

April 8, 2026

Brownwood Birders Executive Board Meeting Minutes Summary

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 — 7:00 PM -8:30 PM (via Zoom)

Present: Stan, Liz, Amy, Nancy, John, Mary, Gisele, Tom, Linda, Wendy. New today: Ren Elliot. Dariel Disstelkamp

Old / New Business

- 1. Secretary Report** –This is Linda’s last board meeting. Amy will be given the binder that contains copies of all minutes plus some of newspaper articles featuring our club and some members at this month’s general meeting April 14th.
- 2. Treasurer Report** – The Brownwood Birders club bank account currently has \$4960.84The club received a thank you card from ARC for our generous donation.
- 3. Membership Chair Update** –Gisele reported our current membership is 313.
- 4. Volunteer Coordinator Update** – Nancy reported that she, Amy and sometimes Ren Elliot work at the back table to welcome new members and process requests for badges, etc.
- 5. Facebook Coordinator Update** – Ren Elliot and Dariel Diestelkamp are taking over this role.

Brownwood Birders Worldwide Birding Guides

- **Compiler: Mary Debow** - we will compile a list of guides, tour companies and determine how to share

Walk Schedule & Field Trip Planning – planned walks through May 28, 2026

- Working on sharing the responsibilities of walk leaders and Facebook monitoring so it does not all fall on one person
- **Field Trips Dariel — Chase Sanctuary update (May 14)**

Reviewed the upcoming 2026 Meeting Schedule and Upcoming Event — Harry and the Natives Luncheon April 14 at 11:00 AM Coordinator: Nancy

Facebook Discussion

- **Group rules and membership approvals**
- **Managing/removing problematic users (*hopefully not needed!*)**
- **Balancing content: photos and birding education**

With The Village Birders ceasing operations: Stan will send out an email to the Village Birders members to invite them to join our club after their club officially closed. Jerry Bell, the recent President of the Village Birders Club, joined our Zoom meeting briefly and supported this action. We will discuss how this may affect the Brownwood Birders at a future time.

Merchandise Update - Name tags available through Custom Apparel (*individual order — approx. \$7*) , Logo submitted to Custom Apparel (*one-time setup: \$26.99*)

Officer Commitments & Elections

- **Elections scheduled for April 14 General Meeting**