

Meeting Minutes
New Mexico Herpetological Society (NMHS)
February 3, 2011

President Scott Bulgrin opened the meeting attended by 15 adults and 1 child. Jean Burt read the minutes from the January 2011 meeting. Garth Graves reported a final bank balance of \$1,758.58 as of 2/3/11.

Old Business

Scott reported that he has not heard anymore about the 11 ft. Burmese python that was up for adoption, so it must have found a home; however, there are now baby Texas rat snakes in need of a good home.

New Business

Josh Emms reported on the Biology of Rattlesnake symposium to be held in Tucson July 20-23, 2011. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Harry Green and there will be field trips; registration (prior to 4/1/2011) is \$145. Lori King Painter is the contact person.

Josh reminded members to send any photos to him for publication in the newsletter. Ted Brown will be the first featured member in the spotlight section of the newsletter. Garth provided an updated member list to Josh who will send an e-mail asking each member for their preference in receiving the newsletter (i.e., electronic copy, hard copy, or both).

Josh posted a video on his blog of the crocodile feeding at the Albuquerque BioPark (Rio Grande Zoo).

It was reported in the news that an alligator was confiscated in a Los Lunas drug bust; Dave Burt reported that he heard it was going to a sanctuary in Colorado.

Scott reported that NMHS will conduct the Sandia Pueblo survey again in the foothills this year. The Pueblo's monitoring plan is being reviewed by the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program; if approved, there may be additional traps in the bosque this year.

The speaker for next month's meeting will be Lorraine McInnes who will present on Western Diamond-backed Rattlesnakes at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge.

Scott asked members to think of places for our Memorial Day field trip.

Members briefly discussed the status of the New Mexico exotic pet regulations and the possibility that the Martinez administration is considering disbanding the New Mexico Game and Fish Commission.

After a break for cookies and chocolates, NMHS members were mesmerized by the Snakemaster, Steve Skruggs in a video provided by Bob Myers titled, "Snake Hunting."

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jean Burt, Secretary NMHS