

Lodi Amateur Vintners Association

Minutes of the meeting of May 16, 2002

1. **Call to order:** our President Tom Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Craig Rous of Bear Creek Winery hosted the program.
2. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2002 were approved as mailed. (Moved for approval by Gus Young, and seconded by Aaron Kidder).
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Fred Hicks reported that currently the bank account has \$1392.48.
Revenues: Additional dues were collected=\$100
Note: Five (5) additional dues are still outstanding (and you know who you are!)
Expenses: Rockstar.net dues=\$30, P.O.Box dues=\$27.50
4. **Membership Report:** Gina Martens was unable to attend, however, we'd all like to thank her and Craig Leoni for supplying the new LAVA badges!
Membership attendance: Rad Bartlam, Tom Baumbach, Fred Bennett, Troy Bowers, Steven Hennecke, Fred Hicks, Tom and Carmela Hoffman, Dave Huecksteadt, Dave Ingram, Jerry Jardine, Aaron and Linda Kidder, Bob and Bret Koth, Craig Leoni, Margaret Madewell, Jerry Manzel, Tim Martin, Mick and Jeanette McQueen, Glenn Reich, Roger Teeslink, Dick Vargo, Gus Young
5. **Calendar Review:** Vice President Tim Martin outlined the current calendar. Apart from monthly meetings held on the third Thursday of each month, these events are in the works:
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**
Order bottles: Tom Hoffman suggested purchasing either a Champagne Green (@ \$5.00/case), or Antique Green (@6.00/case). A signup sheet was passed around, and each member interested marked the type of bottle, and number of cases needed. Pallet(s) will be delivered to Vaz Trucking in Lodi, and a pallet holds 112 cases. Aaron Kidder offered the use of his barn for bottle storage.
Amateur wine making course (June 27th): The wine making class LAVA put on last year will not be continued this year due to the lack of time.
7. **Old Business**
Shirts and Logos: Glenn Reich brought samples of the new LAVA shirt. Most members liked the Green shirt with Gold Thread. Tom Hoffman passed a signup sheet around with the orders he had taken via email. He asked that each member verify and/or add their order to the sheet. Each shirt will cost approximately \$20, including the logo.
Trip to Amador County: It's a GO. Due to space and time restrictions, after the tour of the Montevina Winery (and a group lunch), everyone was encouraged to visit the wineries of their choice (on their own).

San Joaquin Fair Competition: Laura Miller wasn't in attendance, so Troy Bowers gave us a quick update. Judging will begin around Noon and run through 2:30pm. Ten (10) people will be needed from the LAVA ranks (4 people from 9:00am to Noon, and 6 people from Noon to 2:30pm). A signup sheet was passed, and per Troy, Laura will review this schedule in more detail at our next meeting.

Chemical Supplies: Gus Young has no additional information at this time.

Alameda County Fair: Troy Bowers suggested interested members bring their wine to his home by May 20th. Good Luck! **EMAIL UPDATE:** Per an email from Susie Calhoun, entry forms are due by May 20th, but can be submitted for an additional \$5.00 fee, up to June 15th. Susie will transport your wine entries up to June 12th, if you deliver it to her home by then. After that, you'll need to deliver your own entry to the Fair on June 15th.

San Joaquin Fair Entries: Tom Hoffman explained that all entries should be brought to the Wine & Visitors Center by May 25th.

8. **Other Business:**

Lodi Grape Festival Wine Tasting Booth: Tom Hoffman said he would wait until we are closer to this even before passing out a signup sheet.

No other business was brought before the table.

9. **Program:**

Craig Rous of *Bear Creek Winery* distributed and explained his lab analysis of the wines submitted by participating LAVA members. It proved to be a highly educational evening, and a lot of fun! We all had a chance to sample the participant's wines, along with a few from *Bear Creek*. Thank you Craig for your experience and insights.

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

11. **Next meeting:** June 13th. (Note: It's the **SECOND Thursday**). To be held at LW&VC.