

**Meeting Minutes**  
**New Mexico Herpetological Society (NMHS)**  
**November 4, 2010**

President Scott Bulgrin opened the meeting attended by 20 adults and 2 children. Jean Burt read the minutes from the October 2010 meeting. Garth Graves reported the final bank balance as of 11/4/10 is \$1,940.16.

Old Business

Scott announced that Dustin Rhoads will be our guest speaker at the holiday banquet. His presentation will be on TransPecos Ratsnake and Baja California Ratsnake.

The last day of the 2010 Sandia Pueblo foothills survey was October 30. Eight traps were left open to be checked twice a week during November by Pueblo of Sandia staff. Scott thanked Jaci and Fred for hosting the cookout following the survey.

Scott looked into the cost of forming an LLC through LegalZoom.com. The prices range from \$99 for the economy package, \$249 for the Standard, and \$359 for the Deluxe Gold. Sue Brown reported that she spoke with an attorney that she knows through her church. He might be able to help us out. Sue offered to pursue this further. Ted Brown offered to get a copy of the NMHS Constitution. Members present discussed the benefits of an LLC and decided to pursue this in the new year.

Scott reported that the following critters are still in need of a good home:

- A pair of sulcata tortoises
- Big Boa Constrictor
- Red-tailed boa

Upcoming Events

11/10/10 – Ted and Sue will provide a presentation and display to an adult group of the Santa Fe Audubon Chapter.

11/12-13/10 – Letitia Peirce announced that there will be an open house Friday evening (11/12/10) at the Albuquerque BioPark reptile house. This preview is open to BioPark Society members only. On Saturday, there will be a special discovery day at the Reptile House open to the public.

11/13/10 – Environmental Fair at the UNM bookstore (for elementary school children), 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Scott will attend; if you are interested in attending, contact Scott.

11/20-21/10 – NMHS will provide educational displays at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, Festival of the Cranes

11/29/10 – Ted will provide an educational presentation and quiz to Lynn Schuler's MESA group.

New Business

Jaci reminded members to bring silent auction items to the holiday banquet. Cocktail hour will be at the Rattlesnake Museum at 5:30. Members present voted to provide \$50.00 to Bob Myers towards beverages. The banquet will follow at Nick's Crossroads Café. Ted will contact the parking lot owner regarding NMHS parking the night of the banquet.

Elections for officers will be held at the holiday banquet. The following have been nominated:

President: Scott Bulgrin

Vice-President: Ted Brown

Treasurer: Garth Graves

Secretary: Jean Burt

Newsletter Editor: Josh Emms

Parliamentarian: Dr. Bill Degenhardt

Scott has an article available from the New Mexico Wildlife newsletter regarding a new species of snail named after Charlie Painter.

Jaci reported on a temporary job that her son Max is now involved in. A large company installing solar reflectors hired 45 biologists and archeologists to be on the California site. Max is assisting in removing tortoises before the heavy equipment drives over the area.

Following a snack break, Ted surprised members with a reptile/amphibian quiz.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jean Burt, Secretary NMHS