**WPTA Northwest District Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** 1/23/18

**LOCATION:** Marshfield Clinic Eau Claire Physical Therapy Center

**ATTENDEES:** 34

1. We discussed the hard therapy cap without exceptions that started on 1/1/18.
   1. Krissa Reeves shared information about the PT Action app through the APTA that can be used to contact our legislators.
2. The results of the WPTA election were shared with the group.
3. The date and location of the WPTA spring conference were shared.
4. The link and instructions for nominating peers for the WPTA awards were shared.
5. The instructions for nominating for the student emerging leader award were shared.
6. The date and location of the CSM 2018 were shared.
7. We discussed and asked for ideas of how to increase attendance/participation in the district meetings as well as how to improve the RSVP process
   1. Tom Katz suggested we host meetings outside of the clinic to increase participation
      1. Ideas for this were Lazy Monk, Leinenkugels, Modicum
      2. Many of the attendees were interested in this idea
   2. It was suggested that we add an RSVP contact to the WPTA email invite and to create an event through the district facebook page.
8. We discussed who would be planning/hosting the next district meetings
   1. There were no therapist present from the Rice Lake group who had suggested at our previous meeting that they could host the May meeting at their clinic.
      1. One of the committee chairs will contact the Rice Lake group to see if they are still interested in hosting
   2. CVTC volunteered to plan the September meeting which may be located at Modicum in Altoona.
9. We discussed to opportunity/possibility of the WPTA sponsoring a dry needling course through Myopain
   1. Both Marshfield Clinic and Mayo volunteered to host the course.
   2. There was interest in the group about having this course brought to Eau Claire.
   3. Possible dates for the course would be at the end of April or early May.
   4. We discussed having a reduced cost for the staff from the hosting clinic
      1. There were none that were opposed to this.
   5. We decided that instead of the host site providing food, participants would be responsible for their own food.
   6. JonPaul Dragseth and Curt Riley will continue the planning process for this course.
10. We discussed having a social event for the district in the future.
    1. There was a consensus interest from the group.
    2. No ideas or formal plans were discussed yet.

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