

**MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY REUNION  
SATURDAY, 14 AUGUST 2004  
HOOPER, UTAH  
BUSINESS MEETING**

Around 2:30 p.m. a meeting was held for family officers and family representatives to elect new officers and to plan for the next reunion. Seven representatives out of 15 were present: Glenda Guinn and Dorothy Harper (Martha Jane); Edith Ward (Amasa); Beverly Garlock (William James); Iola Murray and Audrey Hobson (Francis Marion); Lois Goodmansen and Mark Goodmansen (Lola); Richard Belnap (Vinson); James R. Smith (Oliver); Brent J. Belnap (Hyrum).

VP Brent said he'd like to gauge the sense of continuing to have a reunion. There has been a lack of interest in the past four years. No meetings have been held for officers and family representatives, which is in direct violation of the by-laws. There has been no voting for family officers for 2004-2006. No names proposed for president. Yes, continue on holding reunions. How often? Every two, three, four, five, even ten? Some have said "never again." The unanimous response was to meet every two years. If it was further apart, it would lose momentum. If we have 10,000 family members and only 100 come to reunions, it is still worthwhile, even if only 50 come. Dorothy and Glenda feel it is worthwhile not only for those who come, but for the influence it has on those younger ones yet to come. There will be a reunion in two years!

The second item of business was to reconstruct the family representative list. Joy will get a list off. Others were asked to contact missing family representatives. Appoint someone in charge. Convene in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2004. Representatives are responsible to bring people to reunions. Mark opened discussion for president. Richard proposed having an interim president until one is appointed. Brent opposed this idea. Richard said he would do it. Brent asked if he would hold quarterly meetings. Richard said he would.

Richard then took over and opened a discussion on where the next reunion should be held. Some have said that Hooper is a boring place and very hot. Huntsville was proposed. The Church doesn't want us to use LDS Chapels anymore. Brent said we used to be cutting edge and we aren't anymore. Officers need to meet in person, not have conference calls. Mark commented that he is a researcher not a leader. We need to have specialists, need vision to set the pace. Every family representative to find a successor so leadership is two-deep. Our goal is to really think through how to carry on the family organization beyond the third, fourth, and fifth generations. Have interest for the young people. Early announcements for reunions so they can plan ahead and ask for vacations in advance. Bev Garlock said to give everyone an assignment. Reps update lists for mailing. Suggested E-mails. Have two-deep leadership. Brent said he would be a rep for Hyrum. Suggested reps were: Val Belnap for Augustus Weber and Jim Marriott for Gilbert Rosel.

Richard said the next meeting for officers and reps will be on Friday, October 1, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. at the Family History Center in Salt Lake City. Joy will send copy of minutes to all reps and invite them to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned around 4:00 p.m.