

**Meeting Minutes**  
**New Mexico Herpetological Society (NMHS)**  
**September 1, 2011**

President Scott Bulgrin opened the meeting attended by 25 adults and 3 junior herpers. Jean Burt read the minutes from the August 2011 meeting. Garth Graves reported a bank balance of \$1,180.13 as of September 1, 2011.

Old Business

Scott thanked David and Tara Wheeler and Cosmos/Zane Dohner for attending the Santa Ana Earth Day and representing the NMHS with an educational exhibit. There were 200-300 attendees. Tara suggested asking Santa Ana officials for an assigned location next year and to notify other exhibitors of the presence of snakes at the NMHS assigned location for religious reasons.

Members discussed potential banquet locations and dates for the holiday banquet. Josh Emms suggested a banquet room at the Golden Corral on Coors. They reserve it during the week only (this could include Friday, Josh will check). Jaci Fisher will check with Nick's Crossroads Café, and Tara suggested a Chinese buffet at Corrales Road. Best dates for the banquet are December 9 (Friday) or December 10 (Saturday). August will contact Doug Hotle (curator of reptiles at the ABQ Biopark) to invite him to be the guest speaker.

Ted and Sue Brown provided an educational presentation at Villanueva State Park on August 13, 2011, to 25-30 attendees.

Scott reminded members that there are still NMHS t-shirts available for sale. Dave Burt suggested having some available at Mills Canyon.

New Business and Upcoming Educational Events

October 8, 2011: Open House at the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Volunteers include Scott, August, and Nancy.

Jaci reminded members to start gathering items for the silent auction.

Scott mentioned an article about using fat from alligators for biofuel.

After a break for cookies and other snacks, Ted showed slides of Mills Canyon.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jean S. Burt, Secretary, NMHS