

# Minutes

North Coast Marine Manufacturing Alliance Meeting

December 10, 2014

1:00 PM

NWTC Green Bay Campus – BA133 Boardroom

<b>Type of Meeting:</b>	Steering Committee
<b>Note Taker:</b>	Debbie Thompson
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Jerry Clusen-NLUS, Josh Delforge-Marquis Yachts, Joe Draves-NWTC, Dave Geitner-NWTC, Grayson Gerndt-Cruisers, Barb LaMue-WEDC, Nate Milsap-MMC, Dean Stewart-NWTC, Matt Valiquette-BAWDB, Ann Franz and Debbie Thompson-NWTC</b>

## AGENDA TOPICS

## PARTICIPANT(S)

### MEMBER & SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

All

- MMC has five vessels under construction and are making good progress. The LCS 7 has been launched, with the LCS 9 launch scheduled for spring.
- Marquis is finishing a new Carver for Miami, in addition to development of a couple new projects.
- Cruisers has been busy with steady production. The shows they have participated in have been very good for their business.
- NWTC staff and faculty have been involved in getting everything completed for the end of the semester. Efforts are being made to have students complete their degree. For some programs, including welding and mechanical design, one additional semester is needed to get an advanced degree in a related field.
- The North Coast Marine Manufacturing Training Center recently opened its 10,000 sq. ft. addition. The additional space will be focusing on more composite and advanced manufacturing training. The spring catalog of training offerings was recently released. Maritime OSHA training is offered as a seminar with open enrollment, in addition to being taught at individual companies.

### SEAPERCH

All

The following school districts have expressed interest in moving forward with SeaPerch.

- Howard-Suamico (tentative)
- Marinette
- Pulaski

A boat builder will foster each school. NWTC students have also expressed interest in designing the obstacle course of the local SeaPerch program. Marquis may have underwater cameras that can be used for the competition.

The regional competition will be scheduled for the first or second week of May 2015, with the state competition the following summer. Josh will contact Pulaski school district in regard to hosting the competition at their pool. Nationals would take place during the 2015/2016 school year. Josh recommended members visit the LSU SeaPerch website.

#### NEXT STEPS:

- Ann will contact LSU in an effort to compensate them for possible use of some of their SeaPerch forms.
- Design a poster for schools to promote the SeaPerch program by 12/15/14, possibly utilize Craig Bower.
- Coordinate with the schools to determine a location and date of the regional competition (Jerry, Josh and Nate).
- Ann will order nine kits. Additional kits can be purchased if needed.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBER EXPO RECAP

All

All agreed the event has been worthwhile and effective in fostering business relationships. Members agreed to decrease the meeting time from 30 to 15/20 minutes. Ann will bring available November dates to the January meeting for members to vote on. The Supply Chain Subcommittee developed a best in class list of vendors who can be invited to the 2015 expo.

### ON-THE-JOB TRAINING GRANTS

Matt Valiquette

Matt Valiquette of the Bay Area Workforce Development Board (BAWDB) discussed opportunities to help the companies find skilled workers. Work based training is an option that can offer a federal subsidy, to pay ½ of the wages of an individual throughout the up to 6 months training program. The program bridges an opportunity for a job seeker who is lacking skills, bringing them up to speed based on the company's standards. The goal is for the job seeker who successfully completes the training to get hired full-time for long-term employment. This program is available for many job categories. In addition, Dean Stewart shared that NWTC has \$1 million in secured training grants. Their commitment for program continuation is very strong.

**NEXT STEP**

- Matt Valiquette will email to Ann information for follow-up with members.

**MARINE MANUFACTURING CAREER AD****All**

The ad will be placed in the January 3, 2015 edition of the newspaper. Readers will be encouraged to visit the website. The ad will spotlight careers in marine manufacturing, job openings at member companies and degree programs specific to marine manufacturing.

**NEXT STEPS**

- Ann will be contacting the boat builders this week to confirm who their employee is that will be photographed. Two or three sentences about their job/education are also needed.
- Ann will contact Ron Tupper in an effort to have him take pictures at the different member companies.
- Pictures will be taken at the end of next week or early the following week at the various companies.
- Josh requested extra copies of the insert for participating boat builders.

**NEW MEETING START TIME****ALL**

Members agreed to start the meetings at 1:30 p.m., beginning with the January 2015 meeting.

**PLAN AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING****All**

**The next NCMMA steering committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at the NWTC Business Assistance Center from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.** Agenda items will include the marine manufacturing careers ad, SeaPerch, and Vendor Expo.