

Minutes January 23, 2014

**Present:**

President Jody Christopherson

Past President Jessica Bigelow

President Elect Bryant Bitner

Secretary Nancy Luse

Delegate Kristi Hack

Director at Large Jennifer Eason

Medical Director Dr Andy Dunn

**Absent:**

Treasurer Mary Peterson

Delegate Alexia Johnson

Director at Large Tiffany Handley

President Jody Christopherson called the meeting to order.

The board met at the Wollcott Galleria for a walk thru and a pricing of the facility to see if the location would be suitable for the conference that is going to be held in September 2014. We then proceeded to the Wonder Bar for a brief business meeting and lunch prior to meeting with the Casper College Respiratory Department Instructors and the Dean of Health Sciences.

Approval of last meetings minutes was approved with some changes to the wording regarding the seminar that Bob Downy held at the VA for 2013 CEU's.

**Reports:**

**Treasurers:**

Checking account \$6349.45

Scholarship: \$2312.64

However Mary received a check in the amount \$500.00 from the Clark McInroy family that will be deposited into the scholarship account bring the total amount to:

\$2812.64

**Secretary:**

Nancy will send a thank you to the McInroy family for the donation to the scholarship fund.

Nancy has also spoke with several other hotels in the Casper area about holding the conference at their facilities. Ramada was booked for that time frame but will be willing to cater the event at the Wollcott Galleria if that place is chosen. They would also give us a break on the rooms and provide bussing to and from the event venue. Ramkota was also booked as well. The Parkway is still booked for the event however no decisions have been made at this point. Reservations can always be canceled.

### **Old Business:**

Update fome Kristi on the 2013 HOD meeting in Anaheim California;

The International Fellowship and Disaster Relief Funds were asking for donations to support their causes from every state. Kristi asked if there was any way we could support these causes. One way would be to ask for donations at the conference or possibly change the dollar amount of the scholarships that are given and donate part of that amount to these funds. This was left on the table for further discussion.

Kristi also suggested that and essay be written by the students when applying for the scholarships with a plan as to what they plan on doing with their degree once they graduate.

The International Fellowship sponsored 24 students from around the world to attend the National AARC meeting in Anaheim CA. They had to write an essay that was submitted to the Student Mentorship Committee for the selection of the student to attend. The student mentorship committee funded a portion of the fee student to be able to attend. The WSRC board will try and promote this to the students in hopes that they might be interested and want to attend. Kristi and Alexia will help with this task.

Drive 4COPD update 268 screeners done which is 179% of the state goal. Jody states that this is an ongoing thing. Nancy had not heard from the college students whether or not they wanted to do this?

### **New Business:**

Jody had receives information about the Virtual Reality Museum and wanted a vote to be able to put on the web page. It was put to a vote and was passed, seconded and approve to place on the web page. Another vote for the Mesothelioma placement on the web was approved, and seconded for placement on the web.

Jody turned the paperwork in for the Revenue Sharing and Co marketing.

A vote was done for the approval of Wendy Lowe as a liaison for the WSRC. The amount was \$500.00 which was approved, and seconded, and passed.

Conference discussions were put to the table. How many speakers and do we want 2 full days or 1 full day and another half day? This decision was tabled for further discussion.

Jody and Bryant have contacted 9 speakers about the conference and are waiting to give final information and paperwork until our meeting with the College Officials.

Jody asked if we had any fund raising ideas to have make extra money to put on the conference or fund some of the different causes or students to the HOD meetings. This was also tabled due to the time constraints.

Upcoming Elections, information will be sent to all licensed Therapists in the State for their interest in the upcoming openings on the Board. Jody will help with this task.

Game plan for the meeting at the College was discussed. Meeting was adjourned and we headed to the College for a meeting with the Heads of the Respiratory Department Doug Neubert and Tami Knotts and the Dean of Health Sciences Dr Tammy Frankland.

The meeting at the College began with Dr Frankland letting the board know that the educational component of the WSRC was never an issue with the decision for the College to remove the WSRC conference from their curriculum. She stated that they can no longer take student to a facility where alcohol is being served due to the constraints that the Heads of the College are enforcing. She stated that they would be happy for the students to attend during the educational portion of the conference. She suggested that we hold the conference at the Gateway building at the college and gave Nancy a contact for pricing of the event. The College has a facility with a locked room for the vendors and a lecture hall. The college cafeteria has first rights to cater the event. The sputum bowl could be held in the evening off site where the college students are not on college time and if they chose to come are not putting themselves at risk with the college and therefore will not jeopardize the college in any way.

Board members decided that the February meeting was still needed to make some decisions but not a mandatory meeting since a majority of the board members were at the January 23 meeting /college meeting.