



## Meeting Minutes of January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 (KIDDER Barn)

1. **Call to order/Introductions (Susan Tipton):** Members arrived at the KIDDER barn at around 6:45pm, and the meeting began around 7:00pm. In Susan Tipton's absence, Linda introduced guest (and new member as he joined this evening! - David Campagna. Also in attendance were new members Cathy & Patty Stonum. WELCOME!
2. **Approval of minutes (Aaron Kidder):** The minutes of our November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting (published on our WEB page) were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Treasurer's Report (Rich Rostomily):** In Rich Rostomily's absence, Aaron presented the report Rich had provided showing a recap of Expenses and Income by month for 2006 (attached). It was moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote:
4. **Winemaking Calendar:**  
We are in the midst of racking, barreling, and bottling. Be sure to top off your barrels, and check SO2 levels. Vineyard: (Tom Hoffman). Pruning should be in your short term plans!
5. **Calendar Update (Don Norman):** Don Norman gave a preview of upcoming events. Don Norman started his discussion by reciting the following quote:  
"I have enjoyed great health at a great age because every day since I can remember, I have consumed a bottle of wine except when I have not felt well. Then I have consumed two bottles." A Bishop of Seville  
If you have ideas for programs in 2007, let us know! Our next meeting will be February 15<sup>th</sup> and although a board meeting, members are welcome. Check the web for updates and upcoming events.
6. **Unfinished Business:**
  - *Winemaker Magazine for current subscribers (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron reviewed the fact that the membership voted to purchase a "club" subscription, whereby all paid members will receive the magazine (if desired). If a member already is receiving the magazine, they need to contact Aaron, so he can inform the editor, and have his/her subscription extended. Please contact Aaron asap.
  - *Annual Banquet fund usage vs. Potential Additional Equipment (Aaron Kidder):* The floor was opened for discussion, and several members voiced their interest in increasing the 2007 budget for equipment. Additional equipment ideas were documented, and it was decided that Aaron would email the membership and ask for ideas to be discussed during the February meeting.
  - *Annual Banquet Status (Aaron & Linda Kidder):* We're all set for March 3rd, so mark you calendars – and check you mail. Aaron & Linda plan to send out hardcopy flyers (and email them) by the end of the month. It will be at Leol Center, and this year, we'll have a DJ! (Bring your dancing shoes).
  - *Wine Aroma Kit purchase (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron presented the fact that LAVA can now purchase wholesale from the Wine Appreciation Guild. The cost for the "Red Wine" kit is \$120 and includes 24 scents, and the cost for the 54 scent "All wines kit runs \$260. There was discussion on which kit to consider, and a couple of members suggested we might perhaps hire "Pooch" Pucilowski to run another "Scents" seminar as a LAVA event (opened to the public) instead of purchasing a kit. This will be discussed in February.
7. **New Business:**
  - *Announcement of New Officers: (Don Norman):* Don announced the fact that the following members have been voted in as our new officers: Jim Schweickardt (President), Don Norman (Vice President), Rich Rostomily (Treasurer), Aaron Kidder (Secretary), New board members include Susan Tipton (as membership chairperson). A round of applause was in order!



- *Club Project (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron expressed his incredible enthusiasm in a potential club project whereby we would (for those interested) perform a joint pick, and crush – and then distributes the must to the participants. Each would make their own wine, and then in one year (at a club event) have a tasting to see how different each winemaker’s techniques might affect the outcome. There was general interest in the concept. A couple of members suggested we have a “new winemakers” group along with those experienced individuals. This would give the new members a unique opportunity to learn how to make wine in a group atmosphere. We will discuss further at our February meeting.
- *Chairperson for 2007 SJCFair competition (Don Norman):* Don pointed out the fact that we desperately need a chairperson (209. 333.1863) for this (and the ZinFest). Please contact Jim Schweickardt directly if you’re interested.
- *Signature card changed (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron updated the membership in describing the process in changing the signature card (at Farmer’s & Merchants) from Aaron Kidder and Dave Ingram over to our new President and Treasurer – Jim Schweickardt and Rich Rostomily.

#### 8. **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

- LAVA Shirts for sale – **NOW: \$12.00 each** – contact Linda Kidder.
- February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>: 11am to 4pm: Wine & Chocolate Weekend
- February 13<sup>th</sup> & March 13<sup>th</sup>: Food & Wine Pairing classes
- September 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>: Grape Festival & Harvest Fair

#### 9. **Program:** Business Meeting.

Members brought their own wine, and it appears our wines have DEFINITELY improved over the years.

10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be February 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, at KIDDER Barn. This will be our annual board meeting, and members are invited.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned around 8:00m, where we all spent the rest of the evening sampling and evaluating each other’s wines...fun evening.



	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Apr 06	May 06	Jun 06	Jul 06	Aug 06	Sep 06	Oct 06	Nov 06	Dec 06	TOTALS
<b>INCOME</b>	\$1,542.50	\$1,632.00	\$469.00	\$112.00	\$225.00	\$150.00	\$993.00	\$0.00	\$207.08	\$312.00	\$417.22	\$0.00	\$6,059.80
<b>EXPENSES</b>													
Lodi Winegrape Commission	\$40.00								\$40.00				\$80.00
LOEL Center World Access	\$350.00												\$350.00
Communication	\$29.85			\$29.85			\$29.85						\$89.55
A Touch of Mesquite		\$963.18											\$963.18
Richard Vargo		\$85.00											\$85.00
Linda Kidder			\$33.50				\$81.77			\$277.35	\$64.62		\$457.24
Agri Designs				\$45.00									\$45.00
Ripken Vineyards & Winery						\$109.29							\$109.29
WineMaker						\$22.00							\$22.00
Postmaster						\$111.00						\$39.00	\$150.00
Tom Hoffman						\$130.24		\$20.27					\$150.51
Jim Schweikardt							\$353.21						\$353.21
Don Norman								\$387.04					\$387.04
Napa Fermentation Supplies								\$8.91					\$8.91
Marwadell Norman									\$66.38				\$66.38
Nancy Kelly									\$19.93				\$19.93
Mike Atwood									\$91.45				\$91.45
Bank Charges												\$34.03	\$34.03
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$419.85</b>	<b>\$1,048.18</b>	<b>\$33.50</b>	<b>\$74.85</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$372.53</b>	<b>\$464.83</b>	<b>\$416.22</b>	<b>\$217.76</b>	<b>\$277.35</b>	<b>\$64.62</b>	<b>\$73.03</b>	<b>\$3,462.72</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,122.65</b>	<b>\$583.82</b>	<b>\$435.50</b>	<b>\$37.15</b>	<b>\$225.00</b>	<b>(\$222.53)</b>	<b>\$528.17</b>	<b>(\$416.22)</b>	<b>(\$10.68)</b>	<b>\$34.65</b>	<b>\$352.60</b>	<b>(\$73.03)</b>	<b>\$2,597.08</b>