



Meeting Minutes of November 16th, 2006

(Lodi Wine & Visitors Center)

1. **Call to order/Introductions:** Members arrived at the Lodi Wine & Visitors Center around 6:30pm, and the meeting began around 7:00pm. Guests: Liz & Gary Daniel (joined tonight!), and Keith Harwood's friends: Robert Young and Clint O'Conner were in attendance. WELCOME!
2. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of our October 10th, 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>(OCT + NOV)</u>	<u>\$Amount</u>
Beginning Balance		\$2,676.00
Income		
T-Shirt Sales		\$12.00
Dues		\$550.00
State Fair Reimbursements		\$167.00
Expenses: (None)		
State Fair Expenses		-\$65.00
Meeting Room rental		-\$40.00
Ending Balance		\$3,300.00

4. **Winemaking Calendar:**
Watch your ML. Racking should be underway. Begin preparing or purchasing your barrels. Check SO2 levels in your wine. Vineyard: (Tom Hoffman). Take a vacation!
5. **Calendar Update:** Don Norman gave a preview of upcoming events. There is no meeting in December, so plan to attend the first meeting of the year on January 18th, as we will have business to vote on. Also – members were asked to email ideas for potential 2007 programs.
6. **Unfinished Business:**
 - *“Pooch” Wine Sensory Seminar Wrap-Up (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron reviewed the event for the club, and mentioned that it was extremely informative. He also suggested we purchase an aroma kit, and perhaps dedicate a program to this topic.
 - *Annual Banquet fund usage (Aaron Kidder):* Several members suggested we might re-consider the use of excess funds in favor of additional equipment. Aaron asked the membership if we could table this discussion until the January meeting. The membership voted to table until then.
7. **New Business:**
 - *Dues due by January 15th, 2007 (Aaron Kidder):* As the membership voted to use a small portion (\$6/per membership) of the membership dues for a subscription to Wine Makers Magazine. Since the list of subscribers needs to be submitted by mid-January, Aaron is asking that members pay their 2007 dues by the 15th. Those who have paid by that date will receive the subscription.
 - *Potential additional equipment purchases (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron asked the membership if we could table this discussion until the January meeting. The membership voted to table until then.
 - *Chairperson for 2007 Banquet. (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron asked the membership if there were any members that had a “burning desire” to chair this event. As there were no takers, Aaron offered his services (with Linda's help).



- *Potential aroma kit purchase. (Aaron Kidder):* Per the “Pooch” seminar Aaron discussed earlier, he suggested we might want to purchase this kit as a resource for members to use, in addition to potentially using the kit for a program. The members showed interest in this idea, but voted to table this discussion until the January meeting.
- *New officer elections (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron began by thanking the outgoing officers for their service and support. They included Don Norman (Vice President), Dave Ingram (Treasurer), and Mike Atwood (Secretary). He also gave a special thank you to his wife Linda for her support, and work as the Membership chairperson. Under her watch, our membership DOUBLED! Aaron then read the 2007/8 nominees. They included: Jim Schweickardt (President), Don Norman (Vice President), Rich Rostomily (Treasurer), and Aaron Kidder (Secretary). The members voted to close the nominations, and then voted in our new officers by Acclamation. CONGRADULATIONS TO ALL!

8. **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

- LAVA Shirts for sale – **NOW: \$12.00 each** – contact Linda Kidder.
- 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.
- December 2nd & 3rd: Winter Wine Wander

9. **Program:** Annual Nouveau Tasting! What a blast!

Our membership wines have DEFINITELY improved over the years.

10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be January 18th, 7:00pm, at the Lodi Wine & Visitors Center. This will be a “business only” meeting (no program), so please try and attend, as we will be voting on several issues.

Adjournment: Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned around 7:30m, where we all spend the rest of the evening sampling and evaluating each other’s Nouveau wines, and wonderful finger-foods.