

# Minutes

North Coast Marine Manufacturing Alliance Meeting

April 8, 2015

1:30 to 3:00 PM

NWTC Green Bay Campus – BA101 Classroom

<b>Type of Meeting:</b>	Steering Committee
<b>Note Taker:</b>	Debbie Thompson
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Jerry Clusen-Navy League, Josh Delforge-Marquis Yachts, Dave Geitner-NWTC, Grayson Gerndt-Cruisers, John Hauser-Total Energy Systems, Nate Milsap-MMC, Nick Pappas-J.A. Moody, Curt Prokash-Burger Boat, Dean Stewart-NWTC, Dave Young-Bay Shipbuilding, Ann Franz and Debbie Thompson</b>

## AGENDA TOPICS

## PARTICIPANT(S)

### MEMBER & SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- Bay Shipbuilding is just coming off the winter fleet in which they had 17 vessels. The company has three new construction vessels scheduled to be delivered in 2015 and four in 2016. They are hiring and having an open house with ship tours on May 2.
- Cruisers is in hiring mode and busy. Their smaller product mix has been slow, but the bigger commodities are moving well. A new 59 footer will be coming out this summer and has been receiving good public feedback.
- Marquis has been busy with their new Carver that is coming out, in addition to working on new products.
- MMC was awarded the 9<sup>th</sup> of 10 ships, with a lot of interest in their yard. The LCS 5 is undergoing builders' dock trials, then sea trials, followed by acceptance trials. LCS 7 will be delivered at the end of this year. They are in full swing and have hiring challenges, especially getting qualified painters. **Nate reported that they may have secured a qualified organization for their painting and will share their contact information with members when confirmed.**
- Nate also reported for ACE Marine. The organization is doing very well. They continue to build the LCS aluminum modules at record speed. They are one of the final candidates for a multiple facility award by the Coast Guard.
- Dave Geitner has been working on the shipfitting and pipefitting 2016 online curriculum. More ITV and blended courses are in the works. Dave has also been working to get grade and middle school students interested in the SeaPerch program. Graduating NWTC students, including those looking for internships, have been encouraged to send their resumes to the boat builders.
- Burger Boat will be finishing a commercial vessel in June. They are currently in negotiations for a mega yacht.
- The NWTC referendum passed and will allow for 67 million dollars in expansion and improvements on all three campuses. 33 million is slated for the Trades and Engineering division. The Sturgeon Bay campus will be getting a significant upgrade and will allow for an expansion of their welding capabilities.
- Ann recently met with Palmer Johnson reps and reported the organization will be getting more involved in the NCMMA.
- The Supply Chain Subcommittee has worked with Barb LaMue (WEDC) on the curved glass issue. Mick Reid is working with Ann in determining viable suppliers that will be invited to present to members who are in need of a curved glass.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBER UPDATES

- Total Energy Systems is almost done revamping their Kohler diesel engine. They are successfully paralleling with two generators and will now be applying this system all the way down to their pleasure crafts. Their diesel lineup has completely changed in the last two years.
- J.A. Moody is exploring the local market and is trying to get more of a 50% split between commercial and Navy sales. They have been a Pentair rep for the last 30 years and are expanding their product line.

### SEAPERCH COMPETITION

All

**The SeaPerch competition will be held on Saturday, May 9 at Edison Middle School in Green Bay, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Ann was recently at a STEM conference in Milwaukee. A SeaPerch representative was there and gave Ann pins, medals, and water bottles to give to NCMMA SeaPerch participants. Attendees agreed that all participants should receive the medals. Certificates will be awarded to the winners and NWTC student volunteers. Attendees agreed to award each winning school \$250. **Members are encouraged to let Ann know as soon as possible if their organization can provide any SeaPerch participant goody bag items.**

Currently, there are six teams (two from each school/group) for the May 9 competition.

- Leonardo da Vinci School
- Marinette Middle School
- Sea Cadets

Josh reported that Pulaski has not yet responded.

**Volunteers are needed to staff the event.**

- One person for check-in (Ann volunteered).
- Three people for obstacle course judging (Dave Geitner and NWTC students will volunteer).
- Three people for poster judging (Josh, Nate and Jerry volunteered).

Dave Geitner has ordered the obstacle course supplies and will continue to reach out to NWTC students to serve as judges. Dave will be taking pictures of the course construction and sending them to Ann to share with the membership. Ann has a call out to Ron Tupper in an effort to have him videotape the competition.

Post SeaPerch event happenings were discussed. Suggestions included the following.

- Have a plant tour at one of the boat builders for both students and parents/guardians.
- Provide a 2-3 minute video and give information about the upcoming event(s) with an expanded schedule. Send the video and brochure to designated schools in Wisconsin.
- Possibly have students attend the LCS launch in July, as these launches are closed to the public. This could include a tour of the yard.
- Make organizations aware that the SeaPerch kits can be reusable. The motors would need to be repurchased. Students who participate one year could upgrade their robot to be entered into a more technical obstacle course.
- In future competitions, the Alliance will need to determine how many free kits each school receives.
- Host the 2016 event in February, in order for students to qualify in the May national tournament.

	<b>NCMMA JOB FAIR DISCUSSION/COLLEGE OUTREACH</b>	<b>All</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On April 20, Reid Ribble will be holding a job fair on the NWTC campus. Members are encouraged to participate in this event, in lieu of doing an NCMMA job fair that day. Ann will determine other possible dates for an NCMMA job fair at the Job Center in Green Bay.</li> <li>• April 23 is the date of the NWTC student bus tour to Bay Shipbuilding, Ace Marine and Palmer Johnson. John Russell, NWTC welding instructor, has been working with Ann to coordinate this event.</li> <li>• The College of DuPage (Lisle, IL) currently has 112 welding students and is excited to have NCMMA boat builders recruit on their campus. Their graduation ceremony is May 15, prompting a visit from the NCMMA prior to that date. Ann will follow-up with members by the end of next week to confirm their participation. Ann will contact the College of DuPage to determine available dates for a targeted job fair and report back to members. There is another college in close proximity that could also be a part of this targeted job fair.</li> </ul>		
	<b>ASSOCIATE MEMBER EXPO</b>	<b>All</b>
<p>The Associate Member Expo will be on Monday, November 16, 2015 at the Corporate Conference Center on the NWTC Green Bay campus. Other possible days of the week were discussed for holding upcoming Associate Member Expos.</p>		
	<b>PLAN AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING</b>	<b>All</b>
<p><b>The next NCMMA Steering Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at the NWTC Business Assistance Center’s BA133 boardroom from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.</b> Agenda items include member updates, job fairs, SeaPerch follow-up, and a college recruitment update.</p>		