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**June 2025** 

#### President's Note

We have seen a significant decrease in hog activity at the Field and this is directly attributed to SWFWMD engaging their trapper, who has been VERY successful over the past month. On Saturday, 24 May, the scheduled workday saw an entire load of topsoil spread by those who came out to volunteer and the runways were re-seeded this past week in anticipation of the rains which started on Thursday evening. There has been some subsequent hog damage in a couple of isolated areas late this week, but nothing compared to what has occurred over the past month.

A new feature has been added to the BCF website. There are now two live-stream cameras featuring the North-South and East-West runways. This is a work-in-progress regarding tweaking resolution vs. bandwidth, etc. but they are up and working enabling you to see current conditions at the Field.

At the last Membership Meeting in May, a modification to our Club Safety Rule #7 was unanimously approved and will now reflect the aircraft categories of helicopters, drones and small aerobatic 3D-type aircraft not larger than the 40" wingspan class (primarily "foamie-types") to utilize the "inactive runway". These types of aircraft are still limited to a maximum of 2 allowed at any time on the "inactive runway" and are prohibited from crossing the center taxiway on the "inactive runway".

Next Membership Meeting is this Saturday, 7 June @ 0900.

Keep 'em flying!

See you at the Field.

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### Bay City Flyers General Membership Meeting 3 May 2025

0855 President Houck called the meeting to order with 13 members present and led the members with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Joe Barzyz made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Werner Keil seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Treasurer Sperato gave a briefing of the clubs financial status. Cash on hand was higher than last year because of the donations to repair the damaged property.

President Houck gave kudos to all the members that contributed to the repairs.

Construction of the new shelter is scheduled to commence during the first or second week of June.

The Open House/Swap Meet was a good success. The club took in approx. \$500.00.

The next events (Swap Meet, Fighter Town) will be held in October.

A "Fun Fly" is in the works to celebrate when the new shelter is completed.

A recommendation was made to change bylaw rule number 7 to allow limited flying of small airplanes/rotorcraft on the inactive runway. This will be limited to airplanes with a wingspan of no larger than 40".

This will allow no more than five (5) aircraft on the active runway at a time and no more than two (2) aircraft including drones/helos on the inactive runway as per the current bylaws.

Joe Barzyz made a motion to approve the change. Roger Cherry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. "Redtails of Tomorrow" wants to partner with us to assist with aeronautical training for their young students. President Houck will research the organization and make a determination as to our level of participation.

The AMA announced that the FAA has granted us an altitude increase of up to 1,200 feet with a circumference of 3,500 feet.

Field safety was emphasized again because of recent injuries. Mental checklists are very important. It is the nature of our hobby that things can happen very fast and without warning. Therefore, **it is imperative that no one operates their planes alone at the field.** 

Drones are not to be flown in or near the shelters.

A field repair day is scheduled for Jun 24th.

0935 Pete Rundell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Werner Keil seconded the motion.

Minutes recorded by:

George Andruss V.P. BCF

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







## Next Club meeting June 7th at 9:00 am at Area 52 Field. Check out our web site: <u>HTTP://WWW.BAYCITYFLYERS.ORG</u>

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

