

## **MKP-USA Elder Court Call**

**March 19, 2013**

**Attending:** Jim Howard, , Frank Joie, Jim Fannon, Simon McCain and Joe Stortz

**Absent:** Bill Gleason and John Lindermuth

**2:04 CST The meeting opened with a blessing provided by: Jim Fannon**

### **Check in**

February Minutes were approved

### **Reports:**

#### WEG - Simon McCain

Simon gave a report on the WEG from the perspective of both a participant and an organizer in training. There was a warm welcome, a sense of being cared for and a high level of excitement. Indigenous people were involved in a dance presentation and discussions. Some holes were present from an organizational standpoint. The women's presentation was not planned in depth but there was a good effort.

#### USAGE - Simon McCain:

USAGE is set for 9/26-9/29 in Deer Park - New Hope, PA. Planning is moving forward well. It is essential to have woman on the planning committee. Phyllis Redman has expressed an interest and will be approached this week. We plan to ask IT from MKPUSA to do IT for the USAGE. A phone planning meeting of planning committee will take place 3/27 at 10 AM. Theme for the USAGE will involve "Meaning and Purpose".

#### Lead Elder Call - Jim Fannon

Jim F will be heading up quarterly Lead Elder calls. There was a poor turnout for the first 2 calls - 2 men on the first call and only 1 man on the second call. The third call is set for the West coast on 3/20. Jim will send a summary of the calls to both the Elder Court and the list of Lead Elders.

#### Fund Raising - Jim Fannon:

The Elders MKPUSA do not get any funding from MKPUSA or MKPI. Funds are need for administrative and operating expenses for the work of the Elders. Profits from the USAGE are split 1/3- 2/3 with the Elders USA getting 2/3 and the sponsoring community 1/3. There was a discussion of launching a fund raising campaign with the Elders across the USA. This would be run through the Lead Elders. It is important to be specific in the campaign as to how these funds will be utilized. Jim F was given support of the Court to continue to develop this and look for possible matching funds. Jim will run any e-mails past Jim H. We will continue discussion at our next Court meeting.

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

None

**2:55 PM CST Check out**

**Addendum:**

RITUAL ELDER REPORT

MARCH, 2013

The Ritual Elder Protocol is currently being revised by a committee for that purpose. The re-certification process may be greatly simplified or even eliminated.

A Ritual Elder Workshop is being planned for California. Gary Parker is heading this effort and will be assisted by John de Strakosch, John Frost, Steve Basil and myself. We hope to hold at least one workshop prior to the fall, and then consider holding a workshop at the USAGE.

Ongoing projects include 1) correlating the RE V-Group with the "official" Roster, 2) encouraging men to add their photo to their profile on [mkpconnect.org](http://mkpconnect.org).

There are currently 132 Ritual Elders.

56 are either re-certified or have recently been hot-seated. These are the men who are "approved" to serve as REs on NWTAs.

One man has resigned.

One man has been given a not-now on his re-certification panel.

Eight men are no longer active.

Two have no plans to re-certify.

Two are "on sabbatical"

Several men plan to re-certify in the upcoming weeks.

During 2012 and 2013 there have been eight new Ritual Elders.

During 2012 and 2013 there have been three deaths (Lamont Grogan, Manny, Phil Wolpe)

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