

Brownwood Birders

Executive Board Meeting Summary of Minutes

Wednesday, January 7, 2026 – 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Present: 9 board members joined Zoom

- We updated the calendar with new dates for our meetings due to maintenance at the recreation center.
- Weekly walks through February 24, 2026 were determined.
- We decided to go over to Harry and The Natives again after the meeting on April 14 with prior notice to the restaurant's manager.
- Dues were due in January and as of the meeting date 199 members had paid their dues.
- The board discussed having t-shirts with the Brownwood Birders logo available to our members. We will look into a local merchant for helping with this.
- We continue to explore new walk venues as The Villages increases.
- We decided not to participate in the 2026 Outdoor Expo
- The board voted on charities to present to the membership at our March meeting. The membership will vote and the top three will receive a donation (amount to be determined.)
Charities included are Rescuing Ocala Wildlife, Avian Reconditioning Center, Hawk Watch, Eagle Watch, Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, Orange Audubon Society for building at Lake Apopka.
- We will participate in The Villages Recreation & Parks – Birding 101 January 14th, 2026 8:30 am.
- **January 5th, 2027 has been chosen by this board for the next Christmas Bird Count in our assigned circle.** This month 131 species were reported, our most successful count to date.
- May 2026 is the date that will mark the current board's tenure of 2 years. The board members are asked to consider their plan as to stay on the board or nominate/ seek a replacement for their position.
- In April, it will be time for the board to review the operating procedures.