

## Minutes from February 3, 2012

### Present:

Janie Burnett  
Denice Lusk  
Kelesy D'Arcy  
Nancy Luse  
Stacey Metzger  
Alexia Johnson

### Absent:

Cindy White  
Jessica Bigelow  
Dr. Laura Martin

### Via Phone:

Mary Peterson  
Rachael Ford

President Janie Burnett called the meeting to order and a quorum was established.

Minutes from the last meeting were passed around, motion was made to approve minutes, Alexia and Kelsey motioned to approve.

An announcement was made by Janie that we would be having a guest speaker at the end of the official meeting, Wendy Lowe who is a lobbyist that keep eyes on legislation. Wendy in turn contacts Cheryl West who is a watchdog for the AARC.

### Treasurers Report:

Checking \$9283.63  
Savings \$2138.96  
Scholarship \$1670.92

It was motioned to put \$2000.00 in to the checking and the remaining \$138.96 in the scholarship fund and close the savings account. The motion was approved by the majority of the board. A check was to be written to Wendy Lowe for \$500.00 for her services. The amount was motioned and approved.

### Secretary's Report:

Letter from Ronald Zelek from the National Awareness Coordinator for the Mesothelioma Center was forwarded to Mary and Rachael . There was a motion made and approved by Stacey and Janie to put the information on our website.

### Delegates Report:

The summer forum is to be held July 17-19th in Santa Fe , New Mexico , Alexia will be the delegate to attend..

#### New Business:

The officers list has been sent in by Janie.

The AARC membership and State license list have been cross-referenced with one another to see how many in the state with licenses are actually AARC members. Those with licenses will need to be AARC members in order to get the discount at the WSRC Conference, if not they will have to pay full fee. Kelsey, Stacey, and Alexia will compile a National list to send in to the AARC.

The Directors of all the hospitals around the state have been called by Janie, Denice, and Nancy to ensure that in fact they are still director of their department and are licensed Respiratory Therapists.. There was some question as to whether Tracy Walker of Lovell was a licensed Respiratory Therapist, more checking will be done in this matter.

By-laws were passed around looked over for changes and motion was made for approval. The by-laws were approved by the board.

There is a Presidents meeting set for April 22 and 23 in Dallas , TX .

There will be an outstanding therapist announcement to be posted on the front-page web site. Announcement for the outstanding therapist will be announced at the WSRC in September.

Election readiness, nominations will need to be made 90 days prior to the conference. Ballots for elections will be sent out held 30 days prior to the conference. Two to three people will need to checked and tally the ballots once they have been received by the cut off date.

#### Old Business:

Denice made a motion for a new Medical Director for the next year as Dr. Laura Martin still wants to be involved this year. The board felt there was a need to have a Medical Director that was more involved for the next year, motion made and approved by the board.

Nancy to update all board members phone numbers, e-mail address, and send out to all board members. Rachael and Mary to post on the web site.

Denice sent a letter to M. Hepworth in regards to the by-laws, elections, responsibilities of each officer on the board and that all pertinent information is posted on the web site.

#### Conference:

Golf is to be coordinated by Rachael and will be in the brochure that is sent out and on the web site. Golf will be at 9 AM the morning of September 26 details to follow.

Mike McDonald was contacted by Mary about emcee for Sputum Bowl and his reply was there was no conflict at the present but to check back with him in July, as he would know by then if

there were a scheduling conflict. If there were a scheduling conflict, he would help to find an alternate.

A decision for the plaques was made and approved by the board to give lapel pins for the AARC members that have had memberships for 5 and 10 years and plaques to those who have had memberships for 15 years and longer.

Therapist of the Year Award will receive Hotel room Cowboys tickets and a plaque with achievement.

Donations, door prize were discussed. Kelsey to talk to Allegiant to see if they will donate a flight to Las Vegas . A decision will still need to be made whether hat prize will be raffled or purchased buy the square.

Discussion for a silent auction was brought up but the silent auction was vetoed by the majority of the board.

Mary motioned for \$300.00 for prizes to be purchased from the AARC, motion approved by the board.

Stacey and Alxeia to check with Bud Altman at Rocky Mountain Sports about a Bow or A Gun for raffle or buy the square.

Prize committee to get together and work on getting door prize for the conference.

Site for the 2012 Conference is in Laramie , WY at the Hilton Garden Inn, Sept 26, 27, and 28th. A site visit is planned for the next meeting May 4th, 2012 . Rachael to make site visit plans.

Vendor information has been sent to Mary and she is coordinating with vendors.

Nancy and Denice will take care of the CEU's at the conference.

Janie is the program director and should have speakers in place by April. Tentative speakers:

Wednesday September 26

Dr. McGinley- ABG

Beth Young-motivation

PSDS- Mary to check

Thursday September 27

Neonate, Pediatrician N.C. allergy asthma

Denver Children's-Rachael to check

Pulmonologist-Gillette-Julie Walker to check

ETCo2- Jessica to check

Dr. Barasso- Health Care Reform-Janie to send letter

Richard Branson-vent asynchrony, need to contact

Disaster preparedness, Guy Cameron, director, Homeland Security, WY

Telecris- will sponsor speaker, paper work needs to be filled out

2 speakers from Laramie through Wanda on sleep labs and home care  
Joe Burke has a list of sleplabs around state  
Other ideas – management topic, medical errors  
Rachael to check in to information on a postage grant for the mailings.

Guest speaker Wendy Lowe gave a brief summary on redistricting and budget for the February 13 Session. What they were doing with the health exchange how Wyoming needs to get together and decide or the Feds will decide for Wyoming, smoking, and Obama care. Updates are sent to Denice as progress is being made.

Next meeting will be held in Laramie at the Hilton Garden Inn May 4, 2012 to be set up and coordinated through Rachael. Janie to ask for time off for those board members that work at WMC.