

**Present**

President Jody Christopherson

President Elect Bryant Bitner

Vice President Julie Walker

Treasurer Mary Peterson

Secretary Nancy Luse

Delegate Alexia Johnson

Delegate Kristi Hack

Member at Large Jennifer Eason

Member at Large Tiffany Handley

**Absent**

Past President Jessica Bigelow

Board luncheon

Meeting called to order by President Jody Christopherson

New Board Members were introduced

President Elect Kimberly Black (Absent)

Treasurer Brandon Beckstead

Vice President Tristan Sheets

Member at large Jay Starkey

Member at Large Mary Peterson

**Reports****Treasurers:**

Checking approximately before bills \$12,000

Scholarship \$3000.00

Introduction of newly elected board members

Treasurer – Brandon Beckstead

Vice President – Tristan Sheets

President – Bryant Bitner

President Elect – Kimberly Black

Director at Large – Richard Starkey

Director at Large – Mary Peterson

Scholarship presentation by Student Steven Olsen on Smoking cessation.

Presentation by Will Hill and the Casper College Students to Clark McInroy for paying the fees for the college student to attend the conference.

Outstanding Therapist of The Year was presented to Dave Reynolds from the Cheyenne VA

Jody asked that the Drive 4 COPD forms to be filled out by every one that attended the conference.

AARC Awards present to those that have been active members with the Aarc

**40 years**

Jimmy Nelson

**30 years**

Ronald DEboer

Julia Shock

**20 years**

Ryan Hirsch

**15 years**

Diana Gorsuch

Frank Hammond

Suzanne Townsend

Awards were also give for **5 and 10 years** respectively.

**New Business:**

Input from the attendees was asked on where the WSRC should be held for the next year, among these were the vendors as well.

The consensus was to keep it in the central part of the state but to possibly get other state involved. Possibly by sending post card to the other surrounding states

Voting was brought up and the fact that there has not been a huge return in the online voting. There was discussion of how to get the AARC members to vote during the elections.

Other discussions were how we as a board can get the department mangers' involved.

We took a poll of where to hold the conference next year with the attendees and the vendors. The vendors need it to be somewhere that they can get to fairly easily and we asked that the attendees put down on their evaluations where they would like to see the conference held after much debate with attendees.

It was voted that since only one of the students gave a presentation that both of the scholarship would be given to that student. Stephen Olsen was given a \$1000.00 scholarship for his presentation on smoking cessation.

The Sputum Bowl was held at the Caddie Shack at the Municipal Golf Course with a good attendance. The winners of the Sputum Bowl were out of Rawlins:

Caryl Reed

Harrison Stone

John Coleman - Vendor

Damian Solorzano - Vendor

## **Meeting Minutes September 19, 2014**

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Vice President Tristan Sheets

Secretary Nancy Luse

Treasurer Brandon Beckstead

Delegates Alexia Johnson and Kristi Hack

Members at Large Mary Peterson and Jay Starkey

### **Absent**

Past President Jessica Bigelow

The meeting was called to order by Jody and Bryant

### **Guests**

Past Vice President Julie Walker

### **New Business**

First order of business was that 7 new AARC Members were signed up at the conference.

The vendors liked the venue and that the attendees had to walk through their space.

There was a discussion that if the conference was held outside of Casper that the College students would probably only attend one day due to the cost, liability, and busing of the students.

The conference was well attended with the total of 64 in attendance. We only had to pay for 2 speakers due to the fact that we got 2 of the other speakers sponsored.

There was a unanimous vote to keep the conference in Casper for another year. Nancy and Tristan will start to look for places to hold the conference for the 2015 year. Alexia to check with Doug Neubert on seeing if the Respiratory Department could book the conference center for us earlier.

There was discussion of possibly have a day of golf on the Wednesday the day before the conference TBA at a later date.

Discussion of possibly inviting nursing and EMT for the conference for next year for better attendance and possibly offering a discounted price for them. Also, there was discussion of possibly having breakout sessions with the vendors with a hands on type of learning.

Tentative dates for the conference 2015 are September 17 & 18, 2015.

Dates for the meetings were set as:

February 6, 2015

May 1, 2015

August 7, 2015

September 17 & 18, 2015

The AARC National Conference is to be held in Las Vegas in December. The paperwork for the delegate assistance has been sent in. It was also decided to send 2 delegates to the winter conference.

### **Treasures Report**

There is approximately \$6160.00 after the room and the food bills paid but there are still some outstanding bills that have not been submitted.