



Minutes of the meeting of April 15th, 2004

1. **Call to order/Introductions:** Members arrived at the “Kidder Barn” around 7:00pm, and the meeting began soon after. Our membership chair, Linda Kidder, introduced our only guest (and program speaker for this meeting) Craig Rous. We all agreed that Craig has been a “friend of LAVAs” for so long, it was hard to consider him a “guest”. Welcome!
2. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of our March 18th, 2004 meeting were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Treasurer’s Report:** In Tom Hoffman’s absence, Gus Young gave the following report. It was moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote:
Revenues: \$100 (Dues & Wine Supply sales)
Expenses: None
Current Balance: \$2,384.86
4. **Winemaking Calendar:**
If you haven’t already done so, BOTTLE NOW if you plan to submit any wines in the SJ Fair Wine Competition...or any of the Spring or early Summer Wine competitions.
5. **Calendar Update:** Dick Vargo gave a brief overview of some of the upcoming events, including the following:
May 20th: *Regular Meeting.* LW&VC, 7:00pm. Aaron Mosley (The Wine Lab): Yeasts
May 22nd: *Tour of Wineries in Calaveras County.* Details to follow in an upcoming email.
June 4th: *LAVA sponsored SJ Fair Wine competition (judging).* LW&VC, 8:30am to 1:30pm
6. **Old Business:**
 - *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 4th. Volunteers will need to show up at the LW&VC around 8:30am for set up, and the judging will begin at 10:00am. Glenn Reich has again offered his services to cook. Jerry needs at least 8 volunteers on June 4th, and 2 additional volunteers to help set up the ribbon display by June 16th, and then tear it down after the fair. Although a sign up sheet was passed around the room, Jerry may be short a few volunteers, so **PLEASE CONTACT HIM** at jamanzel@softcom.net if you’d like to assist. LAVA will again sponsor any member’s first ever wine entry, so please take advantage and SUBMIT YOUR WINE! You can take your wine to the LW&VC or give it directly to Jerry Manzel or Tom Hoffman. **All entries have to be in by May 22nd!**
 - *Open House:* In Tom Hoffman’s absence, Aaron Kidder reported that the committee is planning their first meeting on April 28th, at Lynette Litton’s place (The Wine Rack). Gus mentioned that St. Supery Winery has an event worth reviewing as a possible model. They treat their event as an annual fundraiser, where amateur wine makers can submit their wines for judging, and the general public pays to come and taste. 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!



- *Annual LAVA BBQ:* Tom Hoffman (with Linda Kidders' assistance) has graciously agreed to chair the committee for this year's barbeque. We are tentatively planning to have the event at Doug Munnecke's place on July 17th (thanks Doug). Members will bring their own silverware, and a dish to share. More info to follow in upcoming emails.
7. **New Business:**
Dave Ingram mentioned that Wine Maker's Magazine is having a "2 subscriptions for the price of one" sale. If you're interested in subscribing with Dave, drop him a line at: dingram45@earthlink.net
 8. **Announcements:**
 - *Lodi Wine Stroll:* April 6th. Downtown Lodi (in the stores), 6:00pm to 9:00pm.
 - *Vines to Wines:* May 15th & 16th. Lodi Area Wineries.
 - *Macchia Spring Release Party:* April 17th & 18th. Vino Piazza in Lockeford.
 9. **Program:**
Craig Rous of Bear Creek Winery presented the results of the wine analysis he performed on new membership wine samples submitted at our last meeting. As usual, this proved to be amazingly informational, and we thank him for his huge wealth of knowledge and professional input. Thanks again Craig!
 10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be May 20th, 7:00pm at the LW&VC.
The program will feature Aaron Mosley from the Lodi Wine Lab, and focus on Yeasts.
- Adjournment:** Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned around 8:30pm, where members lingered to enjoy each other's wines brought to share.