



## Meeting Minutes of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (KIDDER Ranch)

1. **Call to order/Introductions (Marwedell Norman):** Members arrived around 7:00pm, and the meeting began soon after. In Marwedell's absence, Linda Kidder introduced the following guests: Nickie (sp?) (friend of Maridell Stonum) & Nick & Tina Rodrigues (friends of Aaron Kidder). Also in attendance were Steve Hennecke and Tony Solari (members – but seldom in attendance!) WELCOME!
2. **Approval of minutes (Aaron Kidder):** The minutes of our September, 2008 meeting (published on our WEB page and available for review) were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Treasurer's Report (Rich Rostomily):** Rich reported that our ending balance as of the end of September, 2008 was \$2,630. As of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the balance was: \$5,021 (due to State Fair proceeds) Jim suggested we look at earmarking some of this money for additional equipment, maintenance, and also look at procuring insurance for all equipment. He also suggested we consider procuring a second set of "blocks" for our stainless press to accommodate those wishing to press out a white wine without the fear of ML contamination!
4. **Winemaking Calendar:** In the Winery – Racking, Barreling Pre ad Barreling should be in process. As always – check your SO2 levels. In the Vineyard – Finish nutrient additions (fertilizer); Water if needed.
5. **Calendar Review (Don Norman):** Don Norman voiced TWO quotes this evening. One from Bobby McGee, and one from Will Rogers (both were great). He also reminded the members that the November meeting will be our Nouveau Tasting, and there will be no meeting in December. Our January meeting will be to discuss idea on programs for 2009, and our February meeting is the board meeting to review and decide on programs for 2009.
6. **Old Business:**
  - "Pooch" seminar (Louis & Sonja Daniels) Sonja was able to collect 3 volunteers during the meeting, and AaronE is planning to help out by checking with his employer (Stockton Record). Steve Hennecke is also planning to contact Nancy Beckman. AaronK promised to email the Sacramento Wine club in the hopes that their participation might increase participation.
  - Taste of Lodi. September 28<sup>th</sup>. (Ozzie Neal) Ozzie reported that the event was another great hit! Many attendees were impressed with our amateur wines, and actually searched our booth out. Ozzie also suggested we continue participating in this event as it is good from promoting Lodi!
  - LAVA Pouring at Knowlton Gallery, September 5<sup>th</sup> (Kevin Baysinger) Don Norman spoke for Kevin (in his absence), and gave a brief review of the event, and how well it went. Thanks to Kevin, Don (for the label display), those who assisted. Don reported that Knowlton would LIKE US BACK!
  - 2008/9 LAVA Banquet Chairperson needed (Jim Schweickardt) Our banquet usually occurs the first quarter of the year (on a Saturday). We are in need of a chairperson. If you're interested, contact Jim.
7. **New Business:**
  - Club Glass. Members voiced concerns about the fact that Vaz Warehousing may not be a long term option for getting glass at a good price. Discussion including contacting other resources, and perhaps looking at purchasing 2 or 3 pallets and storing for future use.



8. **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

- October 17<sup>th</sup>, School Street Wine Stroll, 6-9pm; [www.lodichamber.com](http://www.lodichamber.com) for info
- October 25<sup>th</sup>; Pooch Tasting Seminar
- November 1<sup>st</sup>; Heritage Oak Winery; Last Bird Walk; (209) 986-2763 for more information
- November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>; The First Sip; 11-4pm both days; \$35-advance, \$45-door, LW&VC for tickets
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>; Macchia "Victorious" Release Party;
- December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>; d'Art "Bottle you Own"; [www.dartwines.com](http://www.dartwines.com) for info
- We still have Oak. Contact Linda if you're interested

9. **Program:**

"Hans-On Lab" hosted by Aaron Kidder, and Don Norman. Oh what fun!

10. **Next meeting:**

Our next meeting will be November 10<sup>th</sup>; 7:00pm; Venue: Lodi Wine & Visitor's Center (Upstairs)  
(Bring a Finger Food and your 2008 Nouveau to Share!)

**Adjournment:** Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned around 9:00m, where we all spent the rest of the evening sampling each other's wines.