

WSRC meeting for July 20th

Present:

Tristan Sheets – President

Caryl Reed – Secretary

Nancy Luce – Treasurer

Alexia Johnson – Delegate

Lori Arnold – via phone - Director at large

Guest – Nate Chaffee - Cody

Absent:

Clark McInroy – President elect

Dave Stuart – Vice President

Kristi Hack – Delegate

Harrison Stone – Director at large

Treasurer Report:

Check balance \$10,939.59 + \$700.00 to be deposited

Scholarship fund \$2,739.05

Conference update:

Speaker list as of now:

Scott Reistad – “By helping others You help yourself to Success”

John Barnes – “Oxygen – Where did it come from?”

Brent Kenny – “ARDnet: Where do we go from here?”

National Jewish Hospital – “ Interstitial Lung disease”

Merri Dawson – “High Flow Therapy”

Jerry Crawford – “Determining Best Therapy”

Scott Reistad – “Average Volume Assured Pressure Support (AVAPS)”

Clark McInroy – “Respiratory Home Care-Then & now”

Brent Kenny – “Transpulmonary Pressure: A better method to set PEEP or just a more complicated mousetrap?”

Still undecided:

Greg Morgan

Denver Children’s hospital

Possible other topics for Brent Kenny; volumetric diffusive respiration: improving ventilation perfusion matching or Non-linear dynamics in health and disease.

Possible we will have Scott Reistad speak at our “Dinner and a speaker”

Confirmed Vendor List:

Fisher & Paykel – Paid

COPD Respiratory Services

Monaghan Medical Corporation- Paid

Drager

Lincare

Carefusion

Philips

Hill-Rom

Still need to contact:

Apria

Community Home

GaskoSmithKline

Stacy with VapoTherm

Donations:

Will be sending out letters requesting donations from hospitals and businesses.

Door prizes:

Please start collecting door prizes. Each board member should get at least two.

Elections have been made. Positions filled were: Vice President (Dave Stuart); Secretary (Caryl Reed); President Elect (Lori Arnold) and Delegate (Kristi Hack).

New Business:

Alexia and Kristi went to summer forum. Had a great time. Student Racheal went also. The board helped in paying her way. First day talked about having a military liaison. We have many ex-military or military people that could fill this spot. Alexia suggested having the color guard presenting the flag at the conference. Possible have Kristi sing the National Anthem. Also suggested having a non-voting Military person on our board.

We need to get a hold of Gary Coffman who will help us set up a budget. Also learned something about us doing taxes. We probably don't need to do a 990 form at this point as it appears we do not make enough to be concerned about this but we have had an offer to help us get going on this just to be covered. Delegate Assistance needs to be done by August 1st. An Exec from AARC tells us an Apex program is being set up to make sure every department have competencies and policies in place.

AARC pushing for 40,000 members. We are at 39,325.

Georgia is latest state to opt for RRT's only. There are now 5 states that do not allow hospitals to hire CRT's.

California is wanting students to get paid for clinicals. Benefits Union because they get more money. This is causing a huge uproar.

They are wanting 80% of all Respiratory Therapist work force to hold Bachelor Degrees. We are at 69% which isn't bad.

By laws need to be updated. Alexia has zeroed in on areas that need to be changed. One is possibly taking out term limits for Board members. Possibly taking out election committee since we are not using them. Looking in to changing a few other by laws and get us straightened out and back to following the by- laws.

Next meeting August 25th at 12:30 at Silver Fox Restaurant.

Caryl Reed - Secretary