

Meeting Minutes
New Mexico Herpetological Society (NMHS)
January 6, 2011

President Scott Bulgrin opened the meeting attended by 13 adults by welcoming everyone back after the holidays. Jean Burt read the minutes from the November 2010 meeting. Garth Graves reported deposits of \$4019, expenditures of \$4040.73, for a final bank balance of \$1,918.43 as of 1/6/11.

Old Business

Scott said that bandanas are selling well and we have an inventory of t-shirts.

Scott and Tom Eichhorst represented NMHS at the 11/13/10 Environmental Fair at the UNM bookstore. The event was attended primarily by women and children; the fair included interactive stations for children to make jewelry and other crafts.

Members who attended the Festival of the Cranes in November thanked Logan Bulgrin for setting up toys and tattoos. A donation jar next to these items brought in much-needed donations for future educational displays.

Scott reported that the animals in need of a good home must have been adopted as he has not had recent requests from these individuals.

There was a tie between Scott and Dave Burt for providing the most correct answers to Ted's quiz in November. Dave won the tie-breaker (guessing number of people who visited the NMHS display at Festival of the Cranes).

New Business

Jaci Fischer thanked members for the wedding present gift certificate.

Jean reported that she found the dates and location for the 2011 International Herpetological Symposium (IHS) posted on the internet. It will be held July 27-30, 2011 at the Radisson Hotel, Fort Worth, Fossil Creek.

Scott reported that the President/Chair for PARC, Brian Aucone, has information regarding a one-year intern position with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to study Brown Tree Snakes in Saipan.

Scott proposed that those who stayed for two days at the Festival of the Cranes educational display be reimbursed \$50 per couple for expenses. Members present approved the motion.

Tom thanked August, Nancy, and Bob Myers for setting up the rattlesnake display on Saturday at the Festival of the Cranes.

Scott proposed sponsoring two snakes at the Rattlesnake Museum for \$52 each for 2011. Members present approved the motion.

Josh Emms reported that there is a bill in Texas to repeal the hefty law on road cruising. A permit will still be needed to collect.

Josh is now our NMHS newsletter editor. Members should send any articles or photos to Josh for publication in the newsletter. Members voted that the newsletter should be published three times a year, with the next publication in April. Josh will include a member spotlight in each newsletter. Members discussed the possibility of moving toward an electronic newsletter. The discussion was to let people opt out of receiving a hard copy newsletter; the electronic/digital version would be in color – hard copy would remain black & white. We will discuss this more at the February meeting after the member list is updated.

After a cookie break, Tom entertained members with his presentation, "Deadly Cones and Other Molluscan Marvels."

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jean Burt, Secretary NMHS