



Meeting Minutes of September 20th, 2006

(Lodi Wine & Visitors Center)

1. **Call to order/Introductions:** Members arrived at the LW & VC around 7:00pm, and the meeting began shortly after. New members Charlie & Mamie Starr, Brian Price, and Kurt & Margarete Domain were in attendance. Also in attendance were guests Layne Montgomery of M2 Winery, and Bob Prochnow (Dave Prochnow's brother). WELCOME!
2. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of our August 17th, 2006 meeting (published on our WEB page) were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** In Dave Ingram's absence, Aaron presented following report (received by email). It was moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote:

<u>Category</u>	<u>\$Amount</u>
Beginning Balance	\$2,964.00
Income	
T-Shirt Sales	\$48.00
Dues	\$100.00
CalState Fair Reimbursement	\$19.00
BBQ	\$40.00
Expenses:	
SJ County Fair	-\$88.00
BBQ	-\$20.00
CalState Fair	-\$203.00
Programs	-\$144.00
Meeting Room	-\$40.00
Ending Balance	\$2,676.00

4. **Winemaking Calendar:**
Picking and Fermenting should be underway. Watch you ML. Check SO2 levels in your wine. Vineyard: (Tom Hoffman). Harvest is upon us! Add some water, and fertilize after harvest.
5. **Calendar Update:** Don Norman gave a preview of upcoming events.
Reminder – our October meeting will be on the 10th (a **TUESDAY**) to accommodate Darrell Corti. Please MARK YOU CALENDARS! 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:**
 - *Darrell Corti signups (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron will send out a final reminder for those interesting in submitting a wine for evaluation. We are limiting the event to 15. Don't forget to mark your calendars! Darrell Corti will be down on October 10th (a **TUESDAY**) instead of our regular meeting day in October.
 - *Taste of Lodi (Rich Rostomily):* Rich confirmed that we have the shifts covered, but is still in need of wine donations. Please contact Rich at (209) 339-7301.
 - *2007/8 Nominations for officers (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron opened the floor for nominations. In addition to Jim Schweickardt for President, and Rich Rostomily for Treasurer, Don Norman was nominated for both President and Vice President. We're still looking for a Secretary!
 - *2006 Mentorships (Aaron Kidder):* Mentors are available. Contact Aaron (209) 727-0761 if you are interested in being mentored.



7. **New Business:**

- *Winemaker Magazine Club subscription (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron reported that WineMaker Magazine is offering a discounted rate of \$6.00/per year/per person for clubs when the ENTIRE club commits to the concept of offering this as part of your annual dues. It was put to the floor for vote, and approved. Beginning in 2007 all paying members will receive Winemaker Magazine as part of their annual dues. New members (who join mid-year) will be offered a pro-rated subscription.
- *Beer/Beer Club discount (Aaron Kidder):* Thanks in part to Don Norman; Beer/Beer (located in Concord) is offering all LAVA members a 10% discount. Aaron has submitted a current list of members. Be sure to mention you are a LAVA member when purchasing equipment and supplies.
- *“Pooch” Wine Sensory Seminar:* Aaron reminded the membership that this event will take place on October 21st, 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Plymouth Fairgrounds. A signup sheet was passed around.
- *AWA/LAVA Joint BBQ (Aaron Kidder):* Our “sister” club (Amador Winemakers Association) has suggested we might consider a joint BBQ between our clubs. Aaron contacted Mike Bellamy, and given our calendars throughout the remainder of this year, decided to postpone this until next Spring. We’ll keep you all posted.
- *Food Pairing Wrap-up:* We all took time to thank the Normans, Rostomilys, Atwoods, and Tiptons for a fantastic job. Thank you all!
- *Annual Banquet fund usage (Aaron Kidder):* It had been brought to Aaron’s attention, that a possible usage of excess funds (at year-end) be used to supplement our annual Banquet. Aaron brought this idea to the floor for discussion and vote. The members approved the concept. We will discuss further during our final two meetings of the year.

8. **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

- LAVA Shirts for sale – **NOW: \$12.00 each** – contact Linda for sizes.
- October 8th: Taste of Lodi, Wine & Roses, 1:00pm-5:00pm (Check out the LAVA booth!)
- October 7th & 8th: The Big Crush, Amador Vintner’s Harvest Festival.
- October 10th: **Change in meeting date.** This is a TUESDAY and will feature Darrell Corti!
- October 21st: “Pooch” Wine Sensory Seminar, Plymouth Fairgrounds, 10:00am to 2:00pm.
- November 18th & 19th Macchia Fall Wine release Party, Noon to 5:00pm.
- November 24th – 26th, Holiday Open House, Lodi Wine & Visitors Center, 10:00am to 5:00pm.

9. **Program:** Gordon Specht of Lallemand gave a most informative talk on Yeasts. He opened the floor to questions, and Aaron finally had to shut down the meeting at 9:00pm! Thanks Gordon!

10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be October 10th, 7:00pm, at the KIDDER Barn. This will be our annual Darrell Corti Wine Evaluation meeting, and is always very informative. Don’t miss this one!

Adjournment: Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned around 7:45m, where we all spend the rest of the learning from Gordon’s presentation.