



## Meeting Minutes of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 (KIDDER Barn)

1. **Call to order/Introductions:** Members arrived at the KIDDER Barn around 7:00pm, and the meeting began shortly after. Although a member, Nancy Rostomily (Rich's wife), finally had a chance to join us at a meeting. WELCOME!
2. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of our May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting (published on our WEB page) were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Dave Ingram presented following report by email. It was moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote:

<u>Category</u>	<u>\$Amount</u>
Beginning Balance	\$3,075.00
Income	
Dues	\$100.00
Expenses:	
Library	-\$22.00
PO Box rental	-\$72.00
SJ County Fair	-\$130.00
Ripken Winery	-\$102.00
Ending Balance	\$2,849.00

4. **Winemaking Calendar:**  
Start scouting for grapes. Check SO2 levels in your wine.  
Vineyard: Shoot thin, Leaf removal after bloom, No water until shoot tips slow down, Sulfur every 7-10 days.
5. **Calendar Update:** Don Norman gave a preview of upcoming events. We are still trying to land Darrell Corti for sometime in October. Aaron reminded the membership that the 2006 Calendar is now on our WEB site. (and is Subject to change so check periodically).
6. **Unfinished Business:**
  - *SJF Fair (Jim Schweichardt, Aaron Kidder):* Jim reported that the event went very well. We had around 110 wine entries and 8 label entries this year. Tom supplied a fantastic lunch for all. Thanks Jim, Tom, and the rest of the volunteers for another great competition event.
  - *ZinFest (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron gave a brief overview of this year's "Taste by the Class" booth. Except for the volume of the band – it went very well. We expect the club will receive in excess of \$200 for our efforts. Our LAVA booth generated mucho interest (as usual), and many good comments were heard by all.
  - *Taste of Lodi (Aaron Kidder):* Rich Rostomily has offered to chair this year's event (with Aaron's help). Aaron mentioned that although 2 tickets are normally offered for a booth – he was able to procure 6!, so if you're interested in volunteering, please contact Rich (209) 339-7301 or Aaron (209) 727-0761.
  - *CalState Fair Competition (Nancy Kelly, Aaron Kidder):* We're moving forward! Nancy reported 24 volunteers from our ranks (so far). We had a date issue with Wine & Roses, so the actual competition will occur on August 4<sup>th</sup> (Friday) instead of Saturday, with setup on August 3<sup>rd</sup> (Thursday). We anticipate needing a minimum of 60 volunteers, and WE NEED MORE. They'll be a PARTY at the KIDDER's after the event on Friday for all those who volunteer! Give Nancy a call at (209) 365-0260 if you're interested.



7. **New Business:**

- It was brought to the membership's attention, that the Lodi Wine Lab will now carry small quantities of corks (for Home Winemakers)
- Don Norman did some research on stainless steel tanks, and reported that you can get an excellent quality 79 gallon tank for \$393. Contact him for information.
- 2006 LAVA BBQ (July 29<sup>th</sup>). Doug Munnecke has graciously offered his place again this year for the event. Marwedell Norman has volunteered to chair the event this year (with help from Don, and Linda). THANKS GUYS!
- By popular vote, the members decided to offer the shirts at half price (\$12) in order to try and generate interest in getting them sold. Sizes and pricing will be added to our WEB page.
- Marlene Betti asked the membership if they remembered who had won "an evening with the Betti's" raffle price at the LAVA banquet. Aaron said he would email the membership.

8. **Announcements:**

- LAVA Shirts for sale – **NOW: \$12.00 each** – see our WEB page for sizes.
- LW&VC: Lodi Live!, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month, 5:00pm to 7:00pm
- June 17<sup>th</sup>: Entries due for the Alameda County Fair competition (See Suzie Calhoun)
- July 29<sup>th</sup>: LAVA BBQ and Wine Competition (Doug Munnecke's)
- July 29<sup>th</sup>: PrimoVino Heritage Festival, Woodbridge Winery
- **August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: (New Dates)** California State Home Wine competition

9. **Program:** Jim Schweickardt purchased 5 different Pinot Noir's for the evenings blind tasting from differing areas, and a wide range of prices. As usual, Tom Hoffman gave a very informative overview on Pinot Noir, as well as a brief discussion on how to score a wine. Thanks Tom and Jim.

10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be July 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, at the Lodi Wine & Visitor's Center and will feature an "Oak Effects" demonstration – put on by our own Don Norman.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned around 8:45m, where we all stayed to enjoy the Pinot Noir's!