

**Minutes for the
MKP Elder Court Zoom Call
Monday, August 3, 2015**

Men on the call: David Bauerly (Leader Body Rep.), Robert Berger, Rod Clay, Jim Fannon (MKP USA Elder Chair), Scott Lederman, Norman Pearl, Allan Podbelsek, Ron Roesler

Not on call Simon Hinkly, John Lindermuth, Robert Golden

Blessing: Norman Pearl

Check in by all present.

Chair Report Regarding Vice Chair Election: Jim Fannon blessed Ron Roesler for his service as MKP USA Elder Council Vice Chair during 2015. Jim asked Ron if he would conduct the elections that will take place by the end of the year. If enough MKP USA Elder Council delegates (Lead Elders from Centers/Areas) attend the 2015 WEG in Hawaii, the MKP USA Elder Council will be able to conduct the elections there. Otherwise the elections will have to be done electronically. Ron has polled the lead elders to see who is going to attend the WEG. There are not enough to constitute a quorum (60% of lead elders). Ron also agreed to ask Lead Elders who will not attend the 2015 WEG to let him know if there are elders attending the 2015 WEG from their communities who could be appointed by them to serve as delegates. Elections for both the Vice Chair and Ritual Elder Coordinator positions must be held by the end of the year since these positions are filled annually for one-year terms.

Website Development: Norman Pearl reported that Keith Jarvis is looking at the overall structure for the site. Ron Roesler and Norman will be talking with Keith to discuss the structure. Since this is an internal site for New Warriors only elders can decide what will be posted. Ron invited all Court members to submit articles. Ron mentioned that he has enough content send to Keith to get the site going. When Ron and Norm work with Keith to standardize the format for the site, they will give Keith the contact information for all the Elder Court members.

Ritual Elder Coordinator Report: Rod Clay reported that there were only one Ritual Elder re-certification and two NWTAs in July. (See Rod's report at end of the minutes.)

Ritual Elder Workshop Progress: John Lindermuth was not on the call. Robert Berger indicated that John is pulling the group of volunteers together that will facilitate the workshop. Bob, Rod and Allan were on a call with John L. and the other 3 men who helped him create this workshop. To reiterate, it appears that the workshop begins on Saturday, October 10, at 3 p.m. and will be completed by Sunday noon.

WEG Attendance: Registration for the WEG remains closed since registration has reached the maximum number the site can handle. On the next call of the WEG Planning Committee Ron and Allan will seek further clarification about any possible openings created by attendees who drop their registrations. The WEG Planning Team continues to work on finding out how many and who are cancelling. The coordinator of the Home Stay program is working at assigning elders who request Home Stay as volunteer hosts become available. Rod C. asked about email connections between registrants and also between organizers and registrants.

Young Warrior Connections With Elders: Scott Lederman reported that he and Bob are setting up a call with the Young Warrior Body leaders. At least one YW is registered to attend. Robert Golden is leading the process of raising money for additional Young Warriors to come to the WEG. **(From July minutes: Scott L. also asked for help in clarifying how one might donate frequent flyer miles to Young Warriors. He will call John Levitt regarding how to transfer frequent flyer miles to a third party.)**

Leader Body Liaison Report: Several court members expressed appreciation to David Bauerly for help in assuring that there was elder representation at the North American Leader Body meeting in July (leaders from USA and Canada). David said elder representation is the norm for such meetings. However, he felt there was not a continuous, strong elder presence. He would like to see elders being more “a part of” the process rather than just being there. He also reported that with the current issues the North American Leader Body Chair is dealing with that it will be awhile before further embedding of elders into these meetings can be a top priority.

David recommends that elders see a 5-minute video that Fred Marx has prepared relating to the special event tying MKP USA to the Lakota Nation. He will send the court a link so it can see the video. He asked that we not pass it on outside the court just yet as it is not in final form.

Discussion of Old Business Topics: (1) Jim is working with Doug Ryder regarding a 2016 USAGE time/location. Jim is waiting for Daryl to get back from vacation for further clarifications. (2) Jim is planning to work with Allan and Ron in getting topics for a newsletter to go to all elders.

Budget and Fundraising: Jim continues to seek a point-man for Elder Council finances. He has asked 5 men but has been turned down by each of these men.

New Business: Jim is seeking to make a connection with the LKS leadership. This is part of his plan to have elders represented with the Leader Body and the LKS Body and to have an LKS representative on the Elder Court as David Bauerly is on the court representing leaders. Bob B. or Scott L. will provide Jim with the name of the correct LKS contact.

Concern for Gene McMahon: Scott L. asked the court to send energy to Gene McMahon who is recovering from a serious heart attack. There are efforts under way for warrior brothers to make donations to help Gene with the huge expenses associated with his recovery. To learn more about Gene's condition and/or make a donation go to: <http://organifund.com/projects/friends-of-gene-mcmahon/>

Next Meeting: The next meeting would be on September 7; however, this is Labor Day. Jim will send an email asking court members to choose between September 7 and September 16. Regardless of the day times will remain the same—6 p.m. EDT, 5 p.m. CDT, 4 p.m. MDT, 3 p.m. PDT. (11 p.m. UK time).

Check Out: Men on call checked out at 7:30 p.m. EDT.

Ritual Elder Coordinator Report July 2015

Certified

0 Ritual Elders

1 RE RE-CERT

0 RET

2 NWTa RE staffings

Year to date certified

5 Ritual Elders - 2 (USAMKP) 3 (MKPI)

13 Ritual Elders In Training – 9 (USAMKP) 4 (MKPI)

Re-Certification

15 Ritual Elders (USAMKP)

Total YTD

81 Ritual Elders – 65 (USAMKP) 16 (MKPI)

32 RET – 26 (USAMKP) 6 (MKPI)

43 RE NWTa staffings

11 RE EMERITUS