

WSRC meeting minutes for August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Present:

President – Tristan Sheets

President Elect – Clark McInroy

Vice President – Dave Stuart (via phone)

Secretary – Caryl Reed

Treasurer – Nancy Luse

Delegates – Kristy Hack and Alexia Johnson

Absent:

Director at large – Lori Arnold and Harrison Stone

Treasurer report:

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Scholarship fund - \$2,739.63

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Hamilton Medical

Fisher & Paykel

Monaghan

Philips

COPD Respiratory services

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