

MKP Chicago Board of Directors

Draft Minutes from Annual Retreat

January 6-7, 2018

Chairman’s vision: To lead the Board to develop a vision / direction for MKP Chicago for the coming year.

Attendees:	Ted Ranney	At large
	Aris Troncoso	At large
	John Everingham	Representing Elders Constituency
	John Carlson	Representing Rainbow Warriors
	Kevin Browne	At large
	Paul Johnson	At large
	Stu Frank	At large
	Steven Flowers	visitor (at beginning of meeting)
	Rich Eide	At large
	David Dorn	Representing I Group Faculty
	Michael Manning	Representing Leader Body
	Myles Fey	Representing Lodge Keepers Society

Selection / Announcement of Officers

Chairman	Ted Ranney; vote result: unanimous
Vice Chairman	Kevin Browne; Roll call vote result:

For	Against	Abstain
Ted Ranney	Stu Frank	
Aris Troncoso		
John Everingham		
John Carlson		
Paul Johnson		
Rich Eide		
David Dorn		
Michael Manning		
Myles Fey		

New board member:	Steven David Flowers
Secretary	Steven David Flowers; vote result: unanimous
Treasurer	Rich Eide; vote result: unanimous

12 board seats are filled; one at-large seat remains open. The Secretary will communicate to the MKP community at large that we have one open board seat and invite men to volunteer to serve on the Board.

Board Meeting Schedule for 2018 was approved. Vote result: 11 in favor; 0 against; 1 abstain.

MKP Chicago Board meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Meeting schedule will be as follows:

February 26	Zoom Call
March 26	MKP Center
April 23	Zoom Call
May 21	MKP Center
June 25	Zoom Call
July 23	MKP Center
August 27	Zoom Call
September 24	MKP Center
October 22	Zoom Call *
November 26	MKP Center
December 17	Zoom Call

*Annual Meeting

Open Issues

A. Review of charge to Building Board – Warrior LLC – by Board of Directors of MKP Chicago:

1. Elect officers
2. Review / update bylaws
3. Create new rental agreement for MKP Chicago by 3/15/2018
4. Address legal / financial shadows
5. File taxes
6. Change LLC tax status to Non-profit when possible

B. Unification with MKP USA

Plan were discussed for an upcoming community wide event. Further discussion to be held at March Board meeting after new rental agreement is drafted. Dan Baldwin and John Levitt may attend the community wide event.

C. Building Issues

1. Cleaning – there have been complaints from B. A. M. about cleanliness of the Center. We currently use Weston Cleaning service for cleanings at the center 3 times per month and 3 carpet cleanings per year. Center Director was asked to get bids from 3 potential cleaning contractors. Each bid should specifically include:
 - Confirmation that the contractor is bonded and insured;
 - Clarification about whether they provide cleaning supplies or MKP provides;
 - Quarterly carpet cleaning;
 - General cleaning of the center to include: bathroom; kitchen; windows; vacuuming; pickup around dumpster. We are requesting quotes for two cleaning schedules: one for weekly cleanings; a second for 3 times / month.

The Center Director will present the three bids to the Board at the meeting on 2/26/2018.

D. Policy on residential use of the Center

Motion: “It is the policy of the MKP Chicago Board that the MKP Chicago building will not be used for residential purposes”

Motion passed by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

For	Against	Abstain
Ted Ranney Aris Troncoso John Carlson Kevin Browne Paul Johnson Rich Eide David Dorn Michael Manning Myles Fey	John Everingham Stu Frank	Steven Flowers

Further clarification of, “residential purposes” was made by the following motion.

Motion: “It is the policy of the MKP Chicago Board that MKP sponsored events are exempted from the above policy”. This motion passed unanimously. The rationale behind this policy is that trainings and other MKP events may involve overnight stays by men attending these trainings. Insurance liability in these cases is covered by MKP USA.

The Board addressed the issue of Andrew Fash residing in the building.

Motion: “It is the action of the MKP Chicago Board that Andrew Fash be required to vacate the MKP Center by 5:00 p.m. on 1/31/2018.

