



Minutes of the meeting of January 19th, 2006

(Held at Lodi Wine & Visitors Center – Cellar Room)

1. **Call to order/Introductions:** Members arrived at LW & VC around 7:00pm, and the meeting began shortly after. New members: Julio and Marlene Betti, and Don and Marylou Just were in attendance. WELCOME.
2. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of our November 17th, 2005 meeting (published on our WEB page) were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Dave Ingram gave the annual report. It was moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote: (See attached)
4. **Winemaking Calendar:**
 - Racking/Barreling; Barrel topping; Bottling; SO₂ additions
 - Vineyards: pruning begins. Better pick (if you haven't!)
5. **Calendar Update:** Don Norman updated is on these upcoming events:
 - February 4th: Loel Center, 6:00pm (Sharp), Annual Banquet
 - February 15th: KIDDER Barn, Annual Board Meeting (Members welcome)
6. **Unfinished Business:**
 - *Corks (Aaron Kidder).* Members who have purchased corks need to pick them up, and pay. They include Schweichardt=300, Vargo=400, Ingram=300, Atwood=500)
7. **New Business:**
 - *Commercial Winemakers & LAVA membership (Aaron Kidder).* After some debate, the membership decided to keep our current rule in place. If a member of LAVA becomes a commercial winemaker, they will then become honorary members, and not be required to pay dues. If any commercial winemakers (who have never been LAVA members) ask to join, we will discuss, and vote on a per occurrence basis to decide if that winemaker should be granted honorary membership.
 - *Dues (Jerry Manzel).* As Jerry was not in attendance, the topic was closed.
 - *Alternate to raffle prizes (Jerry Manzel, Steve Hennecke).* As neither Jerry, nor Steve were in attendance, this topic was closed.
 - *San Joaquin County Fair (Aaron Kidder, Troy Bowers).* As Troy is no longer part of the County Fair staff, he suggested I contact Forrest White for information on this year's contest. Jim Schweichardt graciously agreed to chair this year's event. Let's all help him out!
 - *LAVA Banquet.* Loel Center, February 4th. Dick Vargo give a brief review, and it appears we're ready to go! Let's all help where we can. Thanks Dick!
 - *ZinFest in 2006 (Aaron Kidder).* It will be held on May 20th this year, and the membership voted to sponsor a LAVA booth again, along with assisting in manning the "Wine by the Glass" booth again. Aaron and Linda will be attending the ZinFest committee meetings, and gather information for this year's event.



8. **Announcements:**

- LAVA Shirts for sale - \$23.50 each – see Ozzie Neal
- LW&VC: Lodi Live!, 2nd Friday of the Month, 5:00pm to 7:00pm
- January 28th: ZAP at Fort Mason
- February 11th & 12th: Valentine Wine & Chocolate weekend
- February 14th: Hears on Fire Valentines Dinner

9. **Program:**

(No program)

10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting won't be the Annual Board meeting on February 15th (WEDNESDAY) at the KIDDER barn. It will be at the normal time of 7:00pm, and members are welcome to attend. If you have ideas for this year's programming, please let Aaron or Don know – or plan to attend the next meeting!

Adjournment: Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned around 8:45m, where members lingered to enjoy each others wine.