

**Meeting Minutes**  
**New Mexico Herpetological Society**  
**March 5, 2009**

President Scott Bulgrin opened the meeting. Jean Burt read the minutes from the February 2009 meeting.

Garth Graves gave the treasurer's report. The final balance as of 3/5/09 is \$1003.55.

Ted Brown distributed the 2008 Sandia Bosque Survey Report.

Upcoming Events:

April 25 – Sandia Pueblo Earth Day, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Sandia Lakes – inform Scott if you want to attend

May 16 – Santa Ana Pueblo Earth Day, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

June 5 – Los Griegos Library, 10:30 am - Scott will give a presentation on Herps of NM at the request of Lynn McNickel

June 6 and September 12 – Villanueva State Park presentations by Ted and Sue Brown

Scott has not heard back from city of Albuquerque Open Space

Heron Lake – Osprey Festival is in July – we will probably be invited

Website

Scott reported on his progress on the NMHS website. We will start from scratch; Rebecca Bulgrin has volunteered to be the webmaster. Scott reported that on Go-Daddy.com, we can get a web site for the following fees:

\$9.99/year for .com

\$12.99/year for .net

\$14.00/year for .org

Members voted for the domain name NMHerpSociety.org @ \$14.99 per year for 5 years. Extras we will receive include photo album, e-mail account, and "For Sale" page. We will post minutes and calendar of events.

Ted will bring information to the March meeting on various sites for the Memorial Day field trip. Potential sites include Nara Visa, Mesilla Valley, and Rattlesnake Springs (near White City).

Evelyn Candelaria reported that bills introduced at the legislative session this year in Santa Fe may have hidden motives. One includes a "lemon law" and would require getting a clean bill of health by a veterinarian for animals adopted; another will stop all live animals in pet shops in Rio Rancho. Evelyn asks that NMHS members let her know about any activity on ordinances and bills as she does not have internet access.

Dave Burt reported that he received an e-mail from Richard Funk about Venom Week to be held in Albuquerque in early June. Richard spoke at the 2007 NMHS holiday party. Steve Seiffert (who also spoke to NMHS at a monthly meeting) is the head organizer of the conference. Bob Myers will provide some displays for the conference. Scott will look for additional information.

Scott reported that NMHS may conduct the 2009 Sandia Pueblo survey in the bosque area, and not the foothills as previously discussed. The proposed survey area may be south of the Sandia Wasteway to the AMAFCA channel. We will not need to move as many traps; however, some will need drain holes.

Members took a snack break before Scott's slide presentation of his trip to Florida. The meeting was adjourned.