

Meeting Minutes
New Mexico Herpetological Society
September 3, 2009

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

Garth Graves gave the treasurer's report. The final balance as of 9/3/09 is \$880.84.

Old Business

Scott reported that he asked Charlie Painter if he was available to be our holiday banquet speaker. Charlie does not have many pictures from his latest India adventure, but will speak to a colleague at Texas A&M who is doing research on reptiles.

Jean brought LegalZoom.com information regarding corporations and LLCs. Scott will look this over and call Sandy Jackson of the Rio Grande Turtle and Tortoise Club to ask how they filed for 501(c)(3) status.

Scott reported that the classified page of the NMHS web site is up and running. NMHS members should send Rebecca information on anything we want to sell. Scott mentioned that someone is interested in selling rosy boas for \$25 each and another interested in selling two corn snakes.

Scott asked again for pictures of New Mexico animals. Picture design will include scientific name, common name, and thumbnail picture that link to more detailed pages with more pictures.

NMHS Educational Presentations and other Activities:

October 5, 6 or 7 (Wednesday) – Scott will again present herp information at the ABQ Public Library, Los Griegos Branch to a group of children, 3-5 years old.

August 22 – Ted and Sue Brown provided educational information at Navajo Lake State Park to 6 adults.

New Business

Lori King suggested Wind River (near Las Vegas, NM) for the 2010 May field trip. Scott will obtain more information.

Scott received an e-mail from NM Game and Fish Department. Leland Peirce is writing an article for a wildlife flyer and asked if NMHS could come up with anything to discourage people from releasing non-native species (e.g., red-eared sliders). Ideas were discussed including developing a flyer and distributing Leland's article at our educational exhibits. Dave Burt remembered that one Arizona group had brochures on this topic at the SWPARC meeting in ABQ.

Scott provided information on herping in the area to a tourist who contacted him.

Members briefly discussed recent news stories including the Florida law to ban Burmese pythons and boas; snake sightings in NM are up this year; and the USF&WS petitions to list the Sonoran Desert Tortoise on the Endangered Species List.

NMHS will again attend the Bosque del Apache Festival of the Cranes – 11/21-22/09

Jaci will contact Steve Stucker to request a spot on Parade of Pets on Channel 4 morning news.

We will meet for our Labor Day – day trip at the Ojito Wilderness at 9:00 a.m. Ted Brown and Bill Goram showed slides of the Ojito Wilderness.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jean Burt, Secretary NMHS