

Meeting Minutes
New Mexico Herpetological Society (NMHS)
February 2, 2012

President Scott Bulgrin opened the meeting attended by 17 adults. Jean Burt read the minutes from the January 2012 meeting. Garth Graves reported a bank balance of \$1,186.85 as of February 2, 2012.

Old Business

Scott gave an update on the Sandia Pueblo diversion channel salvage operations conducted January 3 through 13, 2012. Aquatic life salvaged included silvery minnows, soft shell turtles, painted turtles, and red-eared sliders.

New Business and Upcoming Events

Scott thanked Josh Emms for sending out the meeting reminder.

Josh reported that he and Nikki are the proud parents of Chloe. She was born on Tuesday, January 31 and weighed 7 lbs 5.8 ounces. Nikki and Chloe are doing well and resting comfortably at home tonight.

Ted Brown reported that NMHS has been invited to the Dog Canyon Experience at Oliver Lee State Park on March 17 - 18, 2012. Members interested in attending included Scott, August, Nancy. We might want to consider Oliver Lee for the Memorial Day field trip as well.

NMHS has also been invited by Pat Walsh to a festival at Ute Lake State Park July 14 to provide a program on herps. They might be able to reimburse for gas. Ted will find out if there is a visitors' center.

Seville National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) will be having a herp field day in April.

The Osprey Festival at Heron Lake will be in July.

Wildlife West has invited NMHS to the Wild West Festival on September 21-22, 2012.

NMHS might be participating in the Dragonfly Festival in September at Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Roswell by setting up an educational display and conducting a herp survey. There is a possibility that NMHS could use the Boy Scout camp near Bitter Lake.

Dr. Valerie Clark from Ireland contacted Scott to ask if NMHS would be interested in a presentation on her work on skin chemicals in amphibians. She is traveling cross-country and will be in Albuquerque Saturday, February 25. Several members expressed interest in attending a late afternoon presentation. Bill Degenhardt suggested contacting Howard Snell at UNM. Alf and Lisa Reeb, friends of Garth and Ted who were attending their first NMHS meeting, offered a conference room for the Saturday presentation. He works for the NM Department of Agriculture on Aztec, north of Candelaria. The room seats approximately 35 people. Scott will coordinate with Alf.

August reported that there was a man who was considering releasing an albino monocle cobra in the Sandia Mountains. Fortunately, he found someone to adopt the snake. Members discussed other herp-related stories.

August will present at the April NMHS meeting on venomous snake handling in the field. He offered to contact Dr. Seiffert at UNM to ask if he would be interested in presenting in March or May.

It was also reported that Andrew Price passed away. He was one of the authors of "Amphibians and Reptiles of New Mexico."

After members snacked on cookies, Scott showed digital photos of his June 2011 trip to Chicago and photos of herps of Illinois.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jean S. Burt, Secretary, NMHS