



Meeting Minutes of September 18th, 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 members: Jeff Christian, and Bobby Magee (and his friend Rick), and Francis Novero, and guest: Francisca Stonum. WELCOME!
2. **Approval of minutes (Aaron Kidder):** The minutes of our August, 2008 meeting (published on our WEB page and available for review) 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 August, 2008 was \$4,103.11 We are still waiting on the State Fair for our club competition fee (we believe around \$800+). Jim suggested we look at earmarking some of this money for additional equipment and also look at procuring insurance on our current equipment
4. **Winemaking Calendar:** In the Winery – Primary and/or Secondary fermentations should be underway or completed. In the Vineyard – Continue watering and look at adding nutrients if you already picked. If you're still waiting to harvest, consider adding water to keep this hydrated. For those looking to bottle, Vaz Warehousing appears to be our of glass for several weeks. Other sources should be considered.
5. **Calendar Review (Don Norman):** Don Norman gave a preview of upcoming events, and presented two quotes this time. Fun stuff!
6. **Old Business:**
 - "Pooch" seminar (Louis & Sonja Daniels) In Sonja's absence, Aaron mentioned that we're currently at around 20 participants, and can still take an additional 60. If you (or someone you know) is interested, be sure and have them contact Sonja asap.
 - Taste of Lodi. September 28th. (Ozzie Neal) Ozzie reminded the membership that the event will run from 1:00pm to 5:00pm and members can obtain discount tickets at the Visitors Center for \$30. Ozzie is planning to contact those who offered to donate wine during the upcoming week. Come visit our booth, and enjoy!
 - LAVA Pouring at Knowlton Gallery, September 5th (Kevin Baysinger) Don Norman spoke for Kevin (in his absence), and gave a brief review of the event, and how well it went. Thanks to Kevin, Don (for the label display), those who assisted. Don reported that Knowlton would LIKE US BACK!
 - Oak Additives (Linda Kidder) Linda reported that we still have inventory (although only American Oak – no French Oak is left). If you're interested give Linda a call!
 - New Officers (Jim Schweickardt) So far, the following members have been nominated: Don Norman for President, Kevin Baysinger for Vice President, Rich Rostomily for Treasurer. Ozzie Neil has offered to potentially serve as either Treasurer or Secretary, and Dennis Sattler has offered to perhaps assist the Secretary. If others are interested please let one of the officers know.
 - 2008/9 LAVA Banquet Chairperson needed (Jim Schweickardt) Our banquet usually occurs the first quarter of the year (on a Saturday). We are in need of a chairperson. If you're interested, contact Jim.
7. **New Business:**
 - California Natural Products (Don Norman, Fred Fickert) Don and Fred noted that a company in Lathrop (California Natural Products) has 55 gallon drums on sale for \$8 per. If you're interested, give them a call at: (209) 858-2525
 - Don Norman brought several oak staves for those who might be interested. They were used (briefly) and donated by Tim Holdener (of Macchia). Thanks guys.
 - Ted Lauchland mentioned that Western Square (in Stockton) is selling barrel racks (slightly imperfect) for \$50. Give them call call!



8. **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

- September 28th; Taste of Lodi
- October 25th; "Pooch" Seminar at Oakridge Winery

9. **Program:**

"Winemaking Sanitation" hosted by Sandi Walker-Tansley of Lodi Wine Lab. Another information filled evening. Thanks Sandi, and good luck in your new life!

10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be October 16th; 7:00pm; Venue: KIDDER Ranch
Topic: "Hands-On Lab" hosted by Aaron Kidder, and Don Norman.

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