



Meeting Minutes of October 10th, 2006 (KIDDER Barn)

1. **Call to order/Introductions:** Members arrived at the Kidder Barn around 7:00pm, and the meeting began shortly after. New members Mike & Theresa Dixon, Milt & Debbie Blete, Roger & Christina Gilmore and LeRoy & Denise Hensley were in attendance. Also in attendance were guests Kimi (soon to be Harwood) – Keith’s fiancé, and Heather Pyle (of Lucas Winery). WELCOME!
2. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of our September 20th, 2006 meeting (published on our WEB page) were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Treasurer’s Report:** Dave Ingram was absent, and no report was available. Aaron promised to have both the October and November reports available at our November meeting.
4. **Winemaking Calendar:**
Watch your ML. Racking should be underway. Begin preparing your barrels. Check SO2 levels in your wine. Vineyard: (Tom Hoffman). Fertilize your vineyard.
5. **Calendar Update:** Don Norman gave a preview of upcoming events.
Reminder – our November meeting will be our Nouveau tasting, so be sure and rack off a bottle to bring. Also bring a “finger-food” to share. The meeting will start at 6:30pm (not 7:00pm) at the Lodi Wine & Visitors Center. Always fun – so plan to attend!
6. **Unfinished Business:**
 - *Taste of Lodi Wrap-up (Rich Rostomily):* Rich reviewed this year’s event, and mentioned to potential need for additional wine next year, as our booth was another big hit! Thanks for chairing this event Rich!
 - *2007/8 Nominations for officers (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron opened the floor for additional nominations. Current nominations include Jim Schweickardt for President, Rich Rostomily for Treasurer, and Don for Vice President. We’re still looking for a Secretary!
 - *“Pooch” Wine Sensory Seminar (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron reminded the membership that this seminar will occur in Plymouth at the Fairgrounds, and our members have been extended a discounted (\$25 per person) by the Amador club. If you’re interested in attending, you need to contact Peggy Bellamy immediately at (209) 245-5585.
 - *Annual Banquet fund usage (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron presented the possibility of using excess funds (at each year-end) to help defer a portion of the per-person cost of the annual banquet. After discussion, the membership voted to keep \$500 available for future equipment, \$500 for unforeseen expenses. Any additional funds could then be used for deferring the Banquet costs.
7. **New Business:**
 - *No New Business was brought to the floor.*
8. **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**
 - LAVA Shirts for sale – **NOW: \$12.00 each** – contact Linda Kidder.
 - 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:** Although we had expected Darrell Corti to attend and evaluate our member wines, it appeared he had forgotten. As a group, we decided to improvise. Each member (that brought a wine for analysis) – gave a brief description of his/her wine, and then let the membership taste. The evening turned out to be a blast!



10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be November 16th, **6:30pm**, at the Lodi Wine & Visitors Center. This will be our annual Nouveau Tasting, so don't forget to bring a bottle of your 2006 vintage, and finger food to share. We'll also be voting in our new officers, so 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 evening sampling and evaluating each other's wine.