

Meeting Minutes
New Mexico Herpetological Society (NMHS)
May 3, 2012

Vice-President Ted Brown opened the meeting attended by 22 adults and 1 baby herper. Jean Burt read the minutes from the April 2012 meeting. Garth Graves reported a bank balance of \$1,130.86 as of May 3, 2012. Josh Emms reported that he will publish the next newsletter as soon as we decide on the Memorial Day field trip location.

Members voted on a location for the May field trip from the following suggested sites:

- Morphy Lake State Park
- Oliver Lee State Park
- Water Canyon
- Ute Lake State Park
- Ojito Wilderness
- Valles Caldera

Oliver Lee State Park received the most votes. Ted will send an e-mail to Charles Wood at Oliver Lee.

Members discussed the annual pot luck. Jaci Fischer volunteered to host the event on July 7, starting at 6:30 p.m.

April 26 & 27, 2012: Tom Eichhorst, Tara and David Wheeler, Ted and Sue Brown represented NMHS at the BEMP Student Congress – some at Las Golondrinas on Thursday, some at the Bosque School in Albuquerque on Friday. Approximately 300 students attended at each location.

July 14: Ted and Sue will provide an educational presentation at the Prairie Festival at Ute Lake State Park.

Ted reported that there is a possibility that Bill Love might be available to teach a photo workshop in ABQ to NMHS members. Bill may be in town visiting a friend; August and Ted have been talking to this friend. It was suggested that the Valles Caldera or the Ojito Wilderness would be good locations for this workshop. Another possibility is to invite Bill to speak at our Holiday banquet.

Scott's contact who has a ranch in Texas may host NMHS to conduct a reptile survey on her ranch. This could be the location for the NMHS Labor Day field trip. It was suggested that a NM field trip might also be held for those who cannot go to Texas, as it is a 10 hour drive (approx.). Texas permit requirements will need to be researched.

Members enjoyed presentations by two speakers:

“Snakebite First Aid”, by Steven A. Seifert, MD, FAA CT, Professor UNM School of Medicine, and Medical Director, New Mexico Poison Center.

“Vipers of a Small Planet” by John Tashjian

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jean S. Burt, Secretary, NMHS