



Meeting Minutes of April 17th, 2008 (Heritage Oak Winery)

1. **Call to order/Introductions (Marwedell Norman):** Members arrived around 7:00pm, and the meeting began soon after. Marwedell introduced NEW MEMBERS: Jim & Marge Cordero and Louis & Sonja Daniels. Also in attendance was guest Phil Lauchland. WELCOME!
2. **Approval of minutes (Aaron Kidder):** The minutes of our March, 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 March, 2008 was \$3,902.51.
4. **Winemaking Calendar: (Don Norman):** In the Winery – If you haven't already done so, BOTTLE for the upcoming wine competitions. In the vineyard – Check your moisture. Sulfuring might be required. Keep an eye on the heat, and water if needed. 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 presented another great quote. Thanks Don!
6. **Old Business:**
 - San Joaquin County Fair Home Wine Competition; June 6, 2008 (Jim Schweickardt). Jim believes we have the people needed, but we can always use more. Contact Jim if you're interested.
 - California State Fair Home Wine Competition. July 16, 2008. (Aaron Kidder) Aaron reminded the membership that 70 (or more) will be needed for this event. It will consist of both LAVA, Amador, and Sacramento "friend" volunteers. Please call Aaron if you're interested in helping out.
 - "Pooch" seminar (Aaron Kidder) New members - Louis & Sonja Daniels have graciously offered to chair this event. Mark your calendars for October, and thanks Louis & Sonja!!!
 - California State Fair Home Wine Booth; Aug15 to Sep1, 2008. (Aaron Etcheverry) AaronE reported that there were 6 members signed up for the booth. This is the first year we're trying to man a Home Winemakers booth at the fair, so if you're interested – please contact AaronE!
 - Future Members & Equipment Usage (Kevin Baysinger & Ted Lauchland). Kevin & Ted presented a brief review of ideas on how best to handle this issue. After a brief discussion, the membership agreed to have the board of director's review, and report on their recommendations. (Thanks Kevin & Ted).
 - ZinFest. May 17th. (Kevin Baysinger) Kevin reviewed the current list of volunteers, and mentioned that there were 4 slots still available. Please call Kevin if you're interested in helping out.
 - Taste of Lodi. September 28th. (Ozzie Neal) Tabled until the May meeting.
 - Annual LAVA BBQ. July 26th. (Aaron Etcheverry & Anu Rai) The Pool should be ready by the end of March! (way to go AaronE & Anu).
 - Other potential venues (Don Norman). Don & Jim committed to contacting the Education committee at the Wine & Visitors Center regarding the use of the Barrel Room (again).
7. **New Business:**
 - Event Photographer. (Aaron Kidder) Aaron pointed out that it would be nice to have a record (via photography) of some of the events our club has been involved with. This would help when publishing what we're about. Anu Rai has graciously agreed to help out by taking pictures during some of our upcoming events. Thanks Anu.
 - The membership learned that Mamie Starr recently lost her sister. The membership agreed to contribute \$25 for a rose bush in her honor.



8. **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

- May 3rd & 4th – Macchia Spring Release Party
- May 16th; Alameda County Fair (Contact Susie Calhoun)
- May 17th; ZinFest!
- May 18th; After Event at Heritage Winery (Home Winemakers Demo)
- May 18th; After Event at d’ Art Winery (BBQ Cook-off)
- 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:**

Annual Craig Rous Analysis (Bear Creek Winery). Another fantastic evening. Thanks Craig.

10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be May 15th; 7:00pm, “The Making of White Wine”; Heather Pyle;
Venue: Heritage Oak Winery.

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.