



Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting **February 19, 2004**

1. **Call to order/Introductions:** The following Board members were in attendance: Gus Young, Tom Hoffman, Dick Vargo, Aaron Kidder, and Linda Kidder. One other LAVA member was in attendance: David Sandri. The meeting was held in the Conference Room at the Lodi Wine & Visitor's Center and began around 7:00pm. Our membership chair, Linda Kidder, introduced one guest: Gail Mettler. Welcome!
2. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of January 15th, 2004 were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Tom Hoffman gave a very informational report including a 2004 budget proposal. In addition, he detailed the revenues and expenses for January and February of 2004. His report was moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote:
Revenues: \$4,270.00 (Annual banquet income, Raffle, Wine Supplies, and Membership dues)
Expenses: \$2,222.91 (Annual banquet expenses, Insurance, Meeting room, WEB Page hosting)
Current Balance: \$2,299.12
4. **Calendar Update:** Using a stack of large "Post-it" notes, Dick Vargo recorded all the ideas for potential 2004 programs that had been submitted by the general membership, and board members. Well over a dozen ideas were documented, and as a group we decided on the program ideas that we believed best covered the interest of the membership. In addition to the monthly programs, we discussed a list of special events, including:
 - Annual Banquet (February, 2005)
 - Calaveras County wineries trip (May, 2004)
 - San Joaquin Fair competition (June, 2004)
 - Annual BBQ (July, 2004)
 - Open House (August, 2004)

We also reviewed additional agenda items we are planning to include as part of our monthly meetings, including:

- Monthly "Winemaking Calendar"
(Brief update of what/where you should be in the winemaking process)
- Evaluation tasting table with score sheets
(For those members who wish to have their wines evaluated by the membership)
- Special tasting at the March, July, and January meetings
(March-Temprnillo, July-Chardonnay, January-Malbec)

5. **Old Business:**
 - *Annual Banquet:* We gave Linda another round of applause for the outstanding job she did on this years banquet. Not only did we have a fantastic time, be we actually generated income! In fact, Tom Hoffman pointed out that "...our coffers are full, and we'll just have to find ways to spend it!"
 - *Insurance:* Gus reported that liability insurance has officially been purchased for the year, and LAVA should now be covered!



- *SJ Fair*: Jerry Manzel was not in attendance, so an update was not given.

6. **New Business:**

No new business was discussed.

7. **Announcements:**

- *Lodi Spring Wine Show*: March 26th and 27th at the Lodi Grape Festival. Contact Tom Hoffman for tickets.

8. **Program:**

N/A

9. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be March 18th, 7:00pm at the Lodi Wine & Visitor's Center (regular Cellar Room). If we can schedule Mark Chandler, we are hoping to have him do a presentation on "Scoring Wine". We will also be having a "Special Tasting" of Temprnillo.

Adjournment: Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned around 8:45pm.