



Meeting Minutes of May 15th, 2008 (Heritage Oak Winery)

1. **Call to order/Introductions (Marwedell Norman):** Members arrived around 7:00pm, and the meeting began soon after. Marwedell introduced the evening's presenter and her husband: Heather Pyle and David Lucas. WELCOME!
2. **Approval of minutes (Aaron Kidder):** The minutes of our April, 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):** Rich reported that the ending balance as of the end of April, 2008 was \$3,917.51.
4. **Winemaking Calendar: (Don Norman):** In the Winery – If you haven't already done so, start scouting for grapes. In the vineyard - We did have a frost, and although some in Lodi weren't so lucky, most avoided damage. 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 mentioned that we should be good to go!
 - 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. We are still in need of volunteers, so contact Aaron if you want to help out!
 - Home Winemakers Demonstration at Heritage Oak. May 18th (Aaron Kidder). Aaron will bring a new LAVA demonstration board, and with help from Don Norman and Kevin Baysinger, are ready to go.
 - "Pooch" seminar (Louis & Sonja Daniels) Mark your calendars for mid-October.
 - California State Fair Home Wine Booth; Aug15 to Sep1, 2008. (Aaron Etcheverry) AaronE reported that there were currently 30 total volunteers, and they still need more. Please contact AaronE if you are interested.
 - Future Members & Equipment Usage (Jim Schweickardt). Jim agreed to have the final Equipment Usage document completed and ready for vote by the next meeting.
 - ZinFest. May 17th. (Kevin Baysinger) Kevin passed out the T-Shirts, and parking passes to the volunteers, and reminded us that we need to check in at the Volunteer's booth when we arrive.
 - Taste of Lodi. September 28th. (Ozzie Neal) Ozzie asked the membership to contact him if you are interested in volunteering. Although the Taste of Lodi will only supply 2 free tickets for the volunteers, the club has committed to pay for the additional 4 tickets needed to give Ozzie the 6 volunteers he needs. He is also looking for wine donations, so give him a call.
 - Annual LAVA BBQ. July 26th. (Aaron Etcheverry & Anu Rai) The Pool is done! The date has now changed to AUGUST 2nd – so MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
 - Other potential venues (Don Norman). Jim reviewed the possibility of using a new venue located at the CIF warehouse on Turner. The membership had agreed to hold the majority of our meetings at Heritage Oak Winery (thanks Tom). During the winter months we may utilize the CIS facility, or perhaps other winery locations.



7. **New Business:**

- Club Equipment Training (Jim Schweickardt) Jim reviewed the importance of attending this meeting, as the membership has voted to make it a REQUIREMENT in order to use the club's equipment. Please mark your calendars, and plan to attend on Saturday, June 14th from 9:00am to 11:00am.
- Adoption of "Sunshine" policy (Jim Schweickardt). The membership agreed to adopt the new "Sunshine" policy that limits contributions to \$25 for only members and their immediate families. Cards may be deemed appropriate for other situations.

8. **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

- 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 15th & 16th; California State Fair Home Winemaking Competition
- July 26th; Annual LAVA BBQ
- September 28th; Taste of Lodi

9. **Program:**

"The Making of White Wine", hosted by Heather Pyle. Another fantastic evening. Thanks Heather.

10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be June 19th; 7:00pm.

Topic: To be determined. Venue: Heritage Oak Winery.

Adjournment: Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned around 9:00m, where we all spent the rest of the evening sampling and evaluating each other's wines...another fun evening.