



Meeting Minutes of March 20th, 2008 (Oak Ridge Winery)

1. **Call to order/Introductions (Marwedell Norman):** Members arrived at around 7:00pm, and the meeting began soon after. Marwedell introduced guests Lewis Daniels and Lou & Kathy Panetta WELCOME!
2. **Approval of minutes (Aaron Kidder):** The minutes of our February, 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 the end of February, 2008 was \$3,962.51.
4. **Winemaking Calendar: (Don Norman):** In the Winery – Complete your fining. Be sure and bottle those wines you plan to enter into competitions. Especially if you plan to submit a wine to the Craig Rous Analysis! In the vineyard – Buds are breaking! Look at week control, and consider watering if it gets hot. 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.
6. **Old Business:**
 - San Joaquin County Fair Home Wine Competition; June 6, 2008 (Jim Schweickardt). Aaron passed around a signup sheet. If you're interested contact Jim! (We need 12 people).
 - Lodi International Wine Awards; Wrap-up (Aaron Kidder). The 1st annual Lodi International Wine Awards was a wonderful success. Aaron thanked those from LAVA that assisted, and expressed his hope that the event will continue for many years to come!
 - California State Fair Home Wine Competition. July 16, 2008. (Aaron Kidder) Aaron passed around a signup sheet. If you're interested contact Aaron! (We need 70 people!)
 - California State Fair Home Wine Booth; Aug15 to Sep1, 2008. AaronE passed around a signup sheet. If your interested contact AaronE!
 - Future Members & Equipment Usage (Kevin Baysinger & Ted Lauchland). Tabled until April.
 - ZinFest. May 17th. (Kevin Baysinger) Aaron passed around a signup sheet. Kevin reviewed the meeting he (with Linda and Jim) had with Courtney (of the Lodi Wine & Visitors Center). They are offering to pay the club \$8/hour per volunteer, and give volunteers a ticket to the even (non tasting) and a parking ticket for a maximum of 20 volunteers. If you interested contact Kevin!
 - Taste of Lodi. September 28th. (Ozzie Neal) Tabled until April.
 - Annual LAVA BBQ. July 26th. (Aaron Etcheverry & Anu Rai) The Pool is being built AS WE SPEAK. Be sure to mark your calendars!



7. **New Business:**

- Home Winemakers Demonstration at Heritage Oak. May 18th (Tom Hoffman). Tom asked if the club would be interested in manning a booth at his winery the Sunday after ZinFest. Aaron offered to run the booth, and will ask for assistance from the membership.
- “Pooch” Seminar. (Aaron Kidder). Aaron asked the membership if there was enough interest in having Pooch run a “Scents” Seminar in Lodi. IN a hand vote, it appeared there was enough interest to pursue. Aaron will plan to email the rest of the members to ask for input and assistance. It was also suggested we include the Amador.
- Art Stoll (Kevin Baysinger). Kevin mentioned the fact that the “Art Hop” occurs every Friday evening of the Month. Check it out!
- Craig Rous Analysis (Aaron Kidder). Aaron offered to collect the 12 (maximum) wines from the members for this year’s annual analysis. All entries need to be in Aaron’s hands no later than April 3rd to give Craig 2 weeks for his analysis.
- Other Potential Venues (Jim Schweickardt) Jim mentioned that we are still working on finding a permanent home (as the Lodi Wine & Visitors Center is almost never available), Some of our new venues include Heritage Oaks. We will keep all posted!
- Insurance coverage for AWA at CalState Booth (Aaron Kidder) Aaron explained the fact that the State Fair has “required” that an insurance policy be in place in order to man a booth. It appears that our policy can be used to cover all the clubs that might participate, and the membership voted to allow that usage.

8. **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

- March 28th & 29th – Lodi Spring Wine Show (Contact Tom Hoffman)
- May 3rd & 4th – Macchia Spring Release Party
- May 16th; Alameda County Fair (Contact Susie Calhoun)
- May 17th; ZinFest!
- June 6th ; San Joaquin County Fair Home Winemaking Competition
- July 16th; California State Fair Home Winemaking Competition
- July 26th; Annual LAVA BBQ
- September 28th; Taste of Lodi

9. **Program:**

A Winemakers perspective on “What the Numbers Mean”; Hosted by Tim Holdener (Macchia Winery)
Another GREAT discussion and EVENING! Thanks Tim!

10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be April 17th, 7:00pm, Annual Craig Rous Analysis.
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.