

Minutes

North Coast Marine Manufacturing Alliance Meeting

June 12, 2013

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

NWTC

Type of meeting:

Strategic Planning

Note taker:

Ann Franz

Attendees:

Josh Delforge, Phillip Henslee, Grayson Gerndt, Tom Buske, Jerry Mennen, Joan Chadde, Jim Golembeski, Mark Weber, Amy Anderson, Dave Geitner, Brian Lancour, Don McDonald, Cindy Rasmussen, Joani Walsh, and Ann Franz

Agenda topics

Member and Subcommittee updates

All

Ann shared the Supply Chain subcommittee will invite metal recyclers to a meeting on August 22, in order to determine what company will offer the group the best scrap rate. In addition, the subcommittee is looking to do a group buy on wire. At the last meeting, members learned that Burger Boat manufacturers fuel tanks. Cruiser and Marquis are interested in possibly having their fuel tanks made by Burger Boat. Jerry Mennen with Marine Technology gave an overview of his company. The home office is in Missouri and was started 14 years ago. Its manufacturers 40'-56' foot race boats. The Green Bay plant does all of the lamination work. Marine Technology is starting to manufacturer 42' foot fishing boats. Phil shared that his company donated metals and piping to NWTC. In addition, the company is hiring several interns. Grayson informed the member of the Steering committee that Cruisers is finishing its 32' foot prototype boat. Josh connected with Mark at NWTC on doing a burn test on some vinyl. He is going to the Marinette campus to test the material. Dave Geitner shared that he is working on seven new classes that will be focused on Composites. This will be a new track for the Marine Constructions technical diploma at NWTC. He will need some assistance from the Alliance members. Joan gave Ann two contacts at Michigan Tech for helping design Composites curriculum. Amy shared that within the next month, there will be three of the marine related courses available online that will be instructorless. She is also working with Ship Constructor.

Tall Ships subcommittee

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Cindy distributed posters and brochures to promote the event. The Tall Ships subcommittee, prior to the Steering committee meeting, toured Leicht Park where the event will take place. Cindy will need to know what members will need in their booths, including electricity, chairs and the number of people working the booth by June 28, 2013. Security will be provided at PMI, during the hours the festival is closed. Tickets are \$12 to enter the event and there is a \$2 discount for bulk tickets. The video needs some more assistance from the marketing managers at each company, in order to help Ron who is filming the project.

Higgins Project/CFIRE Teacher Institute

Tom Buske/Joan Chadde

Tom Buske shared that he has been working with the museum about getting the Higgins moved up to Green Bay. There are only 10 Higgins remaining in the country. His plan is after the festival to have the Higgins restored within 6 months. The museum feels it will have funds available to help with the restoration cost.

Joan Chadde with Michigan Tech discussed the CFIRE teacher institute, which will be held on July 22-26, 2013. Educators will be touring ACE Marine, Bay Shipbuilding, Marinette Marine and Marquis Yachts. All participants will receive 2 graduate level credits, as long as they write a lesson plan related to the marine industry.

Associate Member Vendor Expo/Membership Recruitment

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The Supply Chain subcommittee was asked to send Ann one or two potential Associate Members. The Steering committee will then follow-up to ask those companies about membership. Dawn from Burger Boat suggested Praxair and Endries International. The Vendor Expo will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. More discussion about the event will be held at the next meeting.

Fast Forward/Composites

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The state has an opportunity for incumbent worker training grants, called "Fast Forward." The state is especially interested in having industry sector partnerships lead the grant project. Ann met with Scott Jansen, the new director for the "Office of Skills Development" for the state. He is looking for innovative training projects. Phil discussed a leadership training project that his company is interested in having all of their leaders enroll in at the company. He shared a rough draft with the committee. Ann discussed the NEW Manufacturing Alliance's "Leadership Academy for Front-Line Production Workers" as another possible training project. There are additional grant dollars in training job seekers a skill, so they are eligible for hire at a company. At the next meeting, there will be more discussion on ideas for the grant. The details of the grant will be made available in October 2013.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 10 at 1 p.m. at NWTC in Business Assistance Center's classroom.**

Please note that this will be a joint meeting with the Associate members of the Alliance.

The meeting will end at 2:30 p.m. and then the Marine Construction/Marine Engineering Technology Advisory meeting will follow.

Agenda:

- Member and Subcommittee updates
- Tall Ships
- Fast Forward grant
- Associate Member Vendor Expo/Membership Recruitment
- Set Next Meeting Date and Plan Agenda
- Marine Construction/Marine Engineering Technology Advisory meeting starting at 2:30 p.m.