the Lost Coast Kennel Club checking account. Passed unanimously.**

#### REGULAR MEETING:

The Regular meeting was called to order by President Debra Lake at 7:17 pm.

Present: All of the above plus Lisa Embree, Kim Gradin, Gemini Herzog, Mike Lake, Beverly Morgan Lewis, Suzi Martin, Tricia Morgan.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes from the January 16, 2024, Regular meeting were approved as corrected (SW report – add “contract for” one judge). (Jill/Patty).

Report of the President: Deb Lake said she appreciates everyone here to do the work of the club. The i.o. group has 78 members; she would like to see a goal of reaching 100, with the idea of bringing in younger people.

Report of the Secretary: Kris said we received applications, the usual junk mail/catalogs, and a hand written thank you card from the local Guide Dogs for the Blind puppy raisers.

Report of the Treasurer: Jill presented the attached Treasurer's Report. We had no income in January, but she has dues to deposit, including a donation from a member. The Board discussed doing something special for Scent Work in her name. Jill sent a thank you note.

#### Report of Committees:

#### PRACTICES

Kris said the first practice was February 11, at the Fairgrounds, with a good turnout for conformation, obedience, and rally, with some new faces and puppies. Next one will be March 3, same events. She will not be there, but will find someone to set things out. Mike said he has put together equipment for Barn Hunt practice, and there may be some practices before the Anderson trials.

#### B-OB SHOWS/RALLY/FastCAT 2024 (July 5-7):

Shows: Tina said Griffin has volunteered to be vendor chair (thank you), trained by Beverly C. The first draft of the premium list is due at the end of the month. We REALLY need a raffle chair, by May 1. Marilyn has put together a handbook, and will mentor. The raffle is critical for income, and this year the judge expenses will be high. Members donate lots of good things, and the exhibitors look forward to it. Cathy thanked everyone who has signed up for trophy sponsorships. There are a few holes but it's pretty good. Need more obedience sponsors. Clarification of trophy sponsor letter and when people get it. Tina said we need someone to appren-

tice being the Grounds Chair with Nick. The footing in the midway is not great – the AKC Rep commented on it. Will ask the Fairgrounds about layering some silt early to even out the holes.. Found some good prices on hotels, will tell people on social media, \$150/night range. Looking at free ice cream at the Group judging ring on Saturday. Tie-dying shirts for show weekend will be this coming Thursday and Sunday.

Rally/Obedience: Still shows as “pending” on the AKC site – it’s AKC’s problem and they need to fix it.

FastCAT: Deb T said the premium lists are finished, will send to Tina to put up on the website on March 1. Maybe have an award for the slowest dog? Turtle/Sloth? Limiting entries to 200 runs/day. “Day ofs” will be cut off when 200 total is reached. Flexible about running order. Telegram is used for communication. Beth is putting some videos up. Send her an email to join Telegram. [fcattlckc@gmail.com](mailto:fcattlckc@gmail.com)

Farm Dog: Certifications will be Friday and Saturday after BIS. We have 5 judges. Discussion about what dogs can be on the grounds. Shouldn’t be a problem.

AGILITY, BARN HUNT, FASTCAT 2024 (July 18-21):

Agility: Beverly ML said Marlene has contacted a new ribbon maker, will compare with current provider.

Barn Hunt: Mike said everything is looking good. Will need volunteers.

Fast CAT: Deb T said the contract application for the weekend is in to the Fairgrounds; had to use a new form, which now has a \$200 application fee. Tina will call the Fair on March 1 to see how the contracts are coming.

RALLY/OBEDIENCE AT SHASTA KC SHOWS (March 15 - 17)

There are lots of LCKC people going over, taking some but not all of the equipment. Discussion of how to pay the judge. Checks to Sara with the amount blank? Suggestion to put Deb Lake on as a check signer. The Regular meeting was paused and the Board meeting was reconvened and then readjourned in order to approve adding Deb L as a check signer.

SCENTWORK TRIALS 2024 (Labor Day weekend August 31 – Sep 2):

Susan said the premium list has been reviewed and is ready to post to AKC. One judge declined and has been replaced – four judges total. Three days of handler discrimination. Cathy made fliers to distribute at events. Sara will do the volunteer drawing, which may become a regular raffle (drawing open only to volunteers, raffle anybody can buy tickets) as we are registered to do two raffles. CCCs may help, Teen Challenge can help on Friday. Humboldt Fencing is donating fencing for the weekend. We may need more containers. Vicke Casey will coordinate Hospitality. Will need lots of volunteers. Cathy said one of the Ridgewood School practices in August will be a mock trial for training volunteers.

FIT DOG – Kim said the Fit Dog Walk with the annual Dia del Galgo walk on January 28 at the Arcata Marsh was well attended (31 dogs), and had good weather. Nothing new planned due to weather.

NEWSLETTER: Thanks to Emily for a nice issue.

WEBSITE: Up to date. Tina added a link to PayPal for members to pay for trophy sponsorships.

CHAT GROUP: Everyone has been invited.

MEMBERSHIP: We have about 90 members; 10 have not paid their renewals. We are a relatively large club. Reminders will go out to remaining members next week.

BYLAWS: Nothing new; looking at changes.

