
Lodi Amateur Vintners Association

Minutes of the Meeting of January 17, 2002

Location: Lodi Wine and Visitor Center

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Tom Hoffman at 7 PM.

2. **Members present:** Rad Bartlam, Fred Bennett, Troy Bowers and Susie Calhoun, Leo Candelario, Ray and Wendy Coupe, Fred Hicks, Tom Hoffman, Tim Holdener, Craig Leoni, Margaret Madewell, Jerry Manzel, Gina Martins, Tim Martin, Smiley and Laura Miller, Ralph Ono, Cal Pitto, Glen Reich, Analisa Robertson, Roger Teeslink, Tracy Williams, Ron Woo.

3. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the October meeting were approved by unanimous consent. (Martin/Leoni)

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Fred Hicks reported that as of 12-31-01 there was \$281.36 in the checking account.

Membership dues for the current year are now being accepted. Dues are \$50 per year. Bills for this amount will go out to unpaid members after the March meeting.

5. **Up-Coming Events:**

The **February meeting** will be held on the 9th at 6 PM at the Waterloo Inn in Stockton. This will be our banquet.

The **Executive Committee** will meet Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7 PM at the LW&VC to develop meeting programs and activities for the next six months. This meeting will be open to all who are interested in attending.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, March 21 at the LW&VC.

6. **New Business:**

Activity recommendations for the next six months were discussed. A tour of Mondavi winery was brought up, and another July BBQ and wine competition at Tim and Lani Holdener's was heartily endorsed. A trip outside the district, perhaps to Amador County, was also added to the list. The Executive Committee will examine these and other ideas during their meeting in February.

7. **Old Business**

Plans for the LAVA Banquet on February 9th are well under way. The menu will be chicken and ribs. Tom Baumbach reported that he spoke to the Waterloo Inn a week ago and learned they have decided that there would be a \$7 corkage fee. In light of this, it was decided that while the \$25 per person charge should cover this unexpected cost, each couple should only bring one bottle of wine. If the couple feel more wine will be needed, (Ha!) they should plan on also bringing another \$7 to cover the additional expense of extra bottles.

Several raffle donations have already been received and everyone was encouraged to bring one the night of the event if they haven't already done so. Margaret Madewell, who had previously volunteered to oversee the raffle, informed us that she will have to step down because she will not be able to attend. Laura Miller volunteered to take over. It was agreed that tickets will be sold one for \$1, six for \$5, thirteen for \$10 and thirty for \$20.

Treasurer Fred reported that 13 people had already paid. It was decided that the payment cut-off date will be January 31st. Participants wishing to attend should have their money in by then. Tom Hoffman said he would get out email and postal versions of a registration form for the banquet.

The LAVA Web page was discussed briefly. It was reported that LWWC Executive Director Mark Chandler has requested that the association consider moving their webpage to a different domain address because of its similarity to the Commission's address. The group suggested that a search be conducted to see what names are available and that Tom talk to Chandler to see if a set of mutual links be established that would direct any web visitors to the others page. No other action was taken.

County Fair Wine Competition: Chairperson Laura Miller reported that the committee has already met once and that planning is well underway. The committee is currently made up of Laura Miller, Roger Teeslink, Jerry Manzel, Troy Bowers, Susie Calhoun, Tim Holdener, Tom Hoffman and Tom Baumbach. Adam Lazar will assist the club in organizing the judges. All association members will be needed on the day of the event.

The scoring sheet has been decided upon and that the judging system would be a combination of the Danish and American systems, where prizes would be given for each category plus overall prizes would be given for each division. The burden of the cost of the prizes will be born by the County Fair. Entries must be received at S.J. Fair office or the LWWC office between May 11 and 25. Tom Hoffman will store the wine in his cellar until the judging.

An rough draft of an **informational flyer** outlining the competition was distributed by Troy Bowers. He will mail out a polished version to the past entries and copies will also be made available for the LW&VC reception desk and also be distributed to various wineries.

8. **Other Business:** The membership asked that email reminders be used as often as possible to reduce the cost of mailing.

9. **Program:** There was no formal presentation at this meeting.

10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.