



## LAVA Meeting Minutes of January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### The Cellar Door

1. **Call to order/Introductions (Don and Marwedell Norman):** The Meeting was called to order by President Don Norman who wished the Membership "Happy New Year". Marwedell introduced new members: Bob Colarossi, Ali Liebech and Del Burns – Welcome to LAVA.
2. **Approval of Minutes (Don Norman):** The minutes of our November, 2008 meeting (published on our WEB page and available for review) was moved for approval, seconded and approved by the members present.
3. **Treasurer's Report (Rich Rostomily):** Rich reported that our ending balance, at the end of December, 2008, was \$5018.27. The report was approved by the members present.
4. **Winemaking Calendar (Don Norman and Ted Lauchland):** In the cellar – Racking, topping off barrels. In the vineyard – Pruning, weed control, watch moisture content due to warm weather.
5. **Calendar Review (Kevin Baysinger):** Our next meeting will be at The Dancing Fox, soon to open in Lodi. This will be our planning meeting to finalize the 2009 calendar.
6. **Old Business:**
  - "Pooche's Seminar (Louis Daniels): This sensory experience was well attended by Amador and Lodi clubs. LAVA turned a small profit.
  - LAVA Banquet (Anu Rai): Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, Mar 7<sup>th</sup> & Mar 14<sup>th</sup> are potential dates for the banquet. Chairpersons are Anu Rai and Aaron Etcheverry.
7. **New Business:**
  - Club Glass: LAVA might collectively buy bottles which will be ordered, prepaid and picked up by members at a designated location when the glass arrives. Order form to be posted for next meeting.
  - LAVA Equipment: Ted Lauchland has managed the storing and usage of club equipment for some years. Any member interested in taking over or helping with this important task, please contact Ted. A suggestion was made that a surcharge could be added to equipment checkout to compensate the member who manages the equipment.
  - New LAVA Equipment: A chairperson is needed to investigate purchasing new club equipment.
8. **Announcements and Upcoming Events:**
  - LAVA Banquet – Date to be announced.
  - Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> – Lodi Wine and Chocolate Weekend.
  - Mar 17<sup>th</sup> – Deadline, Winemaker International Amateur Competition.
  - Apr 15<sup>th</sup> – Gulf Coast Amateur Competition.
  - May 23<sup>rd</sup> – San Joaquin County Fair Amateur Competition.
9. **Program:** (Kevin Baysinger): A request to the members for ideas and suggestions for club events and activities for 2009. Discussion followed concerning many options for this calendar year.
10. **Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be February 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Bring your ideas and suggestions for this year's programs.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.