

**Minutes for the
MKP Elder Court Zoom Call
Monday, March 7, 2016
6:00 p.m. EST**

Men on the call: David Bauerly, Bob Berger, Jim Fannon (MKP USA Elder Chair), Scott Lederman, John Lindermuth, Noel McNaughton (MKPI Elder Chair), Norman Pearl, Allan Podbelsek

Not on call: Rod Clay

Blessing: David Bauerly

Check In by all on call. Jim Fannon welcomed Noel McNaughton, MKPI ElderChair to call.

The minutes for the February call were approved; moved by Lederman and seconded by Burger.

Jim Fannon Comments: Jim has asked Darrell Jacob Moore, Finance Coordinator for the USAGE 2016, to step into heading finance for the MKP USA Elder Council. He is also the CEO for a local college. He is to let Jim know by March 14 if he will accept this position. Jim reported that the location for the USAGE 2016 is a great facility. Jim also mentioned that Area Stewards for MKP USA are meeting at Rancho Palace Verdes, CA, this month. It is a meeting of all Area Stewards, center directors in centers that have not unified and the President of the Board or Center Directors. It is an orientation/welcome of all new Stewards, and strategy session for all.

Young Warrior Connections with Elders: Steve Aman, USAGE 2016 Chair, indicated to Allan that he was having difficulty getting in touch with Young Warriors. Allan referred Steve to Scott and Bob. Scott noticed that the YW website was not operational. Scott expressed concern about the stress on Chris and Eric who hold onto the leadership of the Young Warriors. Zacharia Sarkus is the Young Warrior representative to the USAGE 2016. Jim F. is in touch with him and serving in an advisory capacity to him.

Scott reported that the Young Warrior weekend scheduled for May is on.

News From MKPI: Noel McNaughton reported that he has had his first international elder call which went well. He will have another one in April. **He is also** spending considerable time and energy seeking a suitable place for the WEG 2017. One of the locations would be great but would come with a high cost. There are no camps in Alberta. He is looking at a couple universities in Calgary where there are reasonable rates for rooms but meeting rooms are costly. Allan inquired about the health of Simon Hinkly. Noel reported that Simon's cancer is challenging with indications that it has spread beyond the colon. The group sent energy to Simon.

Leader Body News: David reported that the leader body met in Houston recently; they held certifications and re-certifications on site at Land Of My Grandfathers. He indicated the leader body still appears to be trying to figure out what it will look like and how it will operate. He indicated that the leader body chairs appear to be overwhelmed with work demands and they are all volunteer positions. The chair seems to have excessive demands on his time and energy. David asked if elders might offer support in whatever fashion possible. The transition from being the leader body for both the US and the MKPI was a messy transition which did not change until several years after MKP-USA became one of eight regions. The communication to the North American leader body is very limited. This is not a surprise considering the demands on the teams' time.

Website Information: Norman reported that for the public webpage he is getting Noel's information and asked Noel for a photo. He has also responded to a request to post videos made from the WEG 2015 in Hawaii for the keynote speakers. He has not had time to complete some of the tasks on the private webpage. He will soon finish links and is working with Dan Baldwin. Jim asked if he will include a link to donating to MKP USA. Norman said that on the home page there is a link to make contributions. Norman will work with Keith Jarvis and John Levitt, Head of Finance, to make this happen. Norman said that there is a link but that he just has to make it available on the website.

Ritual Elder Coordinator Report: Rod was traveling during today's Court meeting. Rod's report for February will be included at the end of this report. He also sent this summary: Seven RE re-cert, one RE Emeritus and one RE placed on inactive (not re-certified); 4 staffings and 5 not reported yet.

Jim F. had sent information to Rod that Steve Aman of Upstate NY was re-certified recently but had not seen this in Rod's communications. Allan will check with Rod to make sure a general announcement is made on the RE communications. Jim reported that he has made sure that there will be enough time in the USAGE 2016 program for both the Ritual Elder Council and the MKP USA Elder Council to have at least 2-hour meetings.

Elder Development: John L. is in touch with Steve Aman (USAGE 2016 Chair) regarding the Ritual Elder Workshop preceding the USAGE 2016 set to begin on Thursday. There will be a sufficient amount of time on Wednesday afternoon (September 28) and Thursday morning with some time also available in the afternoon as necessary. It is not clear if there will be a "hot seat" for Ritual Elder or not.

John reported that the four originators of the RE Workshop are working with those who presented at the WEG 2015 RE Workshop to develop an outline for the workshop at USAGE 2016. David inquired if there would be a leader involved in the workshop. John indicated that they were looking for such a leader and David agreed to be involved.

John reported that there has been discussion about a multicultural workshop as well. There has been expressed interest in a multicultural workshop at the USAGE 2016 but finding an appropriate time is an

issue. David B. suggested that John talk with Julian Devereau. He also mentioned that King Mott had presented a multicultural training in Sioux City.

The committee to rewrite the Ritual Elder Protocol has set up its first phone conference meeting for Wednesday, March 9. Royal Fader is chairing the committee. Other members are: Rod Clay, John de Strakosch, John Lindermuth and Allan Podbelsek.

Next Meeting of Court: April 4, 2016, at 6 p.m. (EDT), 5 p.m. (CDT), 4 p.m. (MDT), 3 p.m. (PDT). Jim will send out the zoom conversation ID.

Those on the call checked out at 6:55 p.m., EST.

**Submitted by Allan Podbelsek
Court Secretary**

February 2016

Certified

0 Ritual Elders (MKPUSA, MKPI)

7 RE RE-CERT (1 MKPUSA, MKPI)

0 RET

4 + 5 NWTUSA RE Staffings

1 RE RETIRED or INACTIVE (USA 1, MKPI)

0 RE SABBATICAL (USA, MKPI)

1 RE Emeritus (USA, MKPI)

Year to date

Certified

0 Ritual Elders - (USA) (MKPI)

0 Ritual Elders In Training – (USA) (MKPI) (NOT NOW)

8 Ritual Elders Re-Certification: 1(USA-), (MKPI)

2 RE EMERITUS 1(USA)- (MKPI)

0 RE SABBATICAL –MKPI

1 RE INACTIVE- (USA 1), (MKPI)

5+5 RE NWTUSA staffings 2016 USA

Total

81 Ritual Elders – 64 (USAMKP) 17 (MKPI)

25 RET – 23 (USAMKP) 2 (MKPI)

16 RE EMERITUS -14 USA, 2 MKPI