

BB Exec Board Zoom Meeting Minutes Sep 3, 2025

Present: Stan Lavender, Wendy Milstein, Mary Debow, Nancy Christman, Linda Bell, Amy Bearman, Gisele and Tom Russano.

Review: Aug 6 Meeting Summary

Brownwood Birders held an executive board meeting discussing upcoming speakers, membership, volunteer recruitment, and event planning. The board reviewed reports, planned future walks and trips, and addressed administrative matters including social media guidelines and communication practices.

- **Upcoming speakers scheduled:** Presentations are planned monthly from August through February, covering topics from birding basics to international birding trips with a business meeting and member trip highlights scheduled for April.
- **Membership and volunteer updates:** Membership totals 334; volunteer recruitment will intensify in the fall due to increased activity, with one reliable volunteer recently relocating.
- **Events and field trips:** The Crystal River trip on November 8 sold out quickly, with details on waitlists and refunds being clarified; planned walks include locations such as Black Lake, Silver Springs, and Riverbend, with potential future outings including Fort Island Beach and Tampa Aquarium.
- **Club administration and communications:** The board addressed political content moderation on social media, plans for the January 3, 2026 Christmas Bird Count and after-event gathering, and strategies to manage communication overload among board members. Upcoming executive board meetings are scheduled monthly via Zoom.

Walks – Leaders: Wendy, John, Tom

- Sep 9 – Lake O (post-meeting walk)
- Sep 16 – 8 a.m. Wilkerson Creek Path
- Sep 23 – 8:00 am Wiechens/SRW
- Sep 30 – 8:00 am Richmond recreation trail/path

Starting October (walks begin 8:30 a.m.):

- Oct 7 – 8:30 Hawkins trail (sunrise 7:24 a.m.)
- Oct 14 – Lake O (post-meeting walk)