

## MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES TELECONFERENCE ON 23 JANUARY 2007

On line were: Florence Ilene Ward and Edith Ward (Amasa), Brent Belnap and Joy Belnap (Hyrum), Nadine Allen (Martha Jane), and Wes Cox (Reuben), totaling six on line.

Conference call began at 7:35 p.m. with President Ilene Ward conducting. The invocation was offered by Wes Cox. Glenda was excused and Joy took the minutes.

Brent mentioned Don's web site (.com) got picked up December 26, 2006, by a broker who now wants to sell it for \$185. Do we want to proceed or go with web site .org only? Nadine proposed we get .com. Information automatically leads to .org.

Ilene will get with Glenda and ask if minutes should be sent out by e-mail or regular mail. Wes Cox prefers the e-mail. Not everyone has internet. Joy will send minutes on to Glenda for e-mails.

Ilene asked about the reunion site. Nadine and Brent acted as a form of sub-committee and looked into four choices: Wasatch State Park, Heritage Park, Lagoon, and Pioneer Village. Nadine favors Lagoon because it's closer to Ogden. It is more cost effective. At \$30 per person they have a reduced rate for 100 people or more. We could sell tickets in advance. It is free to rent a bowery. Brent mentioned you can get discount tickets with purchases from Deseret Book. Lagoon also has a "bounce back" ticket for another day. There are a lot of things for kids to do. Handicap parking is available. DUP and SUP members have free access to the park—that is a real plus. All they have to do is pay the parking, the rest is free. Lagoon also has Pioneer Village to enjoy. We should go for the numbers of who will attend by giving out lots of notice in advance. Wes liked the idea of Lagoon, but thought the long lines for rides was discouraging for the youth. Cherry Hills also has camping, but isn't for very large groups. Nadine said she would check with Cherry Hills, but felt it was too small a facility. The Belnaps would be so much larger of a group. Brent feels Lagoon is a plus. We need to get the next generations interested in reunions. We have 10,000 descendants and we're only getting about 250 to our reunions. Reunions should be relevant to people today. It shouldn't just be a meeting but a place to have fun and get acquainted with our cousins. Lagoon certainly is a place for fun. There is a \$7 vehicle charge. Babies under three years old and seniors over 65 years are free. Nadine has a book on Lagoon. There are more diverse activities at Lagoon than any other place. We need to think more creatively. Our meetings are losing attendance due to less things to do. We are not bringing in new people to appreciate our heritage.

Wes mentioned that Reuben line had a reunion at Lagoon many years ago. He suggested in order to have a reunion atmosphere we need to have an agenda. We could have competitions at the boweries. Bring about the purpose of a reunion. Eating, prizes, games, and rides don't contribute to a family unity situation.

Brent mentioned that the Lagoon opens about 9:00 a.m. We could have registration as usual about 10:00. Then after lunch have the rest of the day to have fun on the rides or go home. Nadine asked if we should bring our own lunch and have dinner about 6:00 p.m. catered by the Lagoon. Lagoon caters hot dogs, hamburgers, ribs, etc. Brent said a real draw would be a free dinner. Wes also stated that if people are invested in tickets for the rides, they won't be leaving early. Brent suggested that we come as early as we want, identify ourselves as Belnaps (some identifying sign), have an afternoon program, play and go on rides. Then about 5:00-5:30 p.m. have dinner provided. Then they can stay and play or go home.

Edith mentioned that the reunion held in Sugar City was held in a park only under canopies out in the open and how successful that was. Nadine said at the last reunion in Rexburg her parents didn't want to go up the night before and stay over to get to the reunion early. She suggested the adult meetings should be held in the afternoon for those who have to travel far instead of in the morning. Also, the out-of-towners have to leave early to get back home. Nadine mentioned that there wasn't anything to do in the afternoon and everyone left. Edith said that things were planned, but we had no manpower to do the activities, such as fish pond and candy search in shredded paper for the children.

Wes mentioned that as a senior citizen he favors the shows in the evening at Lagoon that are free to watch. Have the main reunion in the afternoon. Then tour Pioneer Village if they so desire, which is open to the public. Brent asked if someone could act as a docent and take the Belnaps on a tour of Pioneer Village.

Ilene said we only have a couple of reps here to vote. We need more input. Wes suggested preparing a sample agenda to be sent to all reps for Lagoon and then take a vote with all reps. Give them something to vote on, not a final one, just an outline. We should include all of them in the planning. Nadine thought all of the suggestions were good. Let's try it at Lagoon. Send out the agenda to all. We can compromise for the good of the whole.

Edith suggested Brent make out the agenda. Brent said everything seems to fall on him so Edith why don't you do it?

Wes asked how to send to Ilene. Her e-mail is: [war77001@byui.edu](mailto:war77001@byui.edu)

Our next teleconference is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Utah time. Toll free: 1-866-548-4717, Participant Pass Code: 936467 #. Reminders should be sent out.

The benediction was offered by Edith Ward at 8:30 p.m.

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