

Meeting Minutes
New Mexico Herpetological Society (NMHS)
April 5, 2012

President Scott Bulgrin opened the meeting attended by 21 adults and 1 junior herper. Jean Burt read the minutes from the March 2012 meeting. Garth Graves reported a bank balance of \$1,120.86 as of April 5, 2012.

Old Business

Ted Brown reported on NMHS participation in the Dog Canyon Experience at Oliver Lee State Park on March 17-18, 2012. The following attended and provided and educational exhibit with critters: Ted and Sue (provided a whip snake and whiptails), August and Nancy (provided rattlesnakes), Jerry Tuttle provided a Gila monster. There were 90 people who came through the exhibit. Scott thanked all who participated.

Dr. Degenhardt brought a supply of books, "Amphibians and Reptiles of New Mexico" (which he co-authored) for purchase by members or for NMHS to sell at events/exhibits.

Because the "glow in the dark" feature of the NMHS t-shirts is such a selling point, Tara Wheeler suggested to Jaci Fischer that Zia Printing might be able to screen print glow-in-the-dark t-shirts. Jaci will look into it.

New Business and Upcoming Events

Tom Eichhorst reported on 3 upcoming events:

- Bosque Farms School: Tom will provide a presentation
- BEMP Annual Student Congress, where students from 19-20 schools participate in the bosque study and present their findings. April 26, Thursday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. will be at Las Golondrinas, south of Santa Fe. Tom asked for volunteers.
- BEMP Annual Student Congress at the Bosque School in Albuquerque, April 27, Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 2: 00 p.m. for younger students. Tom asked for volunteers.

Jerry Tuttle reported that a representative of Martin Luther King Elementary School in Rio Rancho had contacted him and asked for a presentation by NMHS in May.

April 26: Scott will be presenting at Santa Clara's Earth Day

June 24: Scott will be speaking at the Open Space Visitors' Center. They are scheduling hikes of the open space on Sundays and may want NMHS to lead the hikes.

July 14: NMHS is invited to Ute Lake Prairie Festival for a presentation at 7:00 p.m. Ted and Sue Brown volunteered.

July 21-22: NMHS is invited to display at Wildlife West in Edgewood.

Scott and representatives of Bitter Lake State Park are discussing NMHS attendance at the Dragonfly Festival in September.

Scott reported that he will be getting the purchase order approved for the 2012 Sandia Pueblo Surveys. Eight traps were left open and were checked by Pueblo staff throughout the winter. NMHS will meet on Saturday April 21 to open the traps for the year. Surveys will be conducted each Tuesday and Saturday.

Ted distributed the report on the 2011 Pueblo surveys to those who participated in the surveys. Scott and Ted thanked all who participated.

NMHS was contacted by a representative from the Quivira Coalition, Stewards of Land. They are involved in rehabilitation projects throughout New Mexico. They are holding a group is gathering at a ranch south of the Bosque del Apache foothills area May 4, and are looking for someone to identify reptiles. Camping is allowed. Scott will obtain more information.

Scott spoke to the woman who has a ranch in Texas who is interested in a reptile survey on her ranch. The ranch is one hour south of Junction, Texas (between Big Bend and San Antonio), and north of Del Rio. It would be a 10 hour drive (approx.) going through El Paso. There is a 4 bedroom guest house with twin beds. Members discussed possible dates in July, August, September (including Labor Day weekend).

Scott asked members to start thinking about a location for the Memorial Day weekend field trip. Possible locations include:

- Morphy Lake State Park (no boating allowed; 24 developed campsites)
- Oliver Lee State Park
- Water Canyon
- Ute Lake State Park
- Jemez Mountains
- Valles Caldera (they have a bunkhouse, tent setup would be allowed)

Scott thanked Josh Emms for sending out the meeting notice.

Bob Myers reported that he was contacted by someone with five bullsnakes that need homes. Three are long-term captives the other two are captive born. He was also contacted by someone with a ball python and cage, but is not how much the person is asking.

After members celebrated April birthdays (Ted, Scott, Bill, Jaci) by gobbling down Sue's sinfully sweet and rich cupcakes, August Breithaupt presented digital photos and a talk on "Working with Venomous Wildlife in the Field."

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jean S. Burt, Secretary, NMHS