



## **Minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2004**

1. **Call to order/Introductions:** Members arrived at the Lodi Wine & Visitor's Center around 7:00pm, and the meeting began soon after. Our membership chair, Linda Kidder, introduced guests: Adel Liebelt, "JC" (Winemaker for Michael David Winery from South Africa), Lynette Litton (The Wine Rack), Heather Pyle (Guest speaker from Lucas Winery), and Dave Perra (Guest speaker from Henry Wine Group). We also welcomed guest: Gail Mettler, and new members: Ted and Cathy Lauchland. Welcome!
2. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of our February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004 executive board meeting were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Tom Hoffman gave the following report moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote:  
Revenues: \$50 (Dues)  
Expenses: \$148.26 (Wine this meeting's Tempranillo tasting)  
Current Balance: \$2,200.86
4. **Winemaking Calendar:**  
Now is the time to bottle your wine if your entering your wine into any of the Spring or early Summer Wine competitions.
5. **Calendar Update:** In Dick Vargo's absence, Gus Young gave a brief overview of some of the events our "steering committee" reviewed during our executive board meeting. Upcoming events include the following:  
**April 15<sup>th</sup>:** *Regular Meeting.* "Kidder Barn", 7:00pm. Craig Rous (Bear Creek Winery):  
Evaluation of new members wine.  
**May 20<sup>th</sup>:** *Regular Meeting.* LW&VC, 7:00pm. Aaron Mosley (The Wine Lab):  
Yeasts  
**May 23<sup>rd</sup>:** *Tour of Wineries in Calaveras County. Details to follow in an upcoming email.*
6. **Old Business:**
  - *Develop Open House:* Tom Hoffman gave a brief overview of our plans to develop an "Open House" for the purpose of giving the general public a taste of what LAVA and the Lodi Appellation is all about, and to potentially promote new membership. A committee was formed, to include: Aaron Kidder, Tom Hoffman, Jerry Manzel, Lynette Litton, and Tom Hoffman. Updates on this event will be forthcoming.
  - *LAVA Shirts:* Glen Reich reminded the members that shirts are available in multiple sizes (including 2XL and 3XL) at a price of \$23.50. Help support LAVA, and purchase a shirt!



- *SJ Fair:* Jerry Manzel discussed the Wine Competition for this coming year's Fair. We will officially be judging OFF-SITE this year on June 4<sup>th</sup> (Friday late morning), at the LW&VC, and the ribbon display will need to be set up by June 16<sup>th</sup>. **Jerry is looking for volunteers!** 10 volunteers (5-6 hours) to help at the LW&VC on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2 volunteers (2-4 hours) for setup on Monday (June 14<sup>th</sup>), and 2 volunteers (2 hours) for teardown after the Fair closes. **LAVA will again sponsor any member's first ever wine entry**, so please take advantage and SUBMIT YOUR WINE! Jerry will be passing out a signup sheet for volunteer assistance. Please contact him directly if you're interested!  
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#### 7. **New Business:**

- *By-Laws Amendment:* Gus reviewed a suggested change to Article VII-A of the LAVA by-laws with changes to read:  
The fiscal year of LAVA will be the calendar year. Dues are payable at the beginning of the year and delinquent on March 1<sup>st</sup>. For those new members who pay their first membership dues after October 1<sup>st</sup>, dues will be considered paid through the following calendar year."

*The membership voted on this change, and approved by unanimous vote.*

#### 8. **Announcements:**

- *Spring Wine Show.* March 26<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>. Lodi Grape Festival, 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Tickets available at the door.
- *Summer BBQ:* Linda Kidder suggested we start now in the initial coordination of the summer LAVA BBQ, and asked the membership for suggestions on who may be interested in hosting this year's event, and who may be interested in being the Chairperson. Doug Munnecke volunteered their home for this year's event (Thanks Doug!) We are still in the need for a Chairperson. If you are interested in "chairing" this event, please email me.

#### 9. **Program:**

- *Scoring & Evaluating Wine.* Heather Pyle of Lucas Winery gave a very information talk on Evaluating wine, including the subjective nature of the competition world.
- *Tempranillo Wine Tasting:* Dave Perra of Henry Wine Group discussed this month's special tasting on Tempranillo. His expertise was welcomed as he described both the wines Tom Hoffman purchased, and some of his own.

*(Thank you Heather and Dave)*

10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be April 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at the "Kidder Barn". The program will feature Craig Rous of Bear Creek Winery, and focus on his analysis of our new member wines.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned around 8:30pm, where members lingered to enjoy the Tempranillo libations.