

Lodi Amateur Vintners Association

Minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2002

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM hosted by Tim Holdener of *Macchia Winery* (located at the Vino Piazza facility in Lockeford).
2. **Members present:** Rad Bartlam, Fred Bennett, Troy Bowers & Susie Calhoun, Fred Hicks, Tom and Carmela Hoffman, Tim Holdener, Dave Huecksteadt, Jerry Jardine, Aaron and Linda Kidder, Bob and Brett Koth, Jerry Manzel, Smiley and Laura Miller, Glen Reich, Analisa Robertson, Roger Teeslink, Tracy Williams, Gus and Ev Young.
Prospective members present: Dave Ingram, Gregg and Fernanda Meath, Mick McQueen
3. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of March 21, 2002 were approved as mailed.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Fred Hicks reported that currently the bank account has \$1207.48. There were no recent expenses. Some members have still not paid.
5. **Calendar Review:** President Tom Hoffman outlined the current calendar. Apart from monthly meetings held on the third Thursday of each month, these events are in the works:
 - May 16th** (Thursday): Regular meeting (at LW&VC) + 2001 Wine evaluations.
 - May 18th** (Saturday): Tour of Montevina and Amador County wine tasting.
 - June 13th** (Thursday): Regular meeting (at LW&VC). Note it's the SECOND Thursday.
 - June 16th** (Sunday): Judging at the San Joaquin Fair
 - July 27th** (Saturday): Summer BBQ and blind tasting at Tim Holdener's residence.
6. **New Business**
 - Lodi Grape Festival Wine Tasting Booth:** There was enough interest in the group to consider using LAVA members for the 12:00-noon, and 3:00pm cleanup crews.
7. **Old Business**
 - New Secretary:** Linda Kidder (with lots of help from Aaron) has graciously accepted the roll of Secretary. *We'll* do our best.
 - Shirts and Logos:** Two logos were re-circulated and hand vote was held. The larger and more complex logo was estimated to cost around \$240 for the digital design, while the website version would cost around \$70. By a majority vote, the website logo was chosen. In addition, by motion, LAVA will pay for, and retain the rights to the logo. Everyone liked the quality of the sample shirts, and a committee will be formed to determine which color(s) to purchase. Each shirt will cost approximately \$20, including the logo.
 - Trip to Amador County:** A sign-up sheet was circulated for participation. Around 15 members were interested. A carpool caravan will be leaving from the LW&VC at 8:30am. A second caravan will meet at the Shenandoah hamburger-stand on Highway 49 at 9:30am. The tour of Montevina will start at 10:00am. It was tentatively decided that the following additional wineries would be visited (time permitting): Sabon, Redwood, Amador Foothill, Shenandoah. Bring your own picnic lunch and a dessert to share.

San Joaquin Fair Competition: Chairperson Laura Miller reviewed the recent activities of her committee. Lunch and dinner will be served for the LAVA volunteers and 7-8 judges. Smiley will be in charge of the BBQ, and it was determined that 62 lbs. of tri-tip and hamburger would be needed. Laura will be signing up volunteers at the May meeting.

Chemical Supplies: Gus Young reported that Spencer Winery would order an extra 50-pound bag of Tartaric Acid, and an extra 55-pound bag of Metabisulfite for LAVA

8. **Other Business:**

Wine Evaluations: Glenn Reich collected bottles of wine from participating members for chemical evaluation. Results will be presented at the May 16th meeting.

Competition Entry Deadlines: All bottles of wine need to be brought to the May 16th meeting for entry into the San Joaquin Fair, and the Alameda County Fair competitions.

No other business was brought before the table.

9. **Program:**

A presentation of Valley wine grape varieties, and a wine sampling were given by fellow LAVA member Tim Holdener at his winery (*Macchia Winery*), located at the Vino Piazza facility in Lockeford. Tim was a great host, and we thank him for the evening.

10. **Adjournment:** Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

11. **Next meeting:** May 16th. Regular meeting at LW&VC.