

Brownwood Birders Executive Board Meeting (Zoom)

November 5, 2025

Present: Stan Lavender, Gisele and Tom Russano, John Lombard, Nancy Christman, Linda Bell

Absent: Wendy Milstein, Amy Bearman, Elizabeth Stakenborg, Mary DeBow

Mark Your Calendars

- **November 11, 2025** — General Meeting, Lake Okahumpka Recreation Center
- **December 3, 2025** — Executive Board Meeting (Zoom), 7:00 PM
- **December 12, 2025** — General Meeting, Lake Okahumpka Recreation Center

Old / New Business

1. Walk Schedule

- **November 18** — Hogeye, 8:30 AM
- **November 25** — Wilkerson Creek, 8:30 AM
- **December 2** — Briar Meadow, 4:00 PM

2. 2026 Meeting Dates at Lake Okahumpka Recreation Center

- The Recreation Center will be **closed for maintenance** during our **February, May, and November** meetings.
- The **March meeting** has been moved to **Everglades Recreation Center, Thursday, March 12, 9:00–10:50 AM.**
- The board discussed possible alternative locations for the affected months. Stan will contact nearby recreation centers to check availability on our regular meeting dates. We need rooms that can accommodate **up to 100 people**. Several options were mentioned for follow-up.

3. December 12 Post-Meeting / Walk Holiday Celebration

- **Possible venue:** *Harry & the Natives*. Several board members will visit after the November meeting to determine suitability and availability.
- One suggestion was to make this a gathering for board members and volunteers.

- The scheduled speaker for December 12 has cancelled. Stan will move his presentation up to fill the program.

4. 2026 Birding Calendar Update

- Distribution will begin at the **November 11 meeting**.
- Please plan to arrive early. We will need:
 - One table for **pre-order pickups**
 - One table for **new calendar sales** and **membership dues**
- Expect it to be busy — there are **130 pre-orders**, and **200 calendars** in the initial print run.

5. Meeting Slides

- Slides for the upcoming Lake Okahumpka meeting will be emailed separately.
- Board members are asked to review and send any edits or corrections before the meeting.

6. Membership Dues

- The website now notes that anyone joining at this time receives membership through **2026**.
- Dues remain **\$10 per member**.

7. Exploring New Birding Areas

- The club remains interested in investigating new birding locations in the **southern areas of The Villages**.
- Challenges continue to include **limited parking** and **space for larger group walks**.
- We will again request suggestions from attendees at the November meeting.
- Board members will coordinate site visits. Tom offered to begin exploring on his next available day.

The meeting concluded in approximately 40 minutes.