

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

President Scott Bulgrin opened the meeting attended by 23 adults and 3 junior herpers. Jean Burt read the minutes from the October 2011 meeting. Garth Graves reported a bank balance of \$1,190.13 as of November 3, 2011, no change from the October balance.

Old Business

Scott thanked Tara Wheeler and her mother, Josh and Nikki Emms, and August and Nancy for representing NMHS at the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Open House on October 8, 2011. Scott also participated in the NMHS exhibit at the open house and reported the visitor turnout was low. He spoke with a representative of Bitter Lake NWR about the possibility of NMHS conducting a survey at the refuge. He also spoke with a representative from the Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area (Open Space area between Belen and Los Lunas) about a NMHS survey of that area.

Scott reported that the Sandia Pueblo surveys ended October 29. The Pueblo will be contracting for surveys in the Sandia Pueblo Bosque area next year. Arrays of 5 buckets each will be set up throughout 9 miles of the Bosque. The first year, the surveys will be conducted in the southern 3 miles.

New Business and Upcoming Events

November 19-20, 2011: Bosque del Apache NWR Festival of the Cranes: Volunteers should set up at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. NMHS will sell t-shirts, bags, and bandanas and set up a donation jar. Volunteers should send Josh a list of the critters they are planning to bring.

The holiday banquet on Saturday, December 10, will be held at Garcia's on Central (near Rio Grande), a location scouted out by Jaci Fischer. The banquet will be held in 2 adjoining rooms (1 for the banquet and 1 for the silent auction items). The total fee for both rooms is \$125.00. Food will be buffet style. NMHS will contribute \$80.00 towards the room fee, with the remaining \$45.00 collected by adding a small amount to the cost of each person's dinner tab. Including room fee, the total banquet cost will be \$15.00 per person, payable that evening. Bob Myers will again host a social hour at the Rattlesnake Museum, starting at 5:30 pm. Following the social, we will venture around the corner to Garcia's for the banquet and a presentation by Doug Hotle (curator of reptiles at the ABQ Biopark). Members voted to reimburse Bob \$75 for expenses related to the Social Hour.

Members discussed an idea for a raffle ticket/drawing method to replace the silent auction, but ultimately voted to keep the silent auction in place.

Ted Brown announced the nominees for officers and distributed ballots (to be completed at the meeting or at the banquet). The nominees are:

President, Scott Bulgrin  
Vice-President, Ted Brown  
Secretary, Jean Burt  
Treasurer, Garth Graves  
Editor, Josh Emms  
Parliamentarian, Bill Degenhardt

Ted also distributed a questionnaire to be completed and returned at the January meeting. The questionnaire will provide an opportunity to share ideas for interesting programs.

Scott distributed reptile-related articles and reported that Subterranean Jungle will be closing its doors after Thanksgiving.

After a break for goodies, Dave Burt showed photos he snapped at the July 2011 International Herpetological Symposium in Fort Worth, Texas and photos of the stormy Labor Day field trip to Mills Canyon.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jean S. Burt, Secretary, NMHS