

# Minutes

North Coast Marine Manufacturing Alliance Meeting

June 13, 2012

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Military Veterans Museum

**Type of meeting:**

Strategic Planning

**Note taker:**

Ann Franz

**Attendees:**

Tom Buske, Josh Delforge, Jim LaMalfa, and Ann Franz

**Agenda topics**

Member & Subcommittee updates

All

The Supply Chain subcommittee invited a representative from Nashville Tempered Glass to attend the August 9 meeting at NWTC. Members have expressed concern about finding a vendor to supply curved glass. Nashville Tempered Glass will discuss how it can meet the needs of the companies in the North Coast region. At this time, the committee decided not to move forward with the leverage buy.

Ann shared a marine manufacturing careers marketing brochure spotlighting educational programming at Lakeshore Technical College, UW – Marinette and NWTC.

Josh and Tom shared that they have talked to some suppliers about joining the Alliance. Josh reminded the group that each member is asked to get one new member by the end of July. Ann will send out the information sheet about the organization when she sends out the minutes.

Composites R & D

All

Fred Monique, VP of Economic Development with the Green Bay Chamber of Commerce will be joining the composites tour at Winona State University on June 19. The morning will include a tour of Wenonah Canoe, which has used the composites center. Josh shared that he has been working with Palmer Johnson regarding using composites for a future yacht.

K-12 outreach

Ann

On Friday, June 15 there will be 25 middle school students participating in plant tours at ACE Marine and Marquis Yachts. Bay Port High School has expressed interest in working on the replica of the Higgins Boat.

Lean request

Tom/Ann

Tom met with Terry Bilgo from Five-Fold Consulting regarding having Optima Associates who he represents present at a future Alliance meeting regarding Lean. It was agreed to invite them to the August meeting.

Tour Higgins

All

The members toured the Higgins Boat. The following are the notes that Josh took:

For the most part this looks to be mainly a cosmetic restoration. As the boat is taken apart some issues may be discovered but from the short time spent on the boat this week I did not see anything major. There is still no doubt a good deal of work needed to complete this project. We will need to discuss this as a group and also with the Veterans to make sure expectations of the end product are the same. I don't have a feel for hours at this time but think we need to discuss this a bit more before we can get to that point.

Please see Josh's attachment with the Higgins Boat Restoration Project Overview included in the email with the minutes.