



Meeting Minutes of August 21st, 2008 (KIDDER Ranch)

1. **Call to order/Introductions (Marwedell Norman):** Members arrived around 7:00pm, and the meeting began soon after. Marwedell introduced the following new member: Francis Novero, and guest: Francisca Stonum. WELCOME!
2. **Approval of minutes (Aaron Kidder):** The minutes of our July, 2008 meeting (published on our WEB page) were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Treasurer's Report (Rich Rostomily):** Rich reported that our ending balance as of the end of July, 2008 was \$4,106. Jim suggested we look at earmarking some of this money for additional equipment. The report was approved by unanimous vote.
4. **Winemaking Calendar: (Don Norman):** In the Winery – Your grapes should be lined up. Get your equipment ready! In the Vineyard – Whites and White Zins are already being harvested. Looks like an early year. 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.
6. **Old Business:**
 - California State Fair Home Wine Booth. Wrap-Up. (Aaron Etcheverry) AaronE gave a brief summary of the first Wine Booth at the State Fair. It went very well, and was well received. There were still a few open dates (August 30th and 31st) if anyone would still like to volunteer!
 - “Pooch” seminar (Louis & Sonja Daniels) In Sonja’s absence, Aaron reminded the membership that we have 60 spots available and the seminar is scheduled for October 25th. Contact Sonya directly if you’d like to attend!
 - Taste of Lodi. September 28th. (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. Wrap-Up! (Aaron Etcheverry & Anu Rai) If you didn’t have a chance to join us at Aaron and Anu’s – you missed a great party. Thanks to them both!
 - LAVA Pouring at Knowlton Gallery, September 5th (Kevin Baysinger) Kevin has his volunteers ready, and is collecting donations of wine that did well at the Fair. He reminded the membership that the event runs from 6:00pm to 8:30pm, and that Don Norman will be displaying “Wine Label” art as well. If you have time – come down and join us!
7. **New Business:**
 - Oak Additives (Linda Kidder) Linda reminded the membership that we have the following in stock and available for sale at \$6.50 per pound:
 - 4-1lb bags French Oak (no toast) chips/dust
 - 5-2lb bags French Oak (no toast) chips/dust
 - 6-1lb bags America Oak (medium toast) large cube
 - 4-2lb bags America Oak (medium toast) large cube
 - 3-2lb bags French Oak (medium toast) small cube



- New Officers for 2009/2010 (Jim Schweickardt) The current board will end it's two year term at the end of 2008, so we are taking nominations for all officers. Don Norman was nominated for President by Aaron Kidder, and Kevin Baysinger was nominated for Vice President by Don Norman. We're still looking for Treasurer and Secretary Nominations. Contact any of the current officers if you're interested. Voting and new officer announcements will take place during our Nouveau tasting in November.
- A new book was added to our Library: "I'll Drink to That" by Rudolph Chelminski . To view all our library books and periodicals, visit our web page: www.lodiamateurvintners.org and contact Dave Ingram if you'd like to check something out.

8. **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

- September 5th; Art Hop at Knowlton Gallery (6:00pm to 8:30pm)
- September 28th; Taste of Lodi
- October 25th; "Pooch" Seminar at Oakridge Winery

9. **Program:**

Annual "Wine & Food Pairing", hosted by our membership. Thanks to all who participated!

10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be September 18th; 7:00pm; Venue: Heritage Oak Winery
Topic: "Winemaking Sanitation" hosted by Sandi Walker-Tansley of Lodi Wine Lab.

Adjournment: Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned around 9:00m, where we all spent the rest of the evening sampling great food and wine.