



## Meeting Minutes of February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 Annual Executive Board Meeting (Oak Ridge Winery)

1. **Call to order/Introductions (Marwedell for Susan):** Members arrived at around 7:00pm, and the meeting began soon after. Marwedell introduced new member; John Watson. WELCOME!
2. **Approval of minutes (Aaron Kidder):** The minutes of our January, 2008 meeting (published on our WEB page) were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Treasurer's Report (Aaron for Rich Rostomily):** Aaron reported that the ending balance as of February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 was \$5,082.95. Rich has prepared a preliminary 2008 budget that will be review during the March meeting.
4. **Winemaking Calendar: (Don Norman):** In the Winery – complete your fining and bottling those wines you plan to enter into competitions. In the vineyard - complete your pruning and. As always - be sure to top off your barrels, and check SO2 levels.
5. **Calendar Review (Don Norman):** Don Norman gave a preview of upcoming events, and started his discussion by reciting the following quote:  
*“Drinking good wine with good food in good company is one of life's most civilized pleasures.”*  
--- Michael Broadbent
6. **Old Business:**
  - San Joaquin County Fair Home Wine Competition; June 6, 2008 (Jim Schweickardt). Jim reported that he needs volunteers – so pony up!
  - Lodi International Wine Awards; March 11, 2008 (Aaron Kidder). The 1<sup>st</sup> annual Lodi International Wine Awards is all set. Aaron expects a great event, and reported that there will be 527 wine judged!
  - California State Fair Home Wine Competition. July 16, 2008. (Aaron Kidder) We'll be ramping up – so if you'd like to help out again this year, please let Aaron know.
  - California State Fair Home Wine Booth; Aug15 to Sep1, 2008. Aaron Etcheverry offered to represent our club in potentially manning this booth during the Fair this year.
  - Annual Banquet Wrap-up (Ozzie Neal). Another GREAT time was has by all. Thanks Ozzie and Maria.
7. **New Business:**
  - Future members, and Equipment usage (Aaron Kidder). Aaron voiced concerns that our “equipment usage is free to members” might need to be reviewed. Kevin Baysinger and Ted Lauchland offered to committee this issue, and report back to the membership on suggested changes to this usage.
  - Membership chair replacement for Susan (Aaron Kidder). Marwedell Norman offered to fill in for Susan Tipton as Membership chair for the remainder of the 2008 year. Marwedell also suggested that our club should have a “Correspondence Chair”, and then offered to take on that responsibility for 2008 as well. Thanks Marwedell!
  - Sonoma Winemaker Magazine Club Pour (Don Norman). Don described the fact that Winemaker Magazine was only willing to offer a forum for our club to pour wine WITHOUT the ability to participate in any of the other events. The membership voted to NOT participate.
  - Zinfest, Annual LAVA BBQ, Taste of Lodi: Chairpeople needed (Don Norman). Don asked the membership for help, and thankfully – Kevin (with Linda's) offered to run ZinFest, while Aaron Etcheverry & Anu Rai offered to run this year's BBQ. In addition, Ozzie offered to chair the Taste of Lodi event. THANK YOU ALL!



8. **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

- March 11<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Lodi International Wine Awards
- March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> – Lodi Spring Wine Show (Contact Tom Hoffman)
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> – Macchia Spring Release Party
- May 17<sup>th</sup>; ZinFest!
- June 6<sup>th</sup>; San Joaquin County Fair Home Winemaking Competition
- July 16<sup>th</sup>; California State Fair Home Winemaking Competition

9. **Program:** Board Meeting.

Don presented a complete review of the possible programs for 2008. Members in attendance brought wines to share. A great time was had by all!

10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be March 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, Venue and program to be determined.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned around 8:30m, where we all spent the rest of the evening sampling and evaluating each other's wines...fun evening.