



LODI AMATEUR VINTNERS ASSOCIATION

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2009 LAVA Officers and Committee Chairs

President	Donald Norman	368-6735
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Library Manager	Dave Ingram	931-4260
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S.J. Wine Competition	Jim Schweickart	333-1863
Banquet	Anu Rai	369-7400
LAVA Shirts	Anu Rai	369-7400
California State Fair Wine Competition	Aaron Kidder	727-0761

Chairpersons needed for the following

Summer Barbeque
2009 Equipment to purchase
Captains to assist with State Fair Competition – contact Aaron & Linda Kidder



LAVA Meeting Minutes of April 16th , 2009

Heritage Oak Winery

1. Call to order/Introductions (Don & Marwedell Norman): The Meeting was called to order by President Don Norman. Marwedell introduced a new member, Geraldo Espinosa: – Welcome to LAVA.

2. Approval of Minutes (Kevin Baysinger): The minutes of our March, 2009 meeting (published on our WEB page and available for review) was moved for approval, seconded and approved by the members present. Ozzie Neal suggested that members read the minutes when distributed to provide feedback to insure accuracy in the recordings.

3. Treasurer’s Report (Rich Rostomily): Rich reported that our ending balance, at the end of March, 2009 was \$6,349. The report was approved by the members present.

4. Winemaking Calendar (Don Norman & Ted Lauchland): In the cellar – Check SO₂.
In the vineyard – “Shoot” vines to reduce crop load before bloom, this also helps to open vines for mildew control. Time to control weeds.

5. Calendar Review (Kevin Baysinger): LAVA 2009 Calendar will be available for distribution soon.

6. Old Business:

a. LAVA Banquet (Don Norman) The Banquet netted a \$20 profit for LAVA. And we had a goood time!
b. LAVA Shirts (Anu Rai): Polo and T shirts, grey and green colors, will be available. A potential vender requested a new LAVA logo. Frank Haversack will investigate the rights to our original logo, if we have a receipt of purchase available. Rich Rostomily will check for receipt. When shirt design is established, a signup list will be distributed via email.

c. Lodi International Wine Awards (Aaron Kidder): Macchia and Heritage Oak wineries, as well as other Lodi area wineries, won awards.

Award results are posted on the web. Lodiwineawards.com

d. Club Equipment (Fred Fickert/Ted Lauchland/Jerry Manzel): Cost of commercial insurance for a Club owned trailer could be \$5000/yr. As an alternative to a trailer, Fred will look into the cost of a storage unit. Possible alternative is for one member to “own” a trailer that would only be moved empty to relieve the Club from any liability. Anu Rai has knowledge of a trailer that is a potential buy for the club. A suggestion was made that Club officers should meet to discuss the equipment issue in depth. Discussion will also continue at next meeting. A chairperson is needed to investigate purchasing new club equipment.

*Correction from the Feb. 2009 meeting: Fred Fickert volunteered to look into buying a trailer, and Don Norman and Charlie Star tentatively volunteered to manage Club equipment if a trailer was purchased.

e. SJ County Fair Competition (Jim Schweickardt) June 5th @ Woodbridge Winery.
Application form online @ sanjoaquinfair.com or go directly to the entry form:
http://www.sanjoaquinfair.com/pdf_files/entry_forms/wine_entry_form.pdf
\$6 /bottle fee (club will comp 1st bottle fee for members who have not participated before). Entries can be delivered to Schweickardt residence: 2335 Woodlake Cr. Lodi ph 333-1863 jimjoan1960@att.net
Deadline for entries is May 23rd. Jim still needs volunteers to help!

f. Zinfest (Kevin Baysinger) May 16th. Sign up to help by May 1st for 2 1/2 hr shifts.
Wine-by-the-Glass Booth is a LAVA fundraiser.

g. State Fair Competition –(Aaron Kidder) Aaron has 45 volunteers but still needs 80 total to help with this event. Judging will be at Wine and Roses in Lodi on July 15th. Volunteers are needed for that day and the 14th. Linda Kidder will coordinate volunteers. Responsibilities will be divided among separate committees. Please help if you can.

7. New Business:

a. Dave Ingram informed members that the LAVA Library is listed on our web page: Go to LAVA homepage and click on MEMBER LIBRARY to see a list and description of books and other resources available. Email Dave for more info.



8.Adjournment: Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

9. Announcements and Upcoming Events:

- a. May 23rd – Deadline San Joaquin County Fair Amateur Competition.
- b. Zinfest – Kevin Baysinger to chair – May 16th event – fundraiser for LAVA
- c. California State Fair – Aaron Kidder to chair – July 14th & 15th

10.Program: (Kevin Baysinger): Kevin introduced Craig Rous, winemaker at Bear Creek Winery. Craig, with input from Mike Forbeau, export winemaker at Bear Creek, gave an exceptional analysis of 10 members' wines. The winemakers' taste tests and the chemical results were reported and discussed at length. Thanks to Craig and Mike for contributing to LAVA by educating amateur winemakers.

11.Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be May 21st.