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and Pete Rundel



April 2023

Attention All Members

All please note the IMAC event scheduled for June 10-11 is now June 3-4 which will require a change to the next quarterly meeting now scheduled for June 10 at 0900.

There is a special Club meeting on April 8 at 0900 to address the revote on the mower replacement.

All Members if you are not receiving the club newsletter by e-mail, Please e-mail Jeff Houck at <jeff.rcpilot@gmail.com>

Minutes of the March 11, 2023 Membership Meeting

Called to order at 9:00 AM by Paul Ericson with 23 members in attendance

Pledge and moment of silence – Joe Barzyz

Newsletter - accepted

Treasurers report - None

New Business

Reviewing the by-laws. President Paul Ericson recommended that the President of the Club become the Finance Manager. After detailed explanation, a motion was made by Pete Rundel and seconded by Werner Keil. Motion passed.

President Paul Ericson advised that SWFWMD has increased the number of RV's that can overnight at the IMAC event in June. Following discussion, a motion was made by Andrew Reeves and seconded by Joe Barzyz to allow 8 RV's in designated spaces for the June IMAC event. Motion passed.

President Paul Ericson addressed the Club policy of late dues incurring the full initiation fee. He suggested a grace period of 30 days with a late fee of \$25.00 and after that the full initiation fee would be required. Following discussion, Bob Glenn made a motion to offer a grace period of two weeks with a late fee of \$25.00 and after the two weeks, the full initiation fee would be required. This motion was seconded by Werner Keil. Motion passed.

President Paul Ericson noted that the change of meeting status from monthly to quarterly needed to be entered into the by-laws. All agreed. A motion was made by Cliff Wilder to return to monthly meetings and seconded by Mike Kohanyi. Motion failed.

The topic of aircraft size/cost flying solo with all other aircraft waiting to fly was addressed with much discussion. It was noted by many that it has appeared to become an un-written rule that aircraft considered to be large and costly are allowed to fly by themselves with no other aircraft allowed to occupy the same airspace. The Club rules state a maximum of 5 aircraft in the air at any one time and no preference or priority is designated. As a courtesy, if an aircraft is making a "maiden" flight (first flight after build/re-build) then the pilot can advise the other pilots on the Field and request a solo flight with no other aircraft in the air. An email will be sent out reminding Members of the Club rules and courtesy.

President Paul Ericson advised that one of the mowers has 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 value \$3500.00) for \$10,000.00. After discussion, Andrew Reeves made a motion to purchase the new mower and seconded by Cliff Wilder. Vote was tied 11 to 11. A second vote was called for and the motion failed by a vote of 11 to 12.

Vice-President George Andruss noted that status of some of the maintenance projects needing to be done and/or finished (ie., floor covering, wood treatment, etc.). After discussion, George will get bids from local contractors to accomplish some of these tasks.

Club Member Darryl Sweetwine addressed the Club with regard to hosting the AFROTC cadets that he teaches as we have for the past several years. The date this year will be May 6. Donuts and juice provided in the AM with a hot dog, chips and soda lunch. Discussion of training aircraft available after last years visit ensued with a motion made by Andrew Reeves to purchase 2 Apprentice ARF kits for training. The motion was seconded by Werner Keil. Motion passed. Darryl Sweetwine requested an amendment to the motion to purchase 3 Apprentice ARF kits. The amended motion was seconded by Werner Keil. Motion passed. Darryl has agreed to head up the event and contact volunteers to cover the various positions needed.

President Paul Ericson addressed the trash issue and the need to have someone be responsible to take the containers to the dumpster. Eric Olszewski volunteered to dump the containers.

Pete Rundel reminded the Club of the upcoming Fun-Fly and reiterated the need for gate volunteers. Enough volunteers were acquired at the meeting.

Secretary Jeff Houck advised the Club that the current website platform (Joomla) needs an update applied but the update is significant and will cause several of the components of the website to require subsequent updating as well which has the potential to cause significant issues and potential rebuilding. Our website hosting service, FSSinc, has offered to transition our website to a user friendly and universally adopted WordPress platform, totally rebuilding it and training our current Webmaster, Giovanni Recchia in the use of the platform for a cost of \$750.00. A motion was made by Cliff Wilder and seconded by Mike Diesu to proceed with the transition. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Werner Keil and seconded by Mike Diesu.

Bay City Flyers 2023 Event dates

March 25 - FUN FLY

June 3-4 - IMAC Contest

Oct 21 - Swap Meet

Nov 18 - Fighter town

Secretary Note

It has been brought to the attention of the Board at the August meeting that Club Members are not reporting lost and unrecovered aircraft as required. If you lose an aircraft and are unable to recover it for whatever reason, please provide date/time and approximate location of the aircraft in an email to Secretary Jeff Houck at jeff.rcpilot@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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ALSO, PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE AS IT SAYS ON THE RENEWAL FORM

Bay City Flyers: CLUB INSTRUCTORS

If you are new to our club and need flight instructions, please contact Mike Kohanyi, our Chief Flight Instructor. If you are a current member and would like to become a Flight Instructor please contact Mike Kohanyi.

Bay City Flyers provides a number of ways to introduce individuals into the sport of Radio Control Flying. Never flown before? No Problem. We have a group of members who are designated as "Intro Pilots" by the AMA. An Intro Pilot offers you the opportunity to fly a few times without purchasing equipment and to be covered by the Intro Pilots AMA Insurance. If you are interested in continuing flying you must join AMA and we can provide you with a Club Instructor. If you have a friend or relative who holds a Bay City Flyer Solo Card, he or she may be able to act as your Instructor.

Chief Flight Instructor - Mike Kohanyi 813-744-1471 mkohanyi@tampabay.rr.com

Pilot Instructor - Bud Walkinshaw 727-267-3519 bwgw1@verizon.net

Intro Pilot Instructor - Jody Lopez 813.843.4011 jmaxiim76@gmail.com

Finally, we have Designated Check Ride Pilots, who will check you out and determine if you can be issued a Bay City Flyers Solo Card:


- Mike Kohanyi 813-744-1471 mkohanyi@tampabay.rr.com
- Any of the Club's Officers (see above) or official pilot instructors



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Special Club meeting on April 8 at 0900 at Area 52 Field.

Check out our web site:

[HTTP://WWW.BAYCITYFLYERS.ORG](http://www.baycityflyers.org)

Review the Bulletin Board and our Website to keep informed of what is happening at the flying fields.

The main gate at the flying field 52 must be kept locked when entering or leaving the field. The four tumblers must be turned each time the lock is closed. When entering the field if you find only one tumbler has been turned, try to find the last member who entered the field and closed the lock incorrectly. Explain to the individual that all four tumblers must be turned.

