SATA News April 2010

I hope this newsletter finds everyone happy and ready to embrace spring! (Hopefully there will be no snow on the ground when you read this. LOL!) On March 27th the SATA hosted their AGM in Regina, SK. It was the second year that we have been able to have a face to face meeting as well as keeping the option open for members to attend via conference call. At the AGM there were some new executive positions established. Dale Pitura will step in as SATA President, Nicole Renneberg as Vice President. The ethics committee welcomes Alistair Wilson to the mix. Other topics of discussion during the AGM included the acupuncture course recently hosted in Regina, ongoing discussion with WCB regarding coverage for Athletic Therapy in Sask, an increase to membership fees and the need for more members to become active volunteers at both the provincial and national level. Please see the AGM minutes for more information.

At the AGM we were also able to introduce some new programs and policies for the SATA. We are proud to officially announce a scholarship entitled the Sandy Archer SATA Athletic Therapy Award. This scholarship is being funded jointly between the SATA and the Saskatchewan Roughriders Football Club. The scholarship is available to a U of R student who attends Mt Royal University Athletic Therapy program. Full details are available through the SATA or U of R. A temporary resident fee has been developed to set out guidelines for CAT(C) or CC moving to SK to work on a short term basis. It also led to a discussion of what procedure to follow for those who choose to move to Saskatchewan permanently. All guidelines will be posted on the website.

On the same day as the AGM the Sport Med & Science Council hosted another successful Sport Med Saturday conference with the topic of Low Back Pain being discussed. Thanks to Trevor Len for being involved in organizing the day.

At the closing of this newsletter I would like to thank all members who have helped me over the past 5 years as SATA President.

Sincerely,

Kari Hiebert, CAT(C), RN Outgoing SATA President