Motion passed by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

For	Against	Abstain
Michael Manning Myles Fey Ted Ranney Kevin Browne Paul Johnson Rich Eide David Dorn	Aris Troncoso	John Everingham John Carlson Stu Frank Steven Flowers

Dr. John Carlson offered to be available to consult with Andrew by cell phone at anytime to assist him in finding short term or long term shelter. Dr. Carlson also agreed to create a resource guide for how MKP Chicago can address the needs of warrior brothers who are homeless and in need of temporary housing. A draft of this guide will be presented to the Board by 2/1/2018 for comments after which a final version will be made available.

E. Building security

Security cameras are installed at the Center and have not been working for 3 or 4 years. Kevin Browne will get estimates for the cost of repairing the existing security system hardware, and also to replace or upgrade the front door lock to one that can accommodate multiple codes.

F. NWTAs Weekends for 2018

The fee to use Camp Lakota has been negotiated down to \$ 2,000 per weekend from \$ 2,500.

The following dates for 2018 NWTAs were approved by unanimous vote.

Date	Leaders
Jan 18 – 21	Paul Pender, Ted Ranney, David Fen, Mark Davids January NWTAs enrollment cap: 24
April 12 – 15	Phil Beverly, Michael Manning, S. Harper, T. Hartwick (bubble) Michael Manning will assess the site and make a determination about an enrollment cap for the April NWTAs.
June 21 – 24	Troy Harding (?), Paul Johnson
August 2 – 5	
September 27 – 30	T. Chance, Mark Davids, Willy Kohler
October 25 – 28	Full: ?, Michael Manning, Michael Semenzin, P. Pender (bubble)

The following dates for 2019 NWTAs were approved by unanimous vote.

Jan 17 – 20	Paul Pender, Ted Ranney
April 25- 28	Gateway Weekend. Greg Gondron, D. Grovaker

G. Food Budget for NWTa weekends

Motion: "To set the MOS / Food Budget on NWTa weekends at \$ 30 per man to include all staff, initiates and 5 MOS men, for January NWTa." Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Background: Financial support provided to MOS for NWTa weekends has been \$ 1,500. It seems the MOS staff typically donate \$ 500 - \$ 800 in food and materials each weekend. MOS men will be requested to submit receipts for what they contribute to help MKP develop a more accurate cost for food and materials.

Treasurer's Report

Motion: "To accept budget as submitted for 2018". Approved by unanimous vote.

Stakeholders campaign has raised \$ 29,264 in contributions in 2018, 62% of total contributions to MKP Chicago during the year.

New Business

- A. Center Director's report: Accepted by unanimous vote. Further discussion of Center Director's report to be an Agenda item for February Board meeting.

Glenn Barker will write a Center Director Job Description detailing the percentage of his work time allocated to specific work duties, and submit the report to the Chairman by 1/31/2018.

Glenn Barker will maintain the Stakeholders program until the next Board meeting.

- B. Fee for use of MKP Center

In the spirit of being financially self-supporting as an organization, a request for a contribution by all attendees will be made at every constituency group meeting held at the center. This will exclude NWTa Staff meetings. Envelopes will be available for contributions to be placed in the drop box in the hallway at the center.

- C. MKP Communications Plan

A proposal was made to put a team in place to work with the Center Director to distribute information to the MKP community. Myles Fey will call a meeting of the team which initially includes: Steven Flowers and Aris Troncoso. An initiative of the team will be to recruit men in the MKP community with professional communications expertise to make recommendations and develop a plan.

D. Attendance at Elder Meetings

Elder blessings are available at Elder meetings for all MKP men who attend.

Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting – February 26, 2018

1. Center Director's Report
2. Fundraising – Steven Flowers
3. Draft of Resource Packet for Addressing the needs of homeless men – Dr. John Carlson
4. GoFundMe Campaigns – for NWTa tuition and for projects at MKP Center - Stu Frank
5. Food Budget for NWTa
6. Funding to Post MKP Values – Stu Frank
7. Possible Enrollment Cap on April NWTa – Michael Manning
8. Status / Availability of Documents – Steven Flowers
9. Front Door Security Codes: Who is in charge of codes; how often to update codes; who has access to codes.