

**MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY MEETING
FOR OFFICERS AND FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES
HELD OCTOBER 1, 2004, BOUNTIFUL, UTAH**

Those in attendance were: President Richard D. Belnap (Vinson); Richard D. Belnap, Jr. (Vinson); Marilyn T. Lee (Adaline); Iola B. Murray (Francis Marion); Audrey B. Hobson & husband (Francis Marion); Dorothy G. Harper (Martha Jane); Glenda H. Guinn & husband (Martha Jane); Lois C. Goodmansen & husband (Lola); Pat B. Johnson (Joseph); Edith, Bruce & Ilene Ward (Amasa); Joy M. Belnap (Hyrum); Steven A Belnap (Hyrum); Brent J. Belnap (Hyrum); and Don Hammon (Martha Jane).

President Richard was pleased to see so many in attendance, which represented his first item of business: Do we continue? It is evident by the interest shown that we should continue having an official Belnap Family Organization. He passed out a handout on the Mission Statement of the Belnap Family Organization. In reference to research being done he related to Sir Robert Belknap who Mark Goodmansen has been researching in England. Richard has found that we are related to this man, but not through the Belnap line—through the McBride line. This family is of a Scotch-Irish descent. He mentioned the town of Beltoft in Lincolnshire, England, owned by our relatives.

Historian Steven mentioned that he needs more information from the representatives for the vital statistics in the Crier. Please notify him of changes in the various families. He gleans the local ones from the newspaper, but those out-of-town are missed unless the representatives send the info to him.

A web site does exist! We need histories, pictures, GED Coms, etc. Send interesting stories, family happenings, etc., to Don Hammon for inclusion in the next Criers.

Richard presented the idea of having baseball cards for the next generation of Gilbert like we had of Gilbert and his two wives. That would mean a card for each of the 15 children and their spouses, listing all their children. He said there was a publisher he knew locally who could do it. Someone even suggested having bubble gum with each card to interest the children in buying one. The cost to be determined. The idea was left to be discussed at a later date.

The next reunion for 2006 was discussed. Pat Johnson reminded us that it was Idaho's turn to host it, according to the by-laws. It was agreed to continue holding it on the second Saturday of the month of August of the even years. The Rexburg area was suggested. More on this in later meetings. We do need to concentrate on having teams assigned ahead of time for set-up, clean-up, games and programs. We definitely need more help at the sales tables and reservation tables to speed things along. We need to make our reunions memorable. Themes were discussed. Involve the children more with skits and talent shows. We then discussed how to pay for it. The money we get from the Criers is our best money maker, besides selling other items. Printing and postage costs rise periodically and need to be taken into consideration.

The Belnap Family Constitution and By-Laws were discussed. What does it say and does it need changing? YES we acknowledge we have problems to be worked out. Right now the

family representatives are appointed by the president. They should actually be appointed by each of their own families. Each family should have at least two representatives, especially the larger ones. Richard mentioned his family of Vinson totals only 125 people. The family representatives represent the Board of Directors. Do we need a chairperson for the Board of Directors? All felt this was redundant and not needed. Maybe a special Ad Hoc calling at a special time. The Belnap Family should be organized as the Church has done rather than as a Corporation. Brent discussed this for our understanding. Yes, the present Belnap Family Constitution and By-Laws need to be amended!! This to be done soon. Brent will work on this with the help of Edith, Ilene and Richard. Family representatives were encouraged to have their own data base in each family. Also to update their mailing lists and send them to Steven for the mailing of flyers and Criers.

Joy presented a financial report and discussed how the money received is used, listing every penny spent and collected. A copy was given to all present.

Richard announced that Joy Belnap was to be released as Secretary of the organization. A more computer literate person is needed for this position. Joy suggested the names of Glenda and/or Dorothy for this appointment. This to be finalized at a later meeting. Joy will continue to be Treasurer.

Future meetings need to be set up. The best time agreed by everyone is for a Saturday. Perhaps having a teleconference. The second week in January, January 9, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. was decided. Richards's final assignment to everyone was to update the mailing lists and E-mail addresses, organize into a two deep leadership in each family, and appoint a computer person. Have this ready by the next meeting. All agreed to accomplish this assignment.

The closing prayer was offered by Don Hammon at 9:10 p.m.

Light refreshments were served compliments of Rose Ann Belnap.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap
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