

NORTHEAST MICHIGAN FIBER CONSORTIUM MEETING
Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 1:00 pm
Alpena Community College, Newport Center Building, Room 115
MINUTES

Present: Eric Vanderveer (Alpena County), Mark Grunder (ACC), Vicky Kropp (NEMiFC), Dennis Bannon, (NEMCMH), Steve Schultz (City of Alpena), Chuck Bennett (TBNMS), Chad Bailey (MidMichigan Medical Center), Nora Pizzino (AMAESD), Paul Diamond (Sabre Technologies), Liz Fagel (Michigan Works), Scott Reynolds (AMAESD), Jeff Blumenthal (ACC)

Present via voice conference: Katie Jensen (Merit)

1. Eric Vanderveer called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes from March – Eric Vanderveer asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Liz Fagel made a motion, seconded by Mark Grunder, unanimously approved.
4. Additions to the Agenda – Michigan Career Quest
5. Public Comment – None
6. Consent Agenda
 - a. Financial Report – Six unpaid invoices. Balance is \$56,186.98 (\$61,686.98 after all invoices are paid). Eric Vanderveer asked for a motion to accept the financial report. Steve Schultz made a motion, seconded by Chuck Bennett, unanimously approved.
7. New Business –
 - a. Meeting Schedule 2019 – Will meet every other month: July, September, November, January, March, and May. If something comes up a special meeting can be called. Eric Vanderveer asked for a motion to accept the 2019 meeting schedule, Dennis Bannon made a motion, seconded by Liz Fagel, unanimously approved.
 - b. Merit Conference – The Merit Conference "buy one get one free" is expired, but Katie will honor it until the close of business Friday, 4/12/19. Mark Grunder is taking Corey Sarnia from ACC. If no other members show interest in the conference prior to the deadline, Eric Vanderveer and Dennis Bannon will attend. The Consortium will pay for two registrations (4 people).
8. Old Business
 - a. Update – Review NEMiFC mission statement, objectives/goals – Vicky Kropp has a meeting with Pierrette Widmeyer (Merit) this week. First item is to fit Consortium strengths into current goals. Once a document has been created, Vicky will share it with the membership.
 - b. Engineering Update – procedure for notifying members of progress – Katie Jensen informed the group that all the equipment for the ring project is in house. Waiting for the initial fiber test to get the splice quote which is weather dependent.

- c. Merit Update – Katie Jensen is in Ann Arbor this week if anything is needed. Katie & NEMiFC have standing bi-weekly conference calls. These will change to monthly calls on the first Tuesday of the month. Will email all members prior to the calls, anyone interested can join in.
- d. Consortium Update – Vicky Kropp asked Katie Jensen to create a new bandwidth usage document. Will schedule a refresher training on the member portal for the June meeting. The average bandwidth statement is being prepared by Jason. Katie is contacting each entity individually. Three entities have not yet turned in their signed approval authorizing NEMiFC representatives access to their bandwidth.
- e. New member this year is Montmorency County (to include their Sheriff Department which is next door to them). Working on Thunder Bay Therapy location in Alpena. Northern Michigan LTE Service. Keeping an eye on Presque Isle, Rogers City and Grand Lake areas.
- f. Michigan Career Quest – Liz Fagel has more information. The 5/28/2019 event is to expose northern Michigan middle/high school students to careers. They are lacking in the IT area if anyone would like to put together a 20-minute interactive session.

9. Roundtable

- a. Eric Vanderveer was called to the Genesee County ransomware incident with the MIC3 (Michigan Cyber Security Civilian Corp, "a group of trained cybersecurity experts who volunteer to provide expert assistance to enhance the State's ability to rapidly resolve cyber incidents when activated under a Governor declared State of Emergency" see www.michigan.gov). It was a bad hit which included their backup and took out their exchange server for a week. MIC3 also found a virus, Oakland County came in to help, and the State Police were involved.

Alpena County is testing Wisser Training for security training videos. There is a free version, and a paid version which has access to the logs. There are 19 one-minute cyber security videos that include quizzes.

Jeff Blumenthal talked a little bit about the SANS system the College uses. Eric brought up text spoofing which is the latest phishing scam. The hackers are getting more and more sophisticated - researching websites and social media.

A general discussion about various phishing tactics, security programs, accessing personal accounts on office computers, etc. resulted.

- 10. Reminder – Consortium website is www.nemifc.org ; email address is arfc@nemifc.org
- 11. Adjourned at 1:52 pm. Motion to adjourn by Liz Fagel, seconded by Dennis Bannon, unanimously approved.