



## Meeting Minutes of July 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 following new members: David & Shannon Gould, Fred Fickert, Mike & Gaylyn Wallace and guests: Joyce McPherson (Stonum Family) and Judy (mother of Shannon Gould); WELCOME!
2. **Approval of minutes (Aaron Kidder):** The minutes of our June, 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):** In Rich's absence, Aaron reported that the ending balance as of the end of June, 2008 was \$4,454.83. The report was approved by unanimous vote.
4. **Winemaking Calendar: (Don Norman):** In the Winery – Continue scouting for grapes. In the vineyard – consider spraying for mites and/or leaf hoppers. (Yellow vines will tell the tale). 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 his monthly quote. He reminded the members that those participating in the food/wine pairing in August need to bring 3 bottles of wine to pair with their dish. The following members offered to bring a pairing: Louis & Sonja Daniels, Doug Munnecke, Ram & Radhika Rao, Don & Marwedell Norman, and Mamie & Charlie Starr. Thanks all!
6. **Old Business:**
  - California State Fair Home Wine Competition. Wrap-Up. (Aaron Kidder) Aaron gave a brief summary of this year's competition, including the fact that we had 800 entries this year (up from 560 the year before). Overall it was another great event, and Aaron thanked the membership for their participation and help.
  - "Pooch" seminar (Louis & Sonja Daniels) Sonja reminded the membership that the seminar is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>, and only the first 60 to sign up will get a seat!
  - California State Fair Home Wine Booth; Aug 15 to Sep 1, 2008. (Aaron Etcheverry) In Aaron E's absence, Aaron K reminded the club that the new "Megan's Law" will require we give the State Fair additional information, including Social Security number etc. Please follow up with Aaron E. at: (209) 296-2771.
  - Taste of Lodi. September 28<sup>th</sup>. (Ozzie Neal) Ozzie reminded the membership that the club will purchase 4 additional discounted tickets so we can man the booth with 6 volunteers. He's also looking for wine donations, so give him a call! (209) 727-3080
  - Annual LAVA BBQ. August 2<sup>nd</sup>. (Aaron Etcheverry & Anu Rai) Note! The date has been changed to August 2<sup>nd</sup> – mark your calendars. Check your email for signup info!
7. **New Business:**
  - LAVA pouring at Knowlton Gallery, 1st Friday in Sept (Kevin Baysinger) Kevin gave a brief description of the "Hop" and mentioned that it will be from 6-8:30pm. He is asking for California State Home Winemaker winning entries (2 bottles each) from the membership.
8. **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**
  - August 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual LAVA BBQ
  - September 5<sup>th</sup>; Art Hop at Knowlton Gallery
  - September 28<sup>th</sup>; Taste of Lodi
  - October 25<sup>th</sup>; "Pooch" Seminar at Oakridge Winery



9. **Program:**

Annual "Hoffman Blind Tasting", hosted by Tom Hoffman. This year, Tom featured Zinfandel wines under \$10 and over \$30. Check out Tom's blog (<http://heritageoakwinery.com>) for more info. What a great evening and great program. Thanks again Tom!

10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be August 21<sup>st</sup>; 7:00pm  
Topic: Annual Food & Wine Pairing at the KIDDER Ranch!

**Adjournment:** Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned around 9:00m, where we all spent the rest of the evening sampling the wines Tom brought for his program...another fun evening.