

Meeting Minutes
New Mexico Herpetological Society (NMHS)
May 5, 2011

President Scott Bulgrin opened the meeting attended by 18 adults and 1 junior herper. Jean Burt read the minutes from the April 2011 meeting. Garth Graves reported a final bank balance of \$1,242.27 as of May 5, 2011.

Old Business

Scott thanked Tom Eichhorst and Ted and Sue Brown for representing NMHS at the BEMP student congress at Rancho de las Golondrinas on April 28. Approximately 228 students and teachers participated. Mike King asked if NMHS could do a survey there sometime; camping in the plaza would be available.

Scott also thanked Tom, Josh Emms, and Tara Wheeler for representing NMHS at the BEMP student congress at Bosque School in Albuquerque on April 29. Approximately 300 students participated. Scott also participated.

Scott represented NMHS with an educational display of snakes at Santa Clara Pueblo on April 28. NMHS thanks Scott for representing us at both venues.

Scott also thanked those who helped set up traps in the Sandia Pueblo foothills on April 30. As in previous years, we will check traps on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Meeting time is 8:45 a.m. at Scott's office. In addition to pit fall traps, this year we also have funnel traps at each area.

Scott asked for volunteers to represent NMHS at the Osprey Festival at Heron Lake on July 8-9. Contact Scott.

Members were reminded of the annual potluck to be hosted by Jaci Fischer and Fred on June 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

New Business and Educational Events

May 12, 2011 – Scott will provide a presentation at East San Jose School for 2nd grade and science club students.

May 18, 2011 – Pat Maher will speak at the school attended by his daughter Lilly.

May 19, 2011 – Sandia Pueblo Earth Day – need volunteers to “man” the booth (indoors) -11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

June 4, 2011 – Santa Ana Pueblo Earth Day – need volunteers – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – No animals allowed outside their cages.

June 10-11, 2011 – BioBlitz at the Rio Grande Nature Center

The Rio Grande Turtle and Tortoise club contacted Scott regarding a red-footed tortoise in Alamogordo who needs a good home. Anyone interested would need to pick up the tortoise. Letitia Peirce said she is interested.

Bob Meyers presented snakes for adoption; the corn snake and ball python were rescued and brought to the Rattlesnake Museum. Members adopted both snakes at the meeting.

Sue Brown downloaded Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on live animal handling. She distributed a few hard copies and will e-mail the document to Josh.

Tom reported that researchers at CNM contracted salmonella.

Jaci asked for information on the rattlesnake vaccine for dogs. Dave Burt will have information at the next meeting.

Members discussed two newspaper articles – One about people keeping frogs and toads, another about the USFWS potential designation of the sand lizard as an endangered species.

After our Cinco de Mayo celebration with cookies, iced tea, and margarita apples, Ted Brown showed slides of the site chosen for the Memorial Day field trip, Cerrillos Hills State Park (day use area).

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jean S. Burt, Secretary, NMHS