



Minutes of the meeting of August 18th, 2004

(Held at Old Liberty Winery)

1. **Call to order/Introductions:** Members arrived at the "Old Liberty Winery" (Now the Gallo Test Vineyard) around 7:00pm, and the meeting began around 7:10pm. Our membership chair, Linda Kidder, introduced the only guest (and our speaker for this meeting): Paul Verdagal. Welcome! (It was nice to see Don Marksberry as well!)
2. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of our July 21st, 2005 meeting were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Dave Ingram gave the following report. It was moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote:

<u>Category</u>	<u>\$Amount</u>
Beginning Balance	\$3,161.00
Receipts from BBQ	\$150.00
Accounts Receivable (BBQ)	\$30.00
BBQ Income	\$180.00
BBQ Expenses	\$153.00
Ending Balance	\$3,157.00

4. **Winemaking Calendar:**
 - If you don't have grapes lined up by now, you may be in trouble. (Check our WEB page: <http://www.lodiamateurvintners.org>)
 - As always, check SO₂ level, and taste last years wine (in barrel)
 - Ready your equipment, check your chemicals.
5. **Calendar Update:** Don Norman updated is on these upcoming events:
 - September 15th; Craig Rous, Bear Creek WINERY VISITATION; 7:00pm
 - October 20th, LAVA meeting, KIDDER Barn, 7:00pm, Wine & Food Pairing
 - November 17th, LW&VC (Upstairs), 6:30pm, Nouveau Tasting
6. **Unfinished Business:**
 - *LAVA Barbeque wrap-up:* Tom Hoffman was not in attendance, so Aaron gave a brief overview of the event. Thanks to Doug Munnecke for the use of his place. Those who couldn't make it, missed a great time.
 - *Taste of Lodi:* Steve Henechke reminded the group that this year's event will be October 9th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. There are two ways you can get involved.
 1. Pour at out LAVA booth (Contact Aaron Kidder 727-0761)
 2. Assist at other venues (Contact Steve Hennecke 367-0339)
7. **New Business:**
 - *Corks:* Craig Rous of Bear Creek Winery may have a line on corks for our club. Aaron hopes to have information on quantities, and prices by our next meeting. If you are interested in corks, please call Aaron.
 - *LAVA brochures.* Linda and Aaron are working on a mocked up version of our LAVA brochures in a "postcard" format. The membership voted to move forward in getting a



postcard purchased (500 quantity), to have available for upcoming events, and to pass out to wineries.

8. **Announcements:**

- LAVA Shirts for sale - \$23.50 each – see Ozzie Neal
- LW&VC: Lodi Live! Normally 1st or 2nd Friday of the Month, 5:00pm to 7:00pm
- October 9th, Taste of Lodi, LW&VC, 1-4pm
- Taste of the Festival, Grape Festival, September 14th. Contact Tom Hoffman.

9. **Program:**

Paul Verdagal, our San Joaquin County Farm Advisor, gave a brief presentation on the different varieties in the Gallo test vineyard. While walking the vineyard, we had a chance to ask questions, discuss variety differences, and taste a few grapes. Thanks Paul.

10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be September 15th at Bear Creek Winery, and hosted by Crag Rous. 7:00pm. Don't miss it!

Adjournment: Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned around 8:45pm, where members lingered to enjoy each other's wines, and talk with our informative guest.