

Meeting Minutes
New Mexico Herpetological Society
May 6, 2010

President Scott Bulgrin opened the meeting attended by 22 adults and one child. Jean Burt read the minutes from the April 2010 meeting. Garth Graves reported the final bank balance as of 5/6/10 is \$1,325.20.

Old Business

Ted and Sue provided an educational presentation at Mountainair Elementary School to approximately 70 students.

Tom Eichhorst, Scott, and Josh Emms set up and presided over a NMHS educational display at the Bosque school BEMP activities on April 30. Tom reported that approximately 283 students, teachers, and parents participated, representing 10 schools.

Scott thanked those who helped out at the NMHS educational display for the Bio Blitz held at the Rio Grande Nature Center on April 24. Special thanks went to August and Nancy for bringing rattlesnakes and critters.

Members present discussed sales of t-shirts and snake bags (pillowcases) with the silkscreened NMHS glow-in-the-dark logo. Scott would like to have some for the International Herpetological Symposium (IHS) in Tucson in July. Jaci will contact Scott with the count of t-shirts.

Upcoming events:

Santa Ana Earth Day – May 15 – Scott signed up NMHS for an educational display and asked for volunteers.

Sandia Pueblo Earth Day – June 18 – 10:00 – 2:00 NMHS will have a display table

New Business

May 8, Saturday – NMHS will place pitfall traps at Sandia Pueblo foothills. Eight pitfall traps will be set in each of 4 areas. Scott distributed a map and asked that volunteers meet at 8:30 at the Environment Department trailer.

Memorial Day Weekend – Wind River Ranch is booked for the NMHS field trip. NMHS will conduct surveys and provide a copy of our report and a pamphlet. This could be the site of the NMHS Labor Day weekend field trip as well.

Jaci Fischer will again host the annual NMHS pot luck. Members present decided on Saturday, June 26 as the pot luck date (at 6:30 p.m.).

NMHS extended congratulations to Bob Meyers on the 20th Anniversary of the Rattlesnake Museum and enjoyed anniversary snacks, desserts, and beverages provided by Bob.

Jaci followed up on an e-mail distributed to NMHS members regarding donations for the Bolson Tortoise Research Project. Jaci indicated the project has the money to buy the land, they need additional money to keep the project going. She will get more information on the project and the need for donations.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jean Burt, Secretary NMHS