

# **ELDER COUNCIL PHONE MEETING**

**MAY 14, 2013**

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Jim Howard, Simon McCain, Jim Fanon, Bill Gleason, John Lindermuth, Joe Stortz

**Absent:** Frank Joie

**3:00 PM EST. Opening Blessing by Simon**

**Check-in**

**Approval of April 2013 Minutes**

**FUNDRAISING: Jim Fannon**

Jim is attempting to get a source of matching funds. He has left several messages but so far has not received a response. Final plans for fundraising are on hold pending the resolution of the matching funds issue. The fund raising plan may need to be modified.

**ELDERS CALLS: Jim Fannon**

Jim will be setting up regional calls to Lead Elders for June. He will send out email reminders in advance of the calls.

**RITUAL ELDERS: John Lindermuth**

Three men have been recertified as Ritual Elders since our last call. There has been no new Ritual Elders in training added. Two men have inquired about becoming Ritual Elders in Training. An email will be sent to all Ritual Elders who have not yet recertified to advise them that they will be dropped from the active Ritual Elders list at the end of the year if they have not recertified by then. A grace period of over a year will have been provided.

A subcommittee is working on revising the RE Protocol. A revision should be ready for consideration at the USAGE.

A second subcommittee is working on developing a RE Workshop. A dry run had been planned for California but has been delayed due to illness. It was hoped that we might have it ready by the USAGE.

There will be a RE meeting at the USAGE and there has been a request for a hot seat from a RET.

**USAGE: Simon McCain and Alan Podbelsek**

Both the men's and woman's programs are being filled through the work of Kirby, Phyllis and Sandy. There are still some open spots for workshops. We are still waiting for hard numbers for the hotel prices. We are very close to budget and we may be in a better position than we thought. Simon hopes to have more final numbers by next week. Keith believes that the web page is ready to go. Norman Pearl will be handling registration. All fronts are looking good. Speakers will include Tom Daley and the Indigenous Grandmothers. Scott Letterman is on point for the Opening. The goal is to get the registration form out by June 1. Speakers details will come later.

Jim Howard complimented the USAGE planning team on their excellent work.

The advanced registration fee for the USAGE will be \$ 295 for men staying the the facility for 3 days including meals and activities.

**3:40 PM EST. Check out**