**JUNIOR/YOUTH HANDLER MENTORSHIP:** Beth is gleaning materials for the AKC website. Cathy talked to a Ridgewood School administrator about inviting families to find out about our activities. She thought it was a good idea, suggested a night meeting, presentation. Brochures have been ordered for Expo. Discussion of having something at the breed shows (different from PeeWees – this would be a local outreach).

**Election of New Members: MSAC (Beth/Cathy) to elect Cassandra Lock of McKinleyville to associate membership and Amber Star Urlik of McKinleyville to regular membership, and to reinstate membership for Barbara and Paul Domanchuk.**

**Unfinished Business:**

- Agility trailer repairs – Several people are coordinating getting the trailer from Nilsen's to Reynolds.
- HumDOG Expo (March 24) – Beverly C is in charge of the LCKC booth. Discussion of how many dogs will be in the booth at a time, and getting apps in.

**New Business:**

- AKC Reunite K-9 in Crescent city – The Board has recommended that the membership approve participating in getting another K-9 for Crescent City PD. **MSAC (Berti/Marilyn) to participate in the pass through grant process with AKC Reunite to fund a K9 for the Crescent City Police Department.**
- The Board recommended approval of the purchase of a 7" LED scoreboard and accessories for FastCAT. Motion and second (Patty/Mike) to approve spending up to \$1500 on a 7" LED scoreboard with accessories. Vote to be taken at the March meeting.**
- Trish asked, on behalf of HumDOG, to borrow LCKC's agility equipment for the CPE trial. The club has already approved that loan.**
- New non-profit CART – Deb L reported that the Board discussed a new non profit in Humboldt called County Animal Rescue Team (CART), with the purpose of providing help for all animals in the event of a disaster. It has the support and participation of other organizations. The AKC has a similar program to K9s for Cops which directs funds for disaster relief. Working with CART might be a way we can get a Disaster Trailer in our area. They are going through the process of becoming a non-profit now. They will need volunteers. Contact Deb L or Lisa E if interested.**

**Announcements: none**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Smith, LCKC Secretary

**LCKC needs a raffle chair for the July 5-7, 2024 show.**

**The raffle helps us**

**fund our donations to local organizations every year and is important to our bottom line.**

**This job requires being present for set up on July 4th and all 3 days of the show, as well as time ahead of the show working on donations, etc. Marilyn Cottrell is the former raffle chair and is willing to mentor the new person. There is a detailed description from her on the raffle chair message thread in our email group. This job can be shared with a couple people if needed. Please contact Tina Moulton at [lostcoastkc@gmail.com](mailto:lostcoastkc@gmail.com) or via the email group if you are interested in the very important job. Compensation is in the form much gratitude from the club, many smiles and the excitement of seeing folks win stuff**



**From Patty Mendes:**

**LCKC was well represented at the Silverfalls KC in Salem, OR. RIV Mischievous Wife (Missy) went group 1 on Friday. She is bred by Beth Rounsville (our pony and cart lady) and out of her DBF The Faithful Wife and sired by our Misty Bridge Rowdy Rocket (Rex) We also shared the Best in Show ring with Tom Levy and his beautiful Pumi. Tom is a long time supporter and helper at our LCKC shows. We are over the moon happy for all!!!**

**FROM KRIS AND BAYARD SMITH:**

WE BRAVED THE SNOWY STORMS A FEW WEEKS AGO TO GET OUR DEERHOUND GIRLS TO THEIR FIRST LURE COURSE IN TWO YEARS. THANKS TO THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB FOR A FANTASTIC JOB AT A GREAT FIELD IN FAIRFIELD. THEY ALWAYS PUT ON A WELL RUN AND WELL STAFFED EVENT. TEAGAN SQUEEZED OUT THE WIN OVER RHONA, HELPED BY MY FLUBBING RHONA'S FIRST RELEASE. DRIVING WAS WET BUT SAFE, AND IT WAS NICE TO GET HOME OUT OF THE COLD RAIN.





Day 1

**Kelson qualified in 9 out of 10 searches at the Dalmatian Club of Northern California Scentwork trial. The one that he didn't qualify in was totally my fault. We only needed seven of the nine to get our advanced level title. Good boy Kelson!**

**Jill Otto**



Day 2



**At the Shasta Kennel Club dog show in Anderson, Cider earned his Barn Hunt Open title and one leg towards his Senior title. He also earned his Novice Rally title at the obedience trial hosted by LCKC at the same show.**

**Jamye Weseloh**



**Beverly Morgan Lewis:**  
At the Vallejo DTC trial in Dixon on March 16, Pictsie earned her F CAT title. Then she and Hooligan earned their Novice Fetch Dog titles on the same day.



Weather permitting we will be walking on Saturday, March 30th, at Noon on the Eureka Waterfront Trail. Beginning at the parking lot at the Adorni Center and walking to Del Norte Street (near Costco) and back. This is 1.8 miles each way for a total of just under 4 miles. Since both Fit Dog and the Spring Scurry walks can be less than that, anywhere you need to turn around and head back, works (personally keep track), as long as it is at least a mile walk. I will be waiting for you at the Adorni parking lot with paperwork for those who want it for Fit Dog.

If it gets rained out I will email the group early that morning to cancel.

See you soon,  
Kimber



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