

Membership Meeting Minutes June 10, 2023

The June 10, 2023 Membership Meeting was called to order by Jeff Houck at 9:00 AM at BCF's Flying Field. Twenty five members including the full Board of Directors attended this meeting.

In the absence of Joe Barzyz, Jeff Houck led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence for our Deceased Veterans.

The Treasurer's report was accepted. All documentation of expenses and credits were available for review by the membership. A question was asked as to the cost of repairs on the mowers this year. The total cost was \$1,642.00 including gas purchases.

The first order of business was to confirm the Board's recommendation of Jeff Houck to replace Paul Ericson as President and the appointment of Mike Diesu as Secretary. A motion was made by Roger Cherry and seconded by Werner Keil to accept these appointments. The vote by a show of hands was unanimous.

The purchase of a new mower was the next item of business.

A brief history thus far: Paul Ericson advised that one of our mowers had a cracked head and will cost \$900.00 to repair. He provided pricing for a new replacement mower which includes a trade-in value of the broken mower (trade-in value \$3500.00) for a \$10,000 new mower. This purchase was voted on a several times with failed and passed votes. One vote was illegal due to a non member voting.

At this time a valid vote still exists to purchase the Bad Boy Mower from Green Acres Outdoor Equipment. Another vote was not needed. The mower will be purchased for \$10,261.00.

Mike Dawson made a motion to rescind the vote to purchase a new mower. There was little response to this motion and it was dropped.

A motion to sell the X-Mark mower was made by Roger Cherry. This

was tabled by Werner Keil. President Jeff Houck is addressing the cost of a potential Preventative Maintenance program for our mowing equipment with Green Acres Outdoor Equipment.

President Jeff Houck made it very clear all members must abide BCF's By-Laws, BCF's Flight Rules, AMA Safety Code and Southwest Florida Water Management District Rules. The corrected Club By-Laws will be posted on our website, Flight Rules are posted at both pavilions, AMA Safety Code is posted at the kitchen eating area under the canopy and the SFWMD rules will be available very soon. President Jeff Houck informed the members that we all are Safety Officers, and by correcting those who break the rules we are maintaining a good relationship with SFWMD. Mike Diesu recommended never approach anyone violating a rule while they are flying and always be polite.

To ensure good communication between club operations and club members the following documents will be posted on the BCF's Web Site in the secured section: Board Meeting Minutes, Monthly Club Meeting Minutes, Club By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation. To gain access to the secure section of our Web Site you must create an account on the website. You will gain access to the members-only information. You must be a current paid member to setup an account. Our website will be undergoing changes in the near future so please be patient.

The AMA is offering a \$200 credit to Club's who purchase AED devices for use at their field. The approximate cost will be between \$1500 and \$1700. A motion was made by Mike Dawson, and Seconded by Andrew Reeves to purchase the AED. The motion Passed. A combination lock cabinet similar to the First Aid kit cabinet to hold the AED will be installed and we may contact the Red Cross or a similar agency if training is necessary.

The Board recommended BCF be recognized as a 2.4 GHz AMA flying club. This recommendation was approved unanimously by the membership. AMA does not provide support for the 72 MHz frequency

board and our board will be removed. Those flying 72 MHz should monitor their flying time. It is not necessary to have radios impounded. This change will not affect anyone's AMA insurance.

Our field structures are in need of repair and it has become difficult to have work parties. President Jeff Houck will speak with John Mulligan, a BCF member and contractor to do some of the needed repairs. Each repair would be priced separately. Paul Ericson made a motion, seconded by Pete Rundel, to speak with John Mulligan regarding estimates for the repairs.

The Board recommended we appoint a Field Maintenance Manager. His responsibility would be overseeing all the maintenance and repairs needed from the main gate to the flying area. A motion was made by Roger Cherry, seconded by Andrew Reeves to appoint Werner Keil. The motion passed and Werner Keil accepted the position.

A committee consisting of George Andruss, Henry Foytik and Mike Diesu were asked by the Board to review our current By-Laws for corrections and additions. The result of this review is as follows:

Article II, Membership, Section 1 Admission of New Members

Replace the last sentence with the following:

At the time of his or her application for membership, each prospective new member shall agree to abide by the Club's By-Laws, Flight Rules, AMA Safety Code and Southwest Florida Water Management District rules.

Article II, Section 4 Dues (b)

Add the following:

All Members will pay dues, regardless of any Club Services they perform. Life Members are not required to pay dues, and are allowed to

vote.

Article II, Section 5 Family

Replace the first sentence with the following:

The members of any Members family under the age of 18 may fly at the Clubs Field as long as they are accompanied by the Club Member to whom they are related.

Article III, Section 5, Officers, Item (e)

Replace the word Audit with Review.

Article IV, Meetings, Section 1 (b)

Replace (b) with the following:

Board action may be taken pursuant to telephone voting which will be tabulated by the Chairman of the Board. Telephone voting should be confirmed in writing or email to the Chairman of the Board.

Article III, Officers, Section 3 add the following:

The Secretary shall notify the Members of the cancelling of any meetings.

Article VI, Amendments, Section 2,

Replace the entire section with the following:

The Board recommendations (either pro or con) along with the supporting rationale will be presented to the membership for discussion. The membership must be notified of changes and/or additions to the By-Laws by email and Newsletter five days prior to the date of discussion and vote on the corrections and additions to the By-Laws.

Article VIII, Dissolution

Replace the entire Article with the following:

In the event of dissolution of Bay City Flyers, Inc. its net assets shall be donated to the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Werner Keil made a motion, seconded by Paul Ericson to accept the changes and additions to the By-Laws. The vote was unanimous.

Pete Rundel made a motion to adjourn this meeting, seconded by Andrew Reeves at 10:45.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Diesu, Secretary