



LODI AMATEUR VINTNERS ASSOCIATION

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LAVA Meeting Minutes of February 18th , 2010

The Dancing Fox

Approval of Minutes (Don Norman): Don opened the meeting and asked members to keep the noise down so those in the back can hear the proceedings better. The minutes from our January, 2010 meeting (published on LAVA's Web page and available for review) was moved for approval, seconded and approved by members present.

Treasurer's Report (Don Norman): It was reported that our balance through January, 2010 was \$4298.91.

Winemaking Calendar (Don Norman and Ted Lauchland)

- **In the Cellar:** Bottle wine for Craig Rous Wine Analysis, DUE April 1st.
- **In the Vineyard:** Prune vines for potential growth pattern and crop load. Pruning weight ratios: contact Paul Verdegaal, UC Extension Advisor.

Introductions: (Marwedell Norman & Ozzie Neal): Membership list with the LAVA cover sheet has been distributed via email. Marwedell introduced guests and 2 new members. Ozzie pointed out that software conversion may make a problem for Excel users to get a clean copy of the list. If any member needs a printed copy, email Ozzie and a hard copy will be available at the March meeting. Ozzie reminded members again about showing courtesy to our guest presenters to allow everyone to hear well for full benefit of the meetings.

Old Business:

- Lodi Consumer Wine Awards (Aaron Kidder) Mar. 14&15 - Rotary needs help, contact Aaron Kidder.
- Club Banquet (Anu Rai) Date is set for March 20th, Please submit you payment by Mar. 5th.
- Zinfest (Paul DeSa) May 15, 16 - Paul will notify membership when more info is available.
- SJ County Fair Amateur Wine Competition (Don Norman) June 4th - volunteers are needed.
- California State Fair Amateur Wine Competition (Aaron Kidder) June 16th - volunteers are needed to sort and label entries before the event, volunteers will be needed for the judging at Wine and Roses.
- Bocci League (Kevin Baysinger) Competition invitations have been extended with only one response at this time. Members are encouraged to mention the league at any wineries they visit. Bocci courts are available.
- Club Chat Room (Dan Coyne) - Dan created a Yahoo group - LAVAWINE - 40% of members are presently Yahoo subscribers. If you don't have a Yahoo account and want to join, sign up for a Yahoo account - it's quick and free. Members can email the group for comments or answers to questions.

New Business:

- New LAVA web site address (Aaron Kidder) The new LAVA address is: <http://www.lavawine.org/>
The old address will be valid for 1 year.
- ReCoop Barrels (Jerry Manzel) Jerry introduced Steve, a ReCoop representative, who gave a brief presentation about the ReCoop company and the aging of wine in oak cooperage. Go to <http://www.recoop.net/> for more info.
- Unified Wine Symposium (Don Norman) - Don reported that Criveller Co. made an offer to sell SS 79 gal. variable-volume fermenters at \$430 each, minimum order of 5.

Announcements, Upcoming Events:

- Bird Walk at Heritage Oak - Feb. 21st
- Grand Amis Wine Makers Dinner - Feb. 27th
- Jazz at Heritage Oak - Feb. 27th
- Culinary Arts meets Wine Makers - Mar. 13th
- Bird Walk at Heritage Oak - Mar. 20th
- Lodi 30th Annual Spring Wine Show - Mar. 26 & 27
- The Dancing Fox Winemakers Dinner - Apr. 17th
- LAVA Barbecue - Aug. 21st

Program: (Kevin Baysinger) Kevin introduced Gregg Lewis, owner and winemaker at The Dancing Fox. Gregg gave his insights, ideas and technical information concerning sourcing grapes and working with growers.

Next Meeting: March 18th, 2010. Location and Program to be announced.