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Jim Slaughter, Pete Rundel,
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April 2025

President's Note

The workday held on 22 March was successful in removing the old floor covering in the center shelter, leveling the ground and spreading gravel as approved at the March meeting. In reference to the approval made by the Club members to move forward with the East/West shelter replacement, a notice was sent out regarding a suggested donation of each Club member of \$50 to assist with the increase in costs and completion of the projects without using regular yearly Club income. We have had a few Members participate and are hoping to see more in the next few weeks. The donation link is still on the front page of our website, please help us finish strong, we are getting closer!

We are dealing with significant hog damage again this year and have notified SWFWMD. To date, no hunt has been scheduled as they are still attempting to control the population by trapping. A big Thank You to our field maintenance team (mostly George, Paul and Werner) for keeping up with repairing the damage.

There are 2 events scheduled for April. The Spring IMAC event will be held on 5/6 April and our BIG Swap Meet/Open House will be held on 19 April. We will need some volunteers to assist with the Swap Meet/Open House, we will solicit volunteers at the next Club meeting.

Due to the IMAC contest and the need to get organized for the Swap Meet/Open House, our next Club meeting will be held on Saturday, 29 March @0900.

Keep 'em flying!

See you at the Field.

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



**Bay City Flyers
General Membership Meeting
8 Mar 2025**

0900 President Houck called the meeting to order with 14 members present. He then led the meeting with the Pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Treasurer Sperato gave the financial status of the club.

Jim Slaughter made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting.
Bruce Horvath seconded the motion.

The fascia boards on the N/S shelter have been partially replaced. It should be completed by the next work day event (Mar 22).

Club member Don Mriscin donated a few planes and hobby supplies to donate to future members.

The Board of Directors recommended using the gravel that we have on hand for use on the center shelter flooring.

The majority of members present approved the recommendation.

Proposal was made to purchase a 100' x 12' metal shelter. It will be delivered and installed for approx. \$9,500.00. Maximum expense will be \$12,000.00.

Greg Baggerly made a motion to approve the purchase of the shelter.
Bruce Horvath seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the purchase.

It was reemphasized that if a fire extinguisher was used for personal use, it MUST be replaced by the member using it.

Larry Utt made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Bruce Horvath seconded the motion.

0925 Pres. Houck adjourned the meeting.

Minutes recorded by:
George Andruss
V.P. BCF

On Saturday, 22 March during the scheduled work day the 13 attendees present gathered for an impromptu meeting to discuss the feedback from the decision to move forward with the East/West shelter replacement with a steel structure. The feedback centered around the fact that the steel structures support poles would be spaced 5' apart causing obstruction for aircraft with wingspan's of over 60", as well as the fact that it would not aesthetically match the current structure and would be a regrettable purchase. President Houck presented an alternative bid from the Florida Pole Barn Co. which uses traditional wood building methods with 6" x 6" wood poles allowing a 12' on center spacing while retaining a wind rating of 140 MPH. The cost of this quote from Florida Pole Barn is \$13,789.00 installed. After a short discussion President Houck advised that both companies had advised him that the prices quoted would be increasing by the end of March by 5-10% due to cost increases in steel and lumber.

As a result of this information, an "Emergency" meeting was called to order to amend the vote from the Club Meeting of 8 March to proceed with the purchase of the Florida Pole Barn quote as presented. A motion was made by Cliff Wilder and seconded by Jim Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to adjourn made by Roger Cherry and seconded by Mike Kohanyi.

Club Sponsors

The Sponsors listed below have very generously contributed merchandise to our raffles and annual events. Please patronize them whenever possible.



Next Club meeting March 29th at 9:00 am 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.

