

Minutes Summary January 28, 2026

The Brownwood Birders Executive Board met on January 28, 2026, via Zoom to review upcoming meetings and events, confirm walk schedules, and address organizational, financial, and governance matters. Attendance was strong, with one officer absent, and meeting logistics and future calendar dates were confirmed.

The board finalized bird walk locations through mid April, noting the need for timely communication and leader availability, and approved the 2026 general meeting schedule at Lake Okahumpka Recreation Center. Recent member events and outreach efforts were reported as successful, with additional social and educational activities planned.

Financial discussions focused on membership dues, duplicate payments, proposed charity donations, and budgeting needs, including equipment purchases. The board agreed to maintain current dues, proceed with a member vote on charitable giving, and explore low maintenance merchandise options.